

Subsidiarity as a building principle of the European Union

Conference at the Festspielhaus Bregenz
15 to 16 November 2018



Thursday, 15 November 2018

2.00 p.m. –
2.30 p.m.

Opening by

- Markus WALLNER, Governor of Vorarlberg
- Sebastian KURZ, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria

2.30 p.m. –
4.00 p.m.

Panel 1: Why subsidiarity?

Short presentations

- Christian CALLIESS, Professor for European Law at the Free University Berlin, External Legal Adviser to the European Political Strategy Center (EPSC) of the European Commission
- Christian KASTROP, Director of the Bertelsmann Foundation

Moderated discussion with

- Christian BUCHMANN, Chair of the EU Committee of the Austrian Federal Council
- Kathy RIKLIN, Member of the National Council of Switzerland
- Benno ELBS, Bishop of Feldkirch

Panel discussion with Q&A from the audience

4.00 p.m. –
4.30 p.m.

Coffee break

4.30 p.m. –
6.00 p.m.

Panel 2: The subsidiarity principle in practice

Short presentation “Subsidiarity – A Fundamental Principle of the EU. Ideal and Reality in Unison?” given by

- Reinhold LOPATKA, Chair of the EU Sub-Committee of the Austrian National Council and Member of the Task Force on Subsidiarity and Proportionality and “Doing Less More Efficiently”

Moderated discussion with

- Ulrike RABMER-KOLLER, President of SMEUnited – the Voice of European SME and Vice-President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
- Alfred RIEDL, President of the Austrian Association of Municipalities
- Viviane REDING, former Vice-President of the European Commission
- Franz SCHAUSBERGER, Chair of the Institute of the Regions of Europe

Panel discussion with Q&A from the audience

7.30 p.m.

Dinner given by Markus WALLNER, Governor of Vorarlberg

Friday, 16 November 2018

09.30 a.m. –
11.30 a.m.

Welcome to the political segment by

- Gernot BLÜMEL, Federal Minister for the EU, Arts, Culture and Media of the Republic of Austria

Keynote speech given by

- Frans TIMMERMANS, First Vice-President of the European Commission and Chairman of the Task Force on Subsidiarity and Proportionality and “Doing Less More Efficiently”

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- Mairead McGUINNESS, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Moderated interview with

- Frans TIMMERMANS, First Vice-President of the European Commission and Chairman of the Task Force
- Melania-Gabriela CIOT, Secretary of State for EU Affairs of Romania
- Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, President of the European Committee of the Regions and Member of the Task Force
- Markus WALLNER, Governor of Vorarlberg

Closing remarks given by

- Gernot BLÜMEL, Federal Minister for the EU, Arts, Culture and Media of the Republic of Austria

11.30 a.m.

Press conference

12.00 a.m.

Lunch given by Gernot BLÜMEL, Federal Minister for the EU, Arts, Culture and Media of the Republic of Austria