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19 August 2023 18:00 - 20:00 | Stage

Alpbach Seminars: Opening and Welcome Ceremony

Join the European Forum Alpbach 2023 kick-off for scholarship holders and participants of the ALPBACH SEMINARS! Meet your group, see an art performance and inform yourself about everything you need to know to successfully navigate through the days ahead.

20 August 2023 10:45 - 12:15 | Stage

Tyrol Day 2023: Euregio Summit on Energy Transition and Security of Supply

Crisis as an opportunity for the energy transition: Rising energy prices and the disastrous dependence on Russian gas made us aware of our vulnerability in the energy sector as a result of the war in Ukraine.

What potentials does the Euroregion Tyrol/South Tyrol/Trentino have in the field of renewable energies? How does climate change influence the energy transition? How can cross-border security of supply be improved? The Tyrol Day 2023 provides answers!

20 August 2023 11:00 - 18:30

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21 August 2023 09:00 - 18:30

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22 August 2023 09:00 - 18:30

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23 August 2023 09:00 - 18:30

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24 August 2023 09:00 - 18:30

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24 August 2023 20:00 - 22:00 | Social

Welcome to the EFA Lab Days

Celebrate the beginning of the EFA Lab Days. Meet old friends and make new ones in a relaxed atmosphere. Grab a drink, start a conversation. We can't wait to meet you!

25 August 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

Morning Sports

Start your day with a workout and get an energy boost!
Train your body with special exercises guided by professionals from the Austrian Armed Forces to relieve stress and prevent burnout and illness. Whether it's military cross training or fascia training, be prepared to break a sweat. And don't worry: All fitness levels are welcome! In case of bad weather, the session will take place in the foyer of the CCA.

25 August 2023 09:00 - 13:00 | Lab

Labs: Three-Day Working Sessions

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25 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

From Start-up to Scale-up in Europe: Afraid of Growing Up?

To keep up with the pace of technological and environmental change and stay in the game, Europe has to rely on fast growing start-ups. Financing and scaling up new solutions require a mix of financial instruments. How can Europe create a broad entrepreneurial ecosystem? How can capital be deployed so that our economies are supported by European technologies, ideas, solutions and products?

//INFO: Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg.
Bring hiking shoes and water.

In case of heavy rain, the session will take place in the gym of the middle school of Alpbach.

25 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Cities as Democratic Innovators for Climate

Cities are unique hubs of innovation that have the power to drive systemic change. At the same time, they are also at high risk of structural failure if current crises are not solved soon. Which instruments of democratic participation can cities adopt to become frontrunners in climate action? How can citizens become drivers of transformation, co-designing the future of resilient cities?

Drouin, Jennifer; Co-Founder & Community Manager; Amsterdam Doughnut Coalition; Speaker

25 August 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage

How Will AI Shape Humanity and Vice Versa?

Artificial intelligence both augments and disrupts human capacities and activities. Due to the speed and process of the AI revolution, humanity might struggle to adapt. Changes due to AI might be perceived as new freedoms or dangerous dependencies. As this coexistence of humanity and AI becomes the new normal, how will our lives change? What will it mean to be human in the age of AI?

25 August 2023 18:30 - 19:00 | Ritual

Into the Silence

A union of Peace: Spiritual impulses from different religious and philosophical traditions invite participants to reflect and contemplate. Inspirational impulse givers will tell their stories, invite you on a journey of thought and initiate moments of real stillness.

25 August 2023 18:30 - 19:00 | Ritual

Open-Air Concert of the Alpbach Brass Band

Every Friday during the summertime, the brass band of Alpbach gives an open-air concert at the village square. All residents or visitors to Alpbach are welcome!

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Barinova, Lina; Project Assistance; viennacontemporary; Facilitator

Barinova, Yana; EFA23 Arts and Culture Guest Curator; Contributor

25 August 2023 20:00 - 22:00 | Happening

Rojin Sharafi Performance

Rojin Sharafi's music crosses borders of genre, borrowing elements from different eras and genres such as noise, folk, ambient, metal and contemporary music. Her musical signature style includes fusion texture, narrative layers and formalistic approaches. Join us for a unique performance!

