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**A MATCHING EVENT FOR RESEARCHERS FROM AUSTRIA  
AND THE WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES**

University of Vienna, 13th November 2006

This meeting of researchers from Austria and the Western Balkan countries will take place on 13th November 2006 at the University of Vienna. The Science Day is focused on establishing and promoting networking activities (partnering) as well as strengthening existing cooperations between Austrian and Western Balkan researchers for further research activities.

The three thematic domains of the Conference are:

- Social Sciences
- Economics and Business Administration
- Information Society Technologies (IST)

The morning session provides information about Austrian and European funding opportunities. The afternoon is reserved for networking, elaboration of new project ideas and discussion of future cooperation in the thematic workshops.

All researchers from Austria and the Western Balkan countries have the possibility to present their research institutions and scientific interests (institution profile, competencies, experience in international RTD cooperation) by poster presentations in the exhibition area. A short institution profile will be included in the conference documentation.

**Target group:** Researchers and Research Managers  
from Austria and the Western Balkan countries  
**Venue:** University of Vienna, Dr.-Karl-Lueger-Ring 1, 1010 Vienna  
**Language:** English  
**Registration:** <http://asowestbalk.stage.zsi.at>  
**Website:** <http://www.aso.zsi.at>

Online Registration only.

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# AGENDA

## MORNING SESSION

Venue: University of Vienna, Kleiner Festsaal, 1010 Vienna

8.30 – 9.00

### Registration

09.00

### Opening and Welcome Addresses

Georg Winckler, Rector of the University of Vienna  
Peter Kowalski, Austrian Federal Ministry for Education,  
Science and Culture, Director General for scientific research and  
international relations – division of science

#### *Moderation:*

Johann Eder, University of Vienna, Faculty of Computer Science,  
and Vice-President of the Austrian Science Fund

09.15 – 10.00

### Keynote Speaker + Discussion

Erhard Busek, Special Coordinator of the  
Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe

10.00 – 11.00

### Presentation of funding opportunities

- Call for Proposals of the Austrian Science and Research Liaison Offices (ASOs): Martin Felix Gajdusek and Miroslav Polzer
- Launch of the Pilot Joint Call for Proposals of the SEE-ERA.NET: Peter Mayr, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)
- Cooperation in Innovation and Research with Central and Eastern Europe (CIR-CE): Birgit Baumann, Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)
- TEMPUS: Martina Friedrich, TEMPUS National Contact Point
- CEEPUS: Elisabeth Sorantin, CEEPUS Secretary General

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break and networking in the exhibition area

11.30 – 13.00

### 7th Framework Programme + Discussion

Ralf König and Evelina Santa, Austrian Research Promotion Agency,  
Division European and International Programmes

#### *Moderation:*

Carmen Siller, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)

13.00 – 14.00

Buffet Lunch

## AFTERNOON SESSION

14.00 – 16.30

### Parallel workshops

Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration as well as Information Society Technologies

- “Tour de table” Short presentation of each participant with focus on challenges and future plans
- Network presentations
- What is important in SEE? Feedback to the stakeholders
- Link to an interdisciplinary co-operation/approach

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### WORKSHOP 1 – Social Sciences

Moderation:

Hannes Haas, Professor at the Department of Communications, University of Vienna

Rapporteur:

Dieter Segert, Professor at the Institute of Political Science, University of Vienna

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### WORKSHOP 2 – Economics and Business Administration

Moderation:

Peter Rosner, Head of the Department of Economics, University of Vienna (to be confirmed)

Rapporteur:

Franz Wirl, Professor at the Department of Business Studies, Chair: Industry, Energy and Environment, University of Vienna

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### WORKSHOP 3 – Information Society Technologies (IST)

Moderation:

Dimitris Karagiannis, Professor at the Department of Knowledge Engineering in the Institute Computer Science and Business Informatics at the University of Vienna

Rapporteur:

Elena Miron, Department of Knowledge Engineering in the Institute Computer Science and Business Informatics at the University of Vienna

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16.30 – 17.00

**Plenary Session – Final Conclusions**

17.00 – 18.00

Reception

## ORGANISERS



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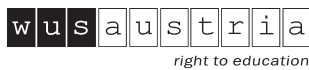
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