



Vienna Economic Forum Tirana Meeting

INVEST IN ALBANIA
INVEST IN THE REGION

8th and 9th June 2008
Tirana, Albania

INVITATION

**The Board of Vienna Economic Forum
requests the honour to invite you to participate in**

VIENNA ECONOMIC FORUM TIRANA MEETING

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**8th and 9th June 2008
Sheraton Hotel Tirana, Sheshi Italia
Conference Room „Iliria 1”
Tirana, Albania**

Under the Patronage of H.E. Prof. Dr. Sali BERISHA,
Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania,
Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

Working Languages: Albanian and English
Simultaneous Translation will be provided.

PROGRAM

Sunday, June 8, 2008

11:00 Departure, AUA Flight OS 847 Vienna

12:40 Tirana

Bus Transfer from the airport in Tirana to the Sheraton
Tirana Hotel

14:30 **REGISTRATION** and **WELCOME COCKTAIL**

for all participants hosted by
Raiffeisen Zentral Bank Österreich AG,
Member of Vienna Economic Forum



15:15 **FAMILY PHOTO** (by Invitation)

15:30–17:00 **FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

**Investment Policy: How to support and develop
Investors Interests and Investment Projects in Albania**

MODERATION AND OPENING

Dr. Erhard BUSEK, President of Vienna Economic Forum,
*Former Vice-Chancellor of Austria, Special Co-ordinator of the
Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe*

WELCOME ADDRESS

H.E. Prof. Dr. Sali BERISHA, *Prime Minister of the Republic
of Albania*, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

H.E. Mr. Ridvan BODE, *Minister of Finance of the Republic
of Albania*

Dr. Michael SPINDELEGGGER, *Second President of the
Austrian Parliament*

Ms. Jozefina TOPALLI, *Speaker of the Albanian Parliament*

Mr. Hidajet BISCEVIC, *Secretary General of the Regional
Cooperation Council (RCC)*

Mr. Denis KALENJA, *Executive Director ALBINVEST:*
Investment Opportunities in Albania

Dr. Karl SEVELDA, *Member of the Managing Board,
Raiffeisen Zentral Bank*, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Mr. Avni PONARI, *CEO SIGAL-UNIQA*, Member of Vienna
Economic Forum

Prof. Gjoke ULDEDAJ, *President of Tirana Chamber of
Commerce and Industry*

Q AND A SESSION

Discussion with the Audience and Conclusion (led by the moderator)

Participants: Representatives of the Government of the Republic of Albania, of Institutions and of the investors from Austria, Members of Vienna Economic Forum, of companies from Albania and other countries from the Region

17:00–17:30 **COFFEE BREAK**, offered by
EXAA – The Austrian Energy Exchange,
member of CISMOgroup,
Member of Vienna Economic Forum



17:30–19:00 **SECOND PLENARY SESSION**

The European Priorities in the Energy Sector for the Development of the Region

MODERATOR

Mr. Slavtcho NEYKOV, *Director, Energy Community Secretariat, Vienna, Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

SPEAKERS

Dr. Erik REGTER, *CEO VERBUND-Beteiligungs GmbH, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Dr. Günther OFNER, *CEO EVN Macedonia/EVN Albania, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Ms. Verena KNAUS, *Senior Analyst, European Stability Initiative*

DI Jürgen WAHL, *Executive Board, EXAA, Member of CISMO-group, Member of Vienna Economic Forum*

Mr. Murat ZÖNGÜR, *Secretary General, Union of Black Sea and Caspian Confederation of Enterprises (UBCCE), Turkey, Partner of Vienna Economic Forum*

Ms. Anita BAVDAZ, *Commercial Attaché, Embassy of the Republic of Austria, Albania*

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Discussion with the Audience and Conclusion (led by the moderator)

Possibilities for Bilateral Meetings, organised by Vienna Economic Forum for Members of Vienna Economic Forum

20:00 **GALA DINNER**

hosted by **H.E. Prof. Dr. Sali Berisha**, *Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania, Patron of Vienna Economic Forum*
(by invitation)

Monday, June 9, 2008

8:00–9:00 **REGISTRATION** and **COFFEE**,
 offered by SIGMA Vienna Insurance Group,
 Member of Vienna Economic Forum



9:00–11:00 **THIRD PLENARY SESSION**

**Sustainable Economic Development in the Region –
 Cases of Problems, Needs and Solutions in different
 Sectors of the Economy**

CO-CHAIR AND STATEMENTS

Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA, Member of the Board,
 Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum

H.E. Mr. Genc RULI, *Minister of Economy, Trade and Energy
 of the Republic of Albania*

SPEAKERS

H.E. Mr. Sokol OLLDASHI, *Minister of Public Works,
 Transportation and Telecommunication of the Republic of
 Albania*

Ms. Christa KRANZL, *State Secretary at the Federal Ministry
 for Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Federal
 Republic of Austria*

Mr. Ardian FULLANI, *Governor, Bank of Albania*

Mag. Heinz MESSINGER, *Managing Director, AME
 International GmbH*, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Ms. Elvana HANA, *General Director, Health Insurance
 Institute, Republic of Albania*

Dr. Viktoria KICKINGER, *Secretary General of Österreichische
 Post AG*, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic
 Forum

Mr. Gazmend HAXHIA, *Davos World Economic Forum Young
 Global Leader 2008, Member of the Advisory Board, BKT
 National Commercial Bank*

Mr. Christoph WOLF, *Member of the Board, TBIH Financial
 Services Group, SIGMA Vienna Insurance Group, Albania*,
 Member of Vienna Economic Forum

Mr. Erkan ÖRÜN, *CEO, Real Estate Development Soravia
 Group*, Member of the Board of Vienna Economic Forum

Dr. Willibald PLESSER, *Co-Head of Freshfields Bruckhaus
 Deringer for CEE and CIS*, Member of Vienna Economic Forum

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Erhard BUSEK, *President of Vienna Economic Forum,
 Former Vice-Chancellor of Austria, Special Co-ordinator of the
 Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe*

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11:00–11:30 **CEREMONY OF SIGNING** of the Agreement
“Technology related cooperation in the health sector”
between Albania and Austria with
H.E. Minister Nard NDOKA, *Minister for Health of the Republic of Albania and*
Ms. Christa KRANZL, *State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Federal Republic of Austria*

followed by **PRESS CONFERENCE**

11:30 **BUFFETT**
offered by EVN AG,
Member of Vienna Economic Forum



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Forum*

12:30 **END** of Vienna Economic Forum – Tirana Meeting

12:40 Bus Transfer to the airport in Tirana

14:20 Departure, AUA Flight OS 848



Principle Objectives of Vienna Economic Forum

Popularising and promoting investment opportunities in the region from the Adriatic to the Black Sea.

Providing impulses and pointing out the joint projects required in the region for short-term, medium-term and long-term realisation, and promoting their implementation.

Becoming a place of definition, encounter, and of realising the public and private interests in connection with the various projects in the region as part of the United Europe.

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