

PROGRAMME 2023

KOMMUNALE SOMMERGESPRÄCHE

**OUR WORLD. BALANCING
SOLIDARITY AND RESILIENCE.**

Economy. Society.

Environment. Infrastructure.



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In our globalised world and in times of multiple crises, our planet, our society, our economy are facing unprecedented challenges. A paradigm shift is inevitable. In a world where until recently efficiency was the primary goal, the new era is about resilience and solidarity.

At the MUNICIPAL SUMMER TALKS 2023 we want to find pathways to a sustainable future, initiate solutions and grasp opportunities. We will talk about responsible politics, sustainability in the economy and labour market and the accountability of society and a modern infrastructure.

Thursday, 31st August 2023

9.00–9.15 a.m.

OPENING – A WARM WELCOME.

Erwin DIRNBERGER

Vice President Austrian Association of Municipalities,
President Styrian Association of Municipalities,
Member of the State Parliament of Styria,
Mayor Söding-St. Johann (Styria)

Bernd FISLAGE

CEO Kommunalkredit

Franz FROSCH

Mayor Bad Aussee (Styria)

Andrea KAUFMANN

Vice President Austrian Association of Municipalities,
President Association of Municipalities Vorarlberg,
Mayor Dornbirn (Vorarlberg)

Presented by **Meinrad KNAPP**

TV host and radio anchor

9.15–9.30 a.m.

IMPULSE

**POLITICS WITH RESPONSIBILITY.
THE COURAGE TO DECIDE.**

Sigmar GABRIEL

Chairman “Atlantik-Brücke e. V.”,
former Federal Foreign Minister of Germany

9.30–9.45 a.m.

IMPULSE

**SETTING THE COURSE FOR AUSTRIA'S
ECONOMIC FUTURE.**

Gabriel FELBERMAYR

Director Austrian Institute of Economic Research,
formerly President Kiel Institute of Economics

9.45–10.05 a.m.

INTERVIEW

**EUROPE IN THE BAISSE.
WHICH SOLUTIONS ARE NEEDED?**

Gabriel FELBERMAYR

Director Austrian Institute of Economic Research,
formerly President Kiel Institute of Economics

Sigmar GABRIEL

Chairman “Atlantik-Brücke e. V.”,
former Federal Foreign Minister of Germany

10.05–10.30 a.m.

IMPULSE

**HOW WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER.
RESPONSIBILITIES & CHANCES FOR THE FINANCE
SECTOR.**

Bernd FISLAGE

CEO Kommunalkredit

10.30–11.30 a.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION

GRIDS & INFRASTRUCTURE. GENERAL INTEREST.

Gerhard CHRISTINER

CTO APG – Austrian Power Grid

Martin GRAF

CFO Energie Steiermark

Sorin IVANOVICI

Head of Hydrogen & CCU OMV

Bernhard PAINZ

Member of the Board Austrian Gas Grid Management

Paul STORMOEN

CEO OX2

11.30 a.m. –12.10 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION

**SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE.
SETTING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

Franz DORNER

EMAS-certified Farmer & Renewable Pioneer

Hermann ERLACH


General Manager Microsoft Austria

Theresa MAI

General Manager WW Wohnwagon (Tiny Houses)

Gabriela Maria STRAKA

Board Member RespACT and UN Global Compact,
Managing Board Brau Union and
Director Corporate Affairs & ESG (Brewing Company)

 12.10–1.00 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION

ECONOMY & LABOUR MARKET. SEAL OF QUALITY FOR THE FUTURE.

Kurt BERNEGGER

Managing Partner Bernegger GmbH (Raw Material Industry)

Gabriel FELBERMAYR

Director Austrian Institute of Economic Research,
formerly President Kiel Institute of Economics

Martin GAEDT


Author

Lena Marie GLASER

Managing Director Basically Innovative & Author


Walter OBLIN

Deputy CEO Austrian Post

 1.00–2.20 p.m.

LUNCH BUFFET

LUNCH AT THE KURHAUS.

 2.20–2.35 p.m.

INTERVIEW


COMMUNITIES. PIONEERS OF RESILIENCE.

Erwin DIRNBERGER

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Member of the State Parliament of Styria,
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 2.35–2.45 p.m.

IMPULSE

SOLIDARITY, ECOLOGY & WAY OF LIFE.

Ralph SPIEGLER

1st Vice-President German Association
of Towns and Municipalities,
Mayor Nieder-Olm (Rhineland-Palatinate)

3.00 – 5.30 p.m.

