



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
October, 2018

Connecting Europe and Asia

Conference organized by the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) and the Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee (RBWC)

December 14, 2018

Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Otto Wagner Platz 3, 1090 Wien

CONFERENCE ASPECTS

The conference at the end of the Austrian EU Presidency will look at how Cooperation and Collaboration between Europe and Asia can be improved. Also in ways how to better Connect Europe and Asia, so that both benefit.

Experts from academia, business and politics will debate how to achieve these goals and promote deeper integration between Europe and Asia.

They will discuss the institutional framework, but also proposals such as the Belt and Road Initiative.

Also Integration in Europe and relation between the European Union (EU) and Eurasia with a focus on trade relations and on the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).

In connectivity the focus will be on Asia with the Danube Region, were also the Danube Macro Region Business Forum (DMRBW) will contribute.

08:00 a.m. Registration

08:30 a.m. Opening remarks

Ewald Nowotny
Governor
Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Marc Uzan
Executive Director
Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee

09:00 a.m. Panel 1: **Integration in Europe: European Union (EU) and Eurasia**

Chair: **Franz Nauschnigg**, Oesterreichische Nationalbank

Panelists:

Elena Rovenskaya, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
Tigran Sargsyan, Chairman, Eurasia Commission
Yaroslav Lissovik, Director, Valdai Club
Emin Huseynov, Aide, First Vice President Office Republic of Azerbaijan
William Tompson, Head of Eurasia Department, Global Relations Secretariat ,OECD

11:00 a.m. Coffee break

11:30 a.m. Panel 2: **Connectivity Asia – Europe The Land Dimensions**

Chair: **Rudolf Schicker**, Coordinator Danube Region

Panelists:

Peter Burian, EU Special Representative for Central Asia,
European External Action Service
Wencai Zhang, Vice President Central Asia, ADB
Sir Dany Alexander, Vice President, Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank
Ermelinda Meksi Deputy Coordinator, Head Economics OSCE
David Gould, Lead Economist, The World Bank
Alexey Grom, President, United Transport and Logistics Company

13:15 p.m. Lunch

14:15 p.m. Panel 3
Connectivity Asia – Europe The Maritime Dimensions

Chair: **Ernst Schmied**, Chairman, Danube Macro Region

Panelists:

Massimo Deandreis, General Manager, SRM Banco Intesa
Port of Trieste, TBC
Dimitry Pankin, President, Black Sea Trade Development Bank
Taleh Ziyadov, Director General, Baku Port

16:00 p.m. Coffee break

16:30 p.m. Panel 4. **Asia and Europe - Financial Connectivity Risks Challenges and Opportunities**

Chair: **Mattia Romani**, Managing Director, EBRD

Panelists:

Luo Yang, Managing Director, Silk Road Fund
Andrey Belyaninov, President, Eurasian Development Bank
Koba Gvenetadze, Governor, Central Bank of Georgia
Paul Gruenwald, Managing Director and Chief Economist, S&P Global
Kairat Kelimbetov, Governor, Astana International Financial Centre

18:30 p.m. End of conference

This program is subject to change. Panelists are listed in alphabetical order.

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