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Date:	7-8 September 2018
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Host:	Federal Ministry of Finance



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1. Media Events

Thursday 6 September 2018

12:00-18:00 Opening hours for media accreditation and of the media centre

Venue: Permanent conference and media centre of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna

Friday 7 September 2018

06:00-22:00 Opening hours for media accreditation and of the media centre
(media accreditation closes at 18:00)

08:05 **Arrival** of Federal Minister of Finance Hartwig Löger

PHOTO & VIDEO OPPORTUNITY – Doorstep

Venue: Permanent conference and media centre of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna

Entrance West – Doorstep (access exclusively via the media centre!)

08:15 **Arrival** of the Eurogroup ministers at the permanent conference and media centre

PHOTO & VIDEO OPPORTUNITY – Doorstep

Venue: Permanent conference and media centre of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna

Entrance West – Doorstep (access exclusively via the media centre!)

followed by **Welcome** by Federal Minister Hartwig Löger
exclusively HOST broadcaster and HOST photographers

- 09:00 **Plenary** of the Eurogroup ministers
- PHOTO & VIDEO OPPORTUNITY at the beginning – Tour-de-table (please note: only open to photo and camera crews)**
- Meeting point: 08:40 – Press Lounge K
- 10:00 **Arrival** of the ministers for the Eurogroup meeting in inclusive format at the permanent conference and media centre
- PHOTO & VIDEO OPPORTUNITY – Doorstep**
- Venue: Permanent conference and media centre of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna
- Entrance West – Doorstep (access exclusively via the media centre!)
- followed by **Welcome** by Federal Minister Hartwig Löger **exclusively HOST broadcaster and HOST photographers**
- 10:30 **Plenary** of the Eurogroup ministers (inclusive format)
- 12:30 **PRESS CONFERENCE** of the Eurogroup
- Languages: German, English, French with simultaneous interpretation
- Venue: Hall K1 & K2 – Presidency Briefing Room
- 12:30 **Arrival** of the other economic and financial affairs ministers and the central bank governors of the EU member states at the permanent conference and media centre
- PHOTO & VIDEO OPPORTUNITY – Doorstep**
- Venue: Permanent conference and media centre of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna Entrance West – Doorstep (access exclusively via the media centre!)

- followed by **Welcome** by Federal Minister Hartwig Löger and **Ewald Nowotny, governor of the central bank of the Republic of Austria (Oesterreichische Nationalbank, OeNB)**
- exclusively HOST broadcaster and HOST photographers**
- Attention: It is not possible to attend both the press conference of the Eurogroup and the doorstep upon the arrival of the economic and financial affairs ministers and the central bank governors.**
- 14:45 **Plenary** of the economic and financial affairs ministers and central bank governors of the EU member states
- PHOTO & VIDEO OPPORTUNITY at the beginning – Tour-de-table (please note: only open to photo and camera crews)**
- Meeting point: 14:25 – Press Lounge K
- 17:30 **GROUP PHOTO**
- Venue: Hall X1 – Media Centre
- 17:45 **PRESS CONFERENCE (ECOFIN)**
- Languages: German, English, French with simultaneous interpretation
- Venue: Hall K1 & K2 – Presidency Briefing Room
- followed by: Possibility of national briefings according to CCTV information

Saturday 8 September 2018

- 06:30-17:00 Opening hours of the media centre and media accreditation (media accreditation closes at 13:30)

08:45 **Arrival** of the economic and financial affairs ministers of the EU member states

PHOTO & VIDEO OPPORTUNITY – Doorstep

Venue: Permanent conference and media centre of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna

09:30 **Plenary** of the economic and financial affairs ministers of the EU member states

PHOTO & VIDEO OPPORTUNITY at the beginning – Tour-de-table (please note: only open to photo and camera crews)

Meeting point: 09:10 – Press Lounge K

13:00 **PRESS CONFERENCE (ECOFIN)**

Languages: German, English, French with simultaneous interpretation

Venue: Hall K1 & K2 – Presidency Briefing Room

followed by: Possibility of national briefings according to CCTV information

2. Accreditation and Practical Information

Only media representatives who have obtained prior online accreditation with the Federal Press Service are allowed access to the media events of this programme and to use the media centre at the **permanent conference and media centre of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU** in the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna.

Online accreditation can be carried out directly on the website of the Austrian Presidency at <https://www.eu2018.at/media/Media-accreditation.html>.

