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# Strong Communities for a Citizens' Europe

7-9.11.2018, Vienna

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The Austrian Association of Municipalities and the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns under the patronage of the Austrian Presidency of the European Union cordially invite you to participate in the local government conference „Strong Communities for a Citizens' Europe“, from 7th-9th of November 2018 in Vienna.

The conference is targeted at representatives of local government Associations in the Alpine and Danube Region. It should enable the exchange of views regarding implications of European and national policies as well as macro regional programmes on the local level. The conference addresses both, Member States as well as Accession States of the European Union.

The priorities of the Austrian Presidency are subsidiarity, transparency, cooperation and more involvement of citizens. Implementing those priorities can be seen as an opportunity for local governments and their active participation in designing the future of Europe. Come and meet us!

**November, 7th** Evening Reception in the Vienna City Hall

**November, 8th** Political Panel, Austria Center Vienna

Welcome

- Karin KNEISSL, Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs (tbc)
- Alfred RIEDL, President of the Austrian Association of Municipalities
- Michael LUDWIG, President of the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns
- Karl Heinz LAMBERTZ, President of the European Committee of the Regions
- Denitsa NIKOLOVA, National Coordinator for Bulgaria of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (tbc)
- Martin EICHTINGER, Minister of Housing, Labour and International Relations, Government of Lower Austria

Keynote

- Herwig VAN STAA, Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Lunch

Speeches

- Othmar KARAS, Member of the European Parliament
- Darko FRAS, Mayor of Sveta Trojica, Slovenia, President of NALAS
- Roger KEHLE, Vice President of the German Association of Towns and Municipalities
- Rudolf SCHICKER, Coordinator the Danube Region Strategy, Priority Institutional Capacity
- Franz SCHAUSBERGER, President of the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE)
- Dušanka GOLUBOVIĆ, President of the Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities in Serbia
- Andreas SCHATZER, President of the Association of Municipalities of South Tyrol

Reception and dinner in Stift Klosterneuburg with Governor Johanna MIKL-LEITNER (tbc)

**November, 9th**

Welcome

- Johannes HAHN, Commissioner European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations

Good Governance, House of the European Union Keynote speeches and moderated interactive workshops on following topics: Local Government and Communication, Local Councillors for Europe, Local Government providing efficient Services of General Interest and Education and Training of local politicians and employees

Lunch

Please register latest by 23rd of October 2018! Due to limited hotel capacity early registration would be advisable. Registration: [www.anmeldung.co.at/gemeindebund/eu-conference](http://www.anmeldung.co.at/gemeindebund/eu-conference) Password: strongcommunities

The participation is free. Travel and accommodation costs have to be covered by participants.

### Venues

Vienna City Hall

Friedrich-Schmidt-Platz 1  
1010 Wien

Austria Center Vienna

Bruno-Kreisisky-Platz 1  
1220 Wien

Stift Klosterneuburg

Stiftsplatz 1  
3400 Klosterneuburg

House of the European Union

Wipplingerstraße 35  
1010 Wien



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