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VALUE CHAINS IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY | DUAL EDUCATION | EU GRANTS
B2B-MEETINGS | EXPO | EXCURSIONS



You are kindly invited

to the

4th Danube Region Business Forum

November 6 – 7, Vienna
Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
1040, Wiedner Hauptstrasse 63

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Meet up to 500 participants and more than 50 speakers from the food production and food processing industry, as well as of the fields of safety, distribution, machinery, transport & logistics and services.

Get informed about the innovative dual education system within Europe, which is highly attractive for employers and most efficient to fight youth unemployment.

Meet your potential partners in individual B2B-talks, learn how to get fresh money from EU and participate in exclusive excursions to Austrians most innovative companies!

Register now and profit from this unique opportunity to connect with key decision makers from the Danube region countries:

Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Serbia, Romania, Croatia, Bulgaria, Moldavia, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro.

Kind regards,

Mag. Christian Gessl
Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

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PS: There will be **no participation fee!** As places are limited, we recommend to register asap!

PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

For speakers only: 6 pm - Get together and briefing
The venue will be announced in time

Thursday, November 6, 2014

See the whole programm next page

1st Topic: VALUE CHAINS IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY

6 core topics with high impact for your business in the food industry

International speakers will give lectures and workshops on the following fields of subjects:

- A** The Future of Food Processing in the Danube Region
- B** Machinery in the Food Industry
- C** Sources for the Food Processing Industry
- D** Regional Cooperation/Branding
- E** Distribution Channels in the Food Industry
- F** Transport & Logistics

P 2nd Topic: DUAL EDUCATION

Internationalisation of Dual-Track Vocational Training
Escaping youth unemployment

H 3rd Topic: EU GRANTS

How to achieve EU Grants

PLENARY SESSIONS

Welcome Adresses and Closing Remarks

Additional: B2B-MEETINGS

Match with potential business partners!

Possibilities for bilateral meetings (parallel to the program)

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Friday, November 7, 2014

S EXCURSIONS by Bus

approx. 8.00 to 14.00

Food Industries: Excursions to three best practice companies near Vienna
Education: Visit to vocational school / training company



08.15 – 09.00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09.00 – 09.45	Opening Session and Welcome Addresses

09.45 – 10.15 Coffee Break

A1 10.15 – 12.15 Food Safety/Standards and Certifications Overview of the Investment Sector in Agri-business Upgrading Food Standards, Improving Competitiveness Panel discussion – Stories from the Source: Companies share their Experiences	B1 10.15 – 11.15 Innovation and New Trends with Machinery for the Food Processing Industry	C1 10.15 – 11.15 Subcontracting in the Food Processing Industry	P1 10.15 – 12.15 Dual-Track Vocational Training – Escaping Youth Unemployment 10.15 – 10.30 Reception 10.30 – 10.45 Key Note 10.45 – 12.15 Panel Discussion	A Future of Food Processing B Machinery in the Food Industry C Sources D Regional Cooperation/Branding E Distribution Channels F Transport & Logistics P Dual Education H EU Grants S Excursions
	B2 11.15 – 12.15 Innovation and New Trends with Food Packaging Machinery	C2 11.15 – 12.15 Biologic and Organic Farming		

12.15 – 14.00 Lunch Break

A2 14.00 – 16.00 Safe Value Chains from Farm to Consumer – Creating Value for Agriculture & Processing in the Danube Region Danube Soya – Association for the Promotion of European Protein Soya Production The International Soya Market and its Future. Chances for the Danube Region Labelling in Europe	A4 14.00 – 15.00 Challenges for the Industrial Food Processing Industry	D1 14.00 – 15.00 Regional Co-Operations	P2 14.00 – 16.00 Workshop on “Internationalisation of Vocational Education and Training (VET)”	H1 14.00 – 15.45 Fresh Capital in the Danube Region Practical Guidance for achieving EU Grants EU Funding in Romania, specializing in the Food Processing, Agriculture and renewable Energy
	E1 15.00 – 16.00 Challenges in Distribution for the Food Industry	D2 15.00 – 16.00 Regional Branding		

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

A3 16.30 – 17.30 Safe Value Chains from Farm to Consumer Discussion	A6 16.30 – 17.30 Renewable Energy from Agricultural Residues in the Danube Region	F1 16.30 – 17.30 Logistic and Supply Chain Design in the Danube Region and Russia
A5 17.30 – 18.30 Innovations in the Food Processing Industry	E2 17.30 – 18.30 Omni Channeling and Distribution Channels of the Future	

Meet your partners !

During the whole day you have the opportunity to meet potential partners in individual B2B-talks.

Match with potential partners you are interested in:
<http://drbf.converve.com>

Expo

During the whole day you are kindly invited to visit the expo: Partners of the Danube Region present their products and services !

18.30 – 19.00	Closing Remarks Discussion with the Audience, Questions & Answers
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VALUE CHAINS IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY

A THE FUTURE OF FOOD PROCESSING IN THE DANUBE REGION

A1: 10.15 – 12.15 **Food Safety/Standards and Certifications**
 The Investor's Perspective: How Improved Standards lead to Growth in the Danube Accession and Neighbourhood Countries

Overview of the Investment Sector in Agribusiness

Mary Lystad, Principle Investment Officer, IFC Investment Lead for the Balkans in the Agribusiness Sector

Upgrading Food Standards, Improving Competitiveness

Sarah Ockman, Program Lead, Agribusiness Standards Advisory in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Panel discussion –

Stories from the Source: Companies share their Experiences

Boris Mecak, Director, Neoplanta, Serbia

Goran Vrhovac, Director, Mladegs Pak Ltd., Bosnia and Herzegovina

Vladimir Zavedevsky, Director, Hals, Ukraine

moderated by Patrick Luternauer, Manager, Sustainable Business Advisory IFC Europe and Central Asia, Moscow, Russian Federation

A2: 14.00 – 16.00 **Safe Value Chains from Farm to Consumer – Creating Value for Agriculture & Processing in the Danube Region**

Danube Soya – Association for the Promotion of European Protein Soya Production

Danube Soya provides added value for the European Agriculture. In this workshop the main principle and the functioning of Danube Soya, as well as the general conditions of international soya cultivation and possibilities for labelling of quality products will be introduced.

The International Soya Market and its Future. Chances for the Danube Region

The European Union seeks to establish a European Protein Strategy. Danube Soya is an essential part of this, as it promotes European soya cultivation, labelling and numerous projects for soya with its quality label. Especially farmers from the Danube Region are going to benefit from the certification. Above all the project provides chances for the entire value-added chain in the Danube Region. Last but not least, consumers benefit from the reliable labelling of products in the vegetable and the meat product segment.

Matthias Krön, Chairman and CEO Danube Soya

Dragos Dima, Representative Danube Soya Romania

Marija Kalentic, Representative Danube Soya Serbia

Labelling in Europe

The second part of the workshop explains GMO-free labelling in Europe and the individual differences in the EU member states, the use of rapid tests for diagnostic solution for the food and feed industry and the quality management of brand products provided by an oil mill. Furthermore innovations in the soya processing in the areas food and feed will be presented.

Helmut Gaugitsch, Federal Environmental Agency
Julia Plieschnig, Romer Labs
Representative Soya Processing Industry (tba)
Herbert Stava, Landgarten (tba)

A3: 16.30 – 17.30 **Discussion**

The panel discussion serves as an open discussion and as an opportunity to answer various questions. Speakers of the first two parts will take place in this session as well.

A4: 14.00 – 15.00 **Challenges for the Industrial Food Processing Industry**

The future of the food industry is strongly dependent on criteria like quality, safety, cooperation and logistics. How we can face these challenges will be discussed by seasoned experts of the Danube Region.

Tamás Éder, Präsident des Ungarischen Verbands der Lebensmittelverarbeiter (ÉFOSZ), Stv. Präsident im Bereich Lebensmittelindustrie bei der Nationalen Agrarkammer und Präsident vom Ungarischen Fleischverband

A5: 17.30 – 18.30 **Innovations in the Food Processing Industry**

Quality and Safety of Slovakian Products – Emphasis on Regional Food Products.

Pavol Konstiak, president of the Union of Trade and Tourism of the Slovak Republic and CEO of Konrad spol. s. r. o. (tba)

Jarmila Halgasova, president, Slovak Food Chamber (tba)

Representative of the Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic

Representative of the Slovak Agricultural and Food Chamber (tba)

Erwin Horvath, CEO, Rajo a.s. (tba)

A6: 16.30 – 17.30 **Renewable Energy from Agricultural Residues in the Danube Region**

In the Danube Region in most countries the agriculture dominates over forestry. Therefore agricultural biomass (straw, poultry manure, etc.) is available on a larger scale than wood based fuels (eg. wood chips)

In this presentation you will get informed about the use of agro-biomass (straw) in biomass plants in the food industry as a replacement for fossil fuels (gas, heavy oil). The advantages: lower energy costs, the replacement of fossil fuels with renewable fuels (Greening), the valorisation of currently unused residues (straw) as fuel. Regional value added: job security in rural areas, etc.

Hermann Wieser, Wieser Consult GmbH, Austria

B MACHINERY IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY

B1: 10.15 – 11.15 **Innovation and New Trends with Machinery for the Food Processing Industry**
 The technical based session will give an overview about recent trends in the food machine technology. Here you will learn more about up to date production systems ensuring highest quality products and energy-efficient production.

Association of Machinery and Metalwork Industries, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (tba)

B2: 11.15 – 12.15 **Innovation and New Trends with Food Packaging Machinery**
 Consumers demand fresh and healthy looking products. Experts in the field of packaging will demonstrate how packaging can influence the consumers buying behaviours and make their sales more efficient.

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C SOURCING FOR THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

C1: 10.15 – 11.15 **Subcontracting in the Food Processing Industry**
 Subcontracting in the Danube Region and CEI countries is an important issue. It can give access to market usually closed for imports. Using the example of Belarus Subcontracting can give easier access to the Euro-Asian Economic Zone.

- Legal and customs aspect of the processing in Belarus
- Belarus as a processing and production site within customs union
- Legal and tax Incentives for production in Belarus

Pavel Pankratov, Brand & Partner, Belarus
 Ulf Schneider, Manager Partner of Belarus Consulting, Representative Office of GCG Germany Consulting GmbH, Belarus (tba)
 Company Servolux (tba)

C2: 11.15 – 12.15 **Biologic and Organic Farming**
 Assessment of current Situation, Prospects and Potential of Serbia in Organic Farming

- Organic Farming Policies (Legislation and Standards)
- Key Institution
- Educational system of organic farming in Serbia
- Economics of Organic Farming in Serbia
- Organic fruit production statistics and potential
- Organic Animal Products statistics and potential
- Organic wild production
- Risk of chemicals and pesticides residues
- Processing of Organic Food Products
- Platform of successful cooperation

The assessment will be followed by a discussion.
 Nada Miskovic, President National Association of Organic Farming in Serbia – Serbia Organica, President of Organic Group within Serbian Chamber of Commerce.

D REGIONAL COOPERATION/BRANDING

D1: 14.00-15.00 **Regional Co-Operations**

How can regional co-operations help the food processing industry and the farmers? Should co-operatives be re-introduced in certain Danube Region Countries? Can regional co-operations give easier access to new markets?

D2: 15.00-16.00 **Regional Branding**

Some Danube Region Brands are still quite unknown. Can regional branding help to get better access to new markets? Can regional branding help to create awareness? A special focus will be laid on the communication of quality and certificates.

E DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY

E1: 15.00 -16.00 **Challenges in Distribution for the Food Industry**

Considering the structural Changes in the Retail Markets of CEE/SEE

Vladimir Chirikov, Manager Market Intelligence, ICAP Bulgaria EAD

E2: 17.30 -18.30 **Omni Channeling and Distribution Channels of the Future**

How will new media change distribution? How will companies answer to new competitors? Solutions for the Danube Region and its food processing industry have to be found.

F TRANSPORT and LOGISTICS

F1: 16.30 -17.30 **Logistic and Supply Chain Design in the Danube Region and Russia**

Design of logistics and supply chains will be discussed with a focus on the specific regional strategies of the Danube Region Countries with its roughly 90 million consumers. The regional chains and hubs will be put in relation to a global view on logistics and supply chain designs.

Dr. Ernst Schmied, Supply Chain Logistics Group (SCLG)

P DUAL EDUCATION

P1: 10.15 – 12.15 **Panel Discussion**

10.15 – 10.30 **Reception**

Dr. Walter Koren,
Director General, Advantage Austria, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
Prof. Dr. Michael Landertshammer,
Director Educational Department, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

10.30 – 10.45 **Key Note**

Dr. Christoph Leitl, President of the Austrian Economic Chamber

10.45 – 12.15 **Panel Discussion**

Dual-Track vocational training – Escaping youth unemployment

Moderation:

Mag. Sandra Baierl, Educational journalist „Kurier“

- SC Dr. Matthias Tschirf,
Representative of the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy
- Representative of the European Commission
(DG Employment or DG Education)
- Jaroslav Holecek,
President of the Automotive Industry Association of the Slovak Republic
- Jörg Schielin, Director Spar Academy, Vienna
- Mag. Kurt Schmid, Institute for Research on Qualification and Training of the
Austrian Economy (ibw)

Closing Remarks: Martha Schultz, Vice President Austrian Economic Chamber and Eurochambres

P2: 14.00 – 16.00 **Workshop on “Internationalisation of Vocational Education and Training (VET)”**

In this workshop solutions for easier transfer of best practice elements from Austria and Germany will be discussed.

H EU GRANTS

H1: 14.00 – 16.00 **Fresh Capital in Danube Region**

Practical Guidance for achieving EU Grants

Christian Rebernig, PNO CFF, Consultant

**EU Funding in Romania, specializing in the Food Processing,
Agriculture and renewable Energy**

Hermann Wieser, Wieser Consult GmbH

M MEETINGS

9.00 – 19.00 **Match with potential business partners!**

(parallel to main program)

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CLOSING REMARKS

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BREAKS

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16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

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Registration	needed! http://drbf.converve.com

Who should attend?

- Heads of Companies, Delegates or Representatives of the Danube Region Countries
- Food & Beverage Industry
- Food Processing Machinery
- Transport & Logistics
- Marketing & Communication
- Service Industry