The accreditation badge is valid for the entire duration of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The online accreditation system contains a **list of all the events** for which you can register. Please register in advance for the event you wish to attend.

2.1. Accreditation Desk

You can collect your accreditation badge Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 13:00 from the Media Accreditation Office of the Federal Press Service (Schauflegasse 1, 1010 Vienna).

On 6 September 2018 from 12:00, and on 7 and 8 September 2018, accreditation badges can also be collected from the media accreditation desk of the permanent conference and media centre of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU in the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna.

Collection times for accreditation badges (Schauflegasse 1, 1010 Vienna):

- Monday to Friday: from 09:00 to 13:00

Collection times for accreditation badges in the permanent conference and media centre (Austria Center Vienna, Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna):

- 6 September 2018: from 12:00 to 18:00
- 7 September 2018: from 06:00 to 18:00
- 8 September 2018: from 06:30 to 13:30

To collect your accreditation badge, you will need to present three documents: your accreditation confirmation, a valid press card or the original letter of assignment from your media organisation, and a government-issued photo identification (identity card, passport or driving licence).

3. Permanent Conference and Media Centre

A permanent conference and media centre has been set up in the **Austria Center Vienna (ACV)** for the duration of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Situated directly next to the Vienna International Centre – home to the UN Headquarters – the conference centre is situated a mere 7 minutes away from the city centre by public transport.

3.1. Address

Austria Center Vienna, Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna

3.2. Access

The Austrian Presidency is committed to promoting sustainability and we therefore recommend that all attendees use public transport. The ACV has superb public transport connections. It is located right next to the underground station **Kaisermühlen-VIC** (U1 line – red).

3.3. Entrance for Media

Media representatives can enter the ACV by the **East Entrance**, which can be reached by crossing the Platz-der-Vereinten-Nationen (United Nations Square) and walking along the Aristides-de-Sousa-Mendes-Promenade (Aristides de Sousa Mendes Promenade). The **#eu2018at media accreditation desk** is located immediately following the security check in the entrance area. An escalator and lifts lead to **Level -2**, where the conference rooms and media centre are located.

3.4. Local Area Map



3.5. Opening Hours

Opening hours of the permanent conference and media centre:

- 6 September 2018: from 12:00 to 18:00
- 7 September 2018: from 06:00 to 22:00
- 8 September 2018: from 06:30 to 17:00

3.6. Parking

The conference and media centre has its own covered multi-storey car park. Accredited media representatives can park for free in the Austria Center Vienna car park (level 2). **For security reasons, a parking permit card must be displayed visibly on your windscreen when approaching the car park.** You are also required to present your accreditation badge. **Applications for a parking permit card should be sent to conflogistics@eu2018.at.**

Please provide the following information:

- name
- media organisation
- licence plate number
- vehicle make and type

Once you have received confirmation that you have been issued with a parking permit card, you can collect your card from the Media Accreditation Office of the Federal Press Service or from the media accreditation desk of the permanent conference and media centre.

For further information and a local area map, see:

<https://www.acv.at/teilnehmen/anreise-und-verkehr/travelling-by-car.html>

3.7. Information Desk

An information desk has been set up in **Lounge D on Level -2**. It offers the following services:

- general information
- daily agenda and updates
- technical support

3.8. Equipment

The media centre has five briefing rooms, 160 workspaces for media representatives and offers the following equipment:

- desks and chairs
- 220V power supply at each workspace
- Wi-Fi
- limited number of LAN access points
- limited number of ISDN access points
- limited number of permanent laptops in the media centre
- black and white printer
- CCTV screens
- limited number of lockers
- lounge area

3.9. Stand-Up Positions

The media centre has 6 outdoor positions and 5 indoor positions. Bookings can be made directly with the host broadcaster.

3.10. Catering

A cafeteria and the entrance to the dining area are located on **Level -2** next to the information desk in **Lounge D**. A further cafeteria is located in front of the Austrian Presidency Briefing room in **Lounge K** on the same level. You can pick up free snacks and drinks here during the media centre opening hours. On 7 and 8 September 2018, a buffet lunch is also provided in the **restaurant in Hall X2**.

