

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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Invitation to the press conference  
International Growth in Transition conference:  
Europe's Transformation: Where People Matter

14 and 15 November 2018

Under the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union the Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism (BMNT) and the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens invite media representatives to the press conference on the occasion of the **4th International Growth in Transition Conference**

## Date/Venue:

- **Wednesday 14 November 2018 at 10:50**
- Hall K2, Austria Center Vienna, Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna

## Your interlocutors are

- Elisabeth Köstinger, Federal Minister for Sustainability and Tourism
- Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations and Co-Chairman of the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens

**On 14 and 15 November 2018** the 4th International **Growth in Transition** conference takes place under the title "**Europe's Transformation: Where People Matter**" in the Austria Center Vienna. The conference shows a wide array of perspectives from politics, economy and civil society. The thematic focus lies on the implementation of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement as well as scenarios for sustainable growth, circular economy, innovations and the connection between ecology, the economy and science.

We invite you to apply for an accreditation for the conference and would be happy to organise interviews with speakers and photo opportunities for you. For more information, please visit <https://wachstumimwandel.at/conference2018/press/>.

Speakers are, amongst others, **Elisabeth Köstinger**, Austrian Federal Minister for Sustainability and Tourism; **Ban Ki-moon**, former Secretary-General of the United Nations and Co-Chairman of the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens; **Stientje van Veldhoven**, State Secretary for Infrastructure and Water Management of the Netherlands; **Frans Timmermans**, first Vice-President of the European Commission; **Wolfgang Bartscher**, Deputy Director-General of DG Research and Innovation of the European Commission; **Kate Raworth**, British economist and sustainability expert; **Tim Jackson**, Professor of Sustainable Development at the University of Surrey and author of “Prosperity without Growth”; **Brenda King**, former President of the Sustainable Development Observatory; **Emma Dewberry**, innovation researcher; **Hans Bruyninckx**, Head of the European Environment Agency; **Michaela Moser**, social researcher and poverty expert; **Christoph Badelt**, Head of the Austrian Institute for Economic Research; and **Willibald Cernko**, Chief Risk Officer of Erste Group.

## Conference programme and speaker list

<https://wachstumimwandel.at/conference2018/programme>.

## Accreditation

Access to the venue is only possible upon presentation of an accreditation badge.

Please **register by 12 November 2018** and send a short email to [presse@wachstumimwandel.at](mailto:presse@wachstumimwandel.at) indicating whether you intend to attend the conference and/or the press conference.

After having registered we kindly ask you to apply for accreditation via the following website:

<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.

**On 14 November 2018, from 09:00 to 17:00, and on 15 November 2018, from 08:00 to 16:00, 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):**

- 14 November 2018: from 09:00 to 17:00
- 15 November 2018: from 08:00 to 16:00

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).

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