FORUMS (PARALLEL SESSIONS)

**FORUM 1:
HERE TO STAY.
HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT 2.0.**

Fair job policy in tourism as a template for public administration? Strategies such as a four-day week, extensive further training opportunities, free food, the provision of uniforms or even childcare during the holiday season are a must.

Panelists:

Franziska CECON

Professor for Public Management,
University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria

Martin GAEDT

Author

Walter OBLIN

Deputy CEO Austrian Post AG

Manuel UGUET

Managing Director Parkhotel Brunauer,
City of Salzburg Fair Job Hotel

Hosted by:

Maria JELENKO-BENEDIKT

Regionalmedien Austria (Austrian weekly newspaper)

FORUM 2:

**NEW STRUCTURES OF ECONOMIC THINKING.
REGIONALITY & RESILIENCE.**

The global crisis has made location and regionality more important again. How deep are the dependencies? How can the greater good be achieved?

Panelists:

Antonio DE VALL

CFO Speed Connect Austria

Theresa MAI

WW Wohnwagen (Tiny Houses)

Harald MIESSNER

Member of the Board Billa Austria

Ulrike MURSCH-EDLMAYR

President Austrian Chamber of Pharmacists

Hosted by:

Stefan VEIGL

Salzburger Nachrichten (Austrian newspaper)



**FORUM 3:
IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE.
COMPASS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING.**

Whether housing, construction, renovation ... whether energy, e-mobility or repair. Austria has a wide range of subsidies at its disposal; in addition, there are funds from the EU. It is not always immediately clear to applicants what and when they have to submit in order to benefit from the funds.

Panelists: **Horst BRANDLMAIER**
Member of the Board OeMAG (green electricity)

Klaus FRÜHMANN
General Representative Kommunalkredit Public Consulting

Thomas STEINER-ZELGER
Kommunalkredit

Bernd VOGL
Managing Director Climate and Energy Fund

Hosted by: **Anita KIEFER**
Presenter, formerly Kurier (Austrian newspaper)



**FORUM 4:
RETHINKING INFRASTRUCTURE.
SHAPING THE FUTURE.**

Sustainable and efficient energy supply, fast communication channels, functioning local and long-distance transport connections, modern social infrastructure are the requirements of the present to master the future. It is essential to implement these projects now.

Panelists: **Sebastian FIRLINGER**
CRO/CFO Kommunalkredit

Peter KOREN
Vice-General Secretary Federation of Austrian Industries

Alfred WEINBERGER
Managing Director EMEA Amarengo

Christoph ZINSSER
Head of Project Finance H2 Green Steel

Hosted by: **Daniel NUTZ**
Der Börsianer (Austrian economic magazine)

 7.30 p.m.
DINNER

TRADITIONAL AUSTRIAN DINNER AT "BLAA ALM"

Musical

Guest: **HOLAtrio**

Friday, 1st September 2023

9.00 – 9.20 a.m.

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THE GREEN DEAL. ESSENTIAL PILLAR OF THE EU. PERSPECTIVES.

Wilhelm MOLTERER

Board Member GlobSec,
former Director European Fund for Strategic Investments

9.20 – 9.40 a.m.

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SHOWCASE PROJECT NORWAY.

Stefan PEHRINGER

Austrian Ambassador to Norway

9.40 – 10.00 a.m.

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THE INTERPLAY OF ENERGY, FINANCE & SOCIETAL CHANGE.

Jürgen BRAUNSTEIN

Center for European Studies Harvard &
University of Economics Vienna

10.00 – 10.20 a.m.

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YOUTH IS WHAT COUNTS.

Bernhard HEINZLMAIER

Youth Researcher,
Institute for Youth Research Vienna

10.20 – 10.25 a.m.

VIDEO

YES TO POLITICS.

Claudia ARPA

President Austrian Federal Council,
Member of Parliament

 10.25–11.15 a.m.
IMPULSE + PANEL DISCUSSION

DEMOCRACY & SOCIETY. EUROPE IN FOCUS.

Daniel LANDAU
Inclusion Officer,
Co-Initiator YesWeCare

Flora SCHMUDERMAYER
Federal School Representative

Andreas Urs SOMMER
Philosopher and Publicist,
Professor University Freiburg

 11.15–11.30 a.m.
IMPULSE

CHURCH & COMMUNITY. HOW CAPABLE ARE WE OF DIALOGUE?

Cardinal **Christoph SCHÖNBORN**
Archbischof of Vienna

 11.30–11.45 a.m.
IMPULSE

EUROPEAN VALUE SYSTEM ON THE TEST BENCH

Wolfgang SCHÜSSEL
former Chancellor of Austria

 11.45–12.45 Uhr
POLITICAL DISCUSSION

RESILIENCE & SOLIDARITY. WHERE IS THE JOURNEY GOING?