3.11. Please Note

- During the Austrian Presidency, video recordings, audio recordings and photos featuring attendees may be taken. This material may be shared by the Austrian Presidency or the Austrian Federal Government including on their websites or social media channels. By attending events, attendees agree to this material being published on an unlimited basis.
- Workspaces in the media centres are allocated on a first-come first-served basis. Event organisers are unable to reserve workspaces for media representatives. The Austrian Presidency team will remove from unoccupied workspaces any reserved signs placed there by media representatives an hour after the start of an event.
- The Austrian Presidency assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to property.
- Taking photos or making recordings of confidential documents or other property belonging to attendees (including with mobile phones) is strictly forbidden.
- Under no circumstances are security staff to be filmed or photographed.
- The Federal Press Service reserves the right, should the need arise, to confiscate accreditation badges and thus revoke accreditation.
- Items which are not allowed to be brought into the building in accordance with the conference centre house rules or the rules laid down by the security authorities may be handed over for safekeeping to the security team members in the entrance area on Level 0. The items will be stored in safe bags and you may pick them up on your departure by presenting the tear-off slip given to you when you hand in the item.
- Lost property will be kept at the information desk of the permanent conference and media centre (Level -2) for a maximum duration of five working days. If the owner can be identified, the organisational team of the Austrian Presidency will contact the owner. Any uncollected items will be handed over to the Lost and Found Service of the City of Vienna.

4. Host Services

4.1. Host Broadcaster

ORF (Austrian Broadcasting Corporation) is the host broadcaster for the Austrian Presidency and will provide free of charge to any interested Austrian or international radio stations and television channels **audiovisual material in broadcast quality (HD)** on this informal ministerial meeting.

Audiovisual material will be broadcast via EbS, the European Union's TV information service (programme: <http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/ebs/schedule.cfm>, satellite reception: <http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/ebs/satellite.cfm?sitelang=en>) and can be downloaded in real time via the website of the European Commission's Audiovisual Services at <https://ec.europa.eu/avservices/>.

The live feed of the audiovisual material can be received in the TV and radio booths and the parking spaces for satellite news gathering trucks (SNGs) at the permanent conference and media centre. Additional broadcasting requirements should be notified to the host broadcaster and will incur charges.

The host broadcaster will provide the following audiovisual material:

- arrivals & doorsteps in original language version
- handshakes (host welcome) in original language version
- tour-de-table
- Austrian Presidency press conference (original language version as well as German, English and French)
- Depending on available resources, some national briefings may also be covered. More information will be available during the informal meeting of economic and financial affairs ministers.

With regards to current coverage, rights of use are not limited in time or space.

The Austrian Presidency will make available 11 **TV and radio booths** in the permanent conference and media centre. The standard fitting includes one basic ISDN access point (radio booths), one LAN access point, one TV monitor, 220V power supply and four workspaces. Any additional requirements should be notified to the host broadcaster and will incur charges.

Parking spaces for SNGs will be provided in the immediate vicinity of the ACV. The host broadcaster will allocate these spaces on a first-come first-served basis.

The host broadcaster will also provide the following services:

- technical support
- registration for and allocation of **stand-up positions**
- registration for and allocation of **TV and radio booths**
- registration for and allocation of **SNGs**

For queries and bookings of stand-up positions, TV and radio booths and registration for SNGs, please contact the host broadcaster directly:

host.eu2018@orf.at

4.2. Use of Radio Frequencies

Broadcasting licences for international TV stations have to be applied for individually at the telecommunications authority of the respective federal province. The application form for temporary use of radio equipment can be downloaded at the weblink <https://www.eu2018.at/media/Host-Services.html>. Please send the filled in form to the competent telecommunications office of Vienna, Lower Austria and Burgenland:

Address: Radetzkystraße 2, 1030 Vienna
Fax: +43 (0) 71162/654409
Email: fb.wien@bmvit.gv.at

Further information can be found at
<https://www.bmvit.gv.at/ofb/organisation/nachgeordnet/fmb/index.html>.

For productions, you need to coordinate radio frequencies via the frequency portal of the host broadcaster ORF <https://frequenz.orf.at/>.

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4.3. Host Photographer Services

All official photos taken by the host photographer team will be published on the Austrian Presidency's Flickr channel (www.flickr.com/eu2018at). This will contain, in particular, photos of informal ministerial meetings, meetings with EU institutions, meetings with third countries and individual conferences. The photos will be provided free of charge in digital form and in printing quality meeting IPTC standards.

5. Practical Information

The Austrian Presidency **website** has a Practical Information section containing extensive information on how to get to and around Vienna as well as on other topics related to the Austrian Presidency.