Barinova, Lina; Project Assistance; viennacontemporary; Facilitator

Barinova, Yana; EFA23 Arts and Culture Guest Curator; Facilitator

26 August 2023 04:00 - 08:00 | Hike

Sunrise Hike: Gratlspitz

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Rabanser, Theresia; Speaker

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26 August 2023 08:00 - 08:30 | Ritual

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26 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Ideas Camp

This is a place where interdisciplinary dialogue is facilitated and trans-European ideas are created. The Ideas-workshops are open to anybody who dares to think across systems and wants to embark on a unique journey of project ideation. Mentors support groups and individuals along the way and provide their own valuable learnings.

26 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

Climate Activism: Driving Climate Policy

Over the past years, youth-led climate movements have been particularly powerful and effective in putting the climate crisis on the political agenda. How can the current climate protests shape policy, as activists increasingly demand structural, systemic change? How can politicians and administrators better incorporate the interests of young and future generations into policy?

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De Wever Van der Heyden, Anuna; Trade and investment policy officer CAN Europe; Climate Action Network Europe; Speaker

26 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

New Ways of Enforcing the Rule of Law in Europe

Enforcing the rule of law is crucial for maintaining a democratic and stable civil society in Europe. Unfortunately, the EU faces challenges in applying its own rule of law mechanism. Are there better or new approaches and tools to uphold the rule of law in Europe?

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Circular hiking trail Böglerswiese Hausberg.

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Buldioski, Goran; Director of Programs, Open Society – Europe and Central Asia; Open Society Foundations; Speaker

Donath, Anna; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

Przybylski, Wojciech; Editor-in-Chief; Visegrad Insight; Speaker

26 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

High Polluters in Europe: Can they Finance their Transition?

High-emitting companies, such as those in the energy sector, are major contributors to climate change and will therefore play a critical role in achieving the transition to net-zero. While low-carbon technology investments in the energy sector have increased steadily in recent years, we are far from where we need to be. How can emitters, investors, investment banks and policy makers move the dial on financing the transition? How can capital markets help accelerate this process?

Campanale, Mark; Founder and Executive Director; Carbon Tracker Initiative; Speaker

26 August 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage

Why Women Should Run the World

Women have historically been underrepresented in leadership roles and have faced various forms of discrimination and barriers to accessing high-ranking positions. Studies have shown that women bring collaborative leadership styles and a focus on social issues that can lead to more equitable and inclusive policies. How do they overcome the obstacles they face? How can women set their own agenda and shape their respective fields?

Barinova, Yana; EFA23 Arts and Culture Guest Curator; Speaker

Dixon-Declève, Sandrine; Co-President; The Club of Rome; Speaker

Wallström, Margot; Member International Advisory Board EFA; Olof Palme International Center; Speaker

Witter, Lisa; CEO and Co-Founder; Apolitical Foundation; Chair

26 August 2023 18:30 - 19:30 | Stage

Empowering the Youth Through Sustainable Financial Education

Supported by: Liechtenstein Group

Young people's level of economic knowledge and financial management skills is strongly influenced by their social environment. This leads to unequal opportunities as they enter adulthood. In this year's competition, MEGA Education Foundation invites you to vote for the best ideas tackling financial and economic equity in our society. Join us at this crowd voting event to elect the winners who will receive seed funding to turn their ideas into reality!

Strolz, Matthias; Impact Entrepreneur, Author, Artist, Capacity Builder; Strolz e.u.; Speaker

26 August 2023 18:30 - 19:30 | Hike

Fractured Futures: Art Hike

Join us for a hike with artists to discuss their approach to politically engaged art. From human rights and climate justice to freedom of expression and refugee rights, guest curator Yana Barinova's FRACTURED FUTURES brings together a variety of international artistic positions on mobility and movement.

//INFO: Hike to Schafalm.

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Barinova, Lina; Project Assistance; viennacontemporary; Artist

Barinova, Yana; EFA23 Arts and Culture Guest Curator; Speaker

27 August 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

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27 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Skills Workshop

This is the space to explore and nurture new skills. Evolve skills that equip you for life in an increasingly complex world, marked by great uncertainty and the need to generate and implement solutions in entirely new ways. A set of workshops with interactive group work, focusing on the development of both individual and collective skills, awaits you.

27 August 2023 17:00 - 18:30 | Stage

Opening: Europe in the World Days

With the multiple crises our continent is still facing, Europe needs to become bolder in shaping the world. It must accelerate its green transition, regain its technological competitiveness