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Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

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CONTINUITY: „Austria will build on the legacy of Bulgaria’s achievements“



AustrianBG @AustrianBG
Präsentation EU Trio-Programm im bg Parlament mit VizePM und AM Zaharieva, EU-Min. Pavlova und Botschafter Roland Hauser.
Translate from German
6/28/17, 9:17 PM

Roland Hauser @rohauser
Great opening of @EU2018BG in #Sofia. 🇵🇵 @BoykoBorissov addressing the audience and stressing continuity with 🇺🇪 #EU2018AT.
1/11/18, 8:12 PM

The collage features three distinct images. On the left, a tweet from AustrianBG shows a panel discussion at the Bulgarian Parliament with Vice Prime Minister and AM Zaharieva, EU Minister Pavlova, and Ambassador Roland Hauser. The middle image is a tweet from Roland Hauser reporting on the opening of the EU2018BG event in Sofia, where PM Boyko Borissov addressed the audience, emphasizing continuity with the EU2018AT event. On the right, a photograph shows two men, one in a dark suit and one in a light blue shirt, holding a small blue flag with the European Union stars.

OUR PRIORITIES

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CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

- Multiannual Financial Framework post 2020
- Final stage of Brexit negotiations
- Aim to conclude as many dossiers as possible

A EUROPE THAT PROTECTS

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- Security and fight against illegal migration
- Securing prosperity and competitiveness through digitalisation
- Stability in the neighbourhood – EU perspective of the Western Balkans

SECURITY AND FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL MIGRATION

- Improving protection of external borders
- Strengthening FRONTEX
- Cooperation with third countries
- Helping those in need of protection before they enter the EU
- Better cooperation between security authorities
- Combating terrorism and radicalisation

SECURING PROSPERITY AND COMPETITIVENESS THROUGH DIGITALISATION

- Creating a modern and balanced regulatory framework
- Completing the Digital Single Market
- Securing a level playing field and protection from harmful tax practices
- Taxation of the digital economy
- Modernising public administration
- Industrial policy for the digital age

STABILITY IN THE EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD

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- Promoting strong relationships between EU and neighbours
- EU perspective for Western Balkans
- Clear criteria and measurable progress
- Continued support for the region – proved to be reliable partner during refugee crisis

ENHANCING THE SUBSIDIARITY PRINCIPLE

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- Bringing the European Union closer to its citizens
- Common solutions for big issues
- Focus on European added value

EVENTS IN BRUSSELS, LUXEMBOURG AND STRASBOURG

- More than 2.000 meetings of preparatory bodies
- 2 meetings of the European Council
- 36 formal Council meetings
- 1 informal Ministerial meeting
- 7 Plenary meetings of the European Parliament

EVENTS IN AUSTRIA

- 1 informal meeting of the European Council (Salzburg)
- 13 informal ministerial meetings (Vienna, Upper Austria, Lower Austria, Styria, Tyrol)
- More than 300 Presidency events
- Central conference venue in Vienna

Special Events in Sofia

- The Bronze House
- Artist: Plamen Dejanoff
- Realized in cooperation of Embassy, Bundeskanzleramt, Municipality of Sofia and private sponsors



Special Events in Sofia

- FLUCA – Austrian Cultural Pavillon
- Special season: May-August
- Art in public space



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