The **cultural programme** can be found under the Calendar/Events section. For further information on the **host city** and all it has to offer, please visit www.wien.info/en.

An interactive **city map** of Vienna can be found at www.wien.gv.at/stadtplan/en/.

5.1. How to Get to Vienna

By Plane

Numerous European cities offer daily flights to Vienna airport.

Central flight information: +43 1 7007 22233

By Train

Information on train schedules and ticket prices can be obtained from the Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) (+43 5 1717, www.oebb.at) or WESTbahn (+43 1 899 00, www.westbahn.at).

By Car

In Austria, all drivers wishing to travel on motorways and expressways are required to pay a toll charge or have a toll sticker. Digital vignettes or toll stickers can be purchased from more than 6 000 sales outlets in Austria and abroad and can be bought for the following durations: 10 days (EUR 9), 2 months (EUR 26.20) or 1 year (EUR 87.30). Please note that the speed limit on Austrian motorways is 130 km/h.

There is a statutory drink driving limit of <0.5 milligrams of alcohol per millilitre of blood.

For more information on the rules for driving motor vehicles in Austria, please refer to: www.help.gv.at/Portal.Node/hlpd/public/content/6/Seite.063000.html

5.2. Connections between Vienna Airport and the City Centre

Railjet Service ÖBB

The Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) run a service connecting Vienna Airport with Vienna Hauptbahnhof (main station) in 15 minutes. There are regular direct connections between 06:30 and 23:00. There are indirect connections (taking approximately 40 minutes and with one change) from 04:42 to 00:18.

Tickets: single: EUR 4.20

www.oebb.at/en/

The U1 underground line provides a direct connection between the main station and Stephansplatz (approximately 5 minutes).

Airport Shuttle Service

The City Airport Train (CAT) offers a direct connection between Vienna Airport and the city centre in 16 minutes (Wien Mitte train station – Bahnhof Wien Mitte).

Tickets: single EUR 11 online; EUR 12 at the ticket machine / return EUR 19 online; EUR 21 at the ticket machine

www.cityairporttrain.com/en/home

From Landstraße (Wien Mitte train station) underground station, you can either take the U3 line to Stephansplatz or the U4 line to Karlsplatz.

Vienna Airport Lines

The Vienna Airport Line 2 offers a direct bus service between Vienna Airport and Morzinplatz (Schwedenplatz) station every 30 minutes. The journey will take approximately 25 minutes. Tickets can be bought on the bus.

Tickets: Tickets: single EUR 8 / return EUR 13

www.viennaairportlines.at/en/

Taxis and Car Sharing

For more information, please visit

https://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers/arrival_parking/taxis_limousines
and https://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers/arrival_parking/carsharing.

5.3. Public Transport in Vienna

Vienna has a fully integrated public transport network. Between Monday and Friday, the underground, trams and buses run from approximately 05:00 until just after midnight. On Friday and Saturday as well as on the days preceding public holidays, the underground also runs throughout the night. Both during the week and at the weekend, NightLine buses complement the existing services as of midnight.

Single ticket: EUR 2.40 / 24 hours: EUR 8.00 / 48 hours: EUR 14.10 / 72 hours: EUR 17.10

EasyCityPass Vienna (1 week, including special offers for tourists): EUR 29.90

You can also use the WienMobil app (available on Android and iOS) of the Wiener Linien to buy tickets, calculate your route or book a taxi.

For further information on ticket prices and timetables, see www.wienerlinien.at/en/.

5.4. Hotel Reservations

Please be aware that the Austrian Presidency will **not be reserving any hotel rooms** for media representatives. As September is peak season in Vienna, you are advised to book a room well in advance. For bookings, please use the internet or contact:

Vienna Tourist Board

www.wien.info/en

Tel.: + 43 1 24 555

Email: info@wien.info

5.5. Accessibility

Information and contacts for people with disabilities can be found at www.wien.info/en/travel-info/accessible-vienna.

5.6. Opening Hours

The statutory shop opening hours are: Monday-Friday 06:00-21:00 and Saturday until 18:00. Actual opening times vary, with most shops open between 09:00 and 19:00 (grocery stores from 08:00) during the week and closing on Saturdays either at 13:00 or 18:00. Special rules allowing extended opening hours are in place in tourist areas and during Advent. The opening hours of shops located in railway stations and airports correspond to travel hours (even until 23:00).

You will find more practical information at www.eu2018.at.

6. Contact and Addresses

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