Bernhard HEINZLMAIER
Youth Researcher,
Institute for Youth Research Vienna

Claudia PLAKOLM
State Secretary for Youth and Civil Service

Cardinal **Christoph SCHÖNBORN**
Archbischof of Vienna

Wolfgang SCHÜSSEL
former Chancellor of Austria



 12.45–12.50 p.m.

CLOSING

RESUMÉE & TAKE-AWAY.

Erwin DIRNBERGER

Vice President Austrian Association of Municipalities,
President Styrian Association of Municipalities,
Member of the State Parliament of Styria,
Mayor Söding-St. Johann (Styria)

Bernd FISLAGE

CEO Kommunalkredit

 12.50 p.m.

LUNCH

LUNCH BUFFET AT THE KURHAUS.

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Please note that since 1 July 2023 all **COVID 19 SAFETY RULES** of the Austrian Federal Government have been lifted. Nevertheless, we ask you, in the spirit of mutual respect, for your support.

Thank you for your understanding.

Status: August 2023, programme subject to change.



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SHUTTLE

THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST 2023

Buses from the hotels to the Kurhaus:

- Bad Mitterndorf:** 7.40 a.m.
- Altaussee, Grundlsee:** 7.55 a.m.
- Bad Aussee:** 8.10 a.m.

Buses from the Kurhaus to the hotels:

- Altaussee, Bad Aussee,** 5.45 p.m.
- Bad Mitterndorf, Grundlsee:**

Buses from the hotels to the Blaa Alm:

- Bad Mitterndorf:** 6.45 p.m.
- Bad Aussee, Grundlsee:** 7.00 p.m.
- Altaussee:** 7.15 p.m.

Buses from the Blaa Alm to the hotels:

- Altaussee, Bad Aussee, Grundlsee:** 10.30 p.m., 11.15 p.m., 00.00 a.m.
- Bad Mitterndorf:** 10.30 p.m., 00.00 a.m.

FRIDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2023

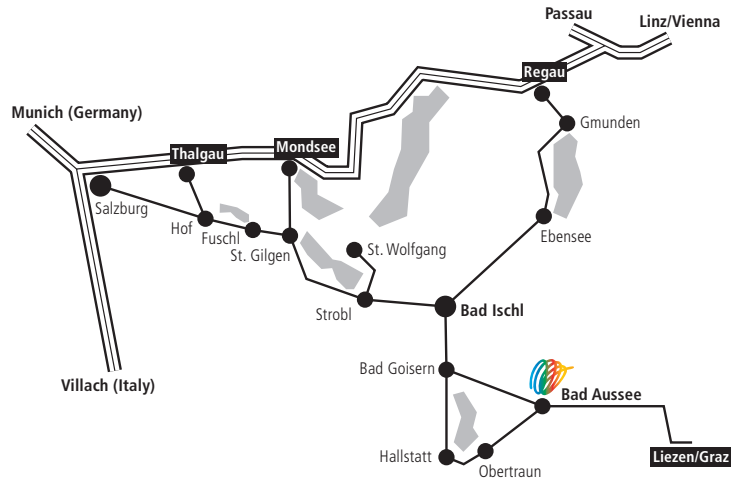
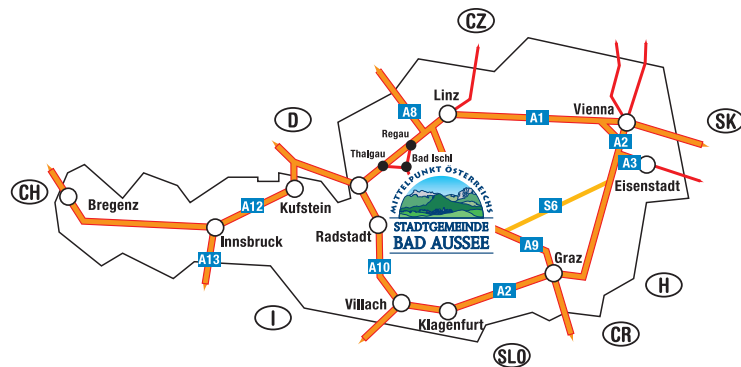
Buses from the hotels to the Kurhaus

- Bad Mitterndorf:** 8.00 a.m.
- Altaussee, Grundlsee:** 8.10 a.m.
- Bad Aussee:** 8.15 a.m.

Buses from the Kurhaus to the hotels:

- Altaussee, Bad Aussee,** 1.30 p.m.
- Bad Mitterndorf, Grundlsee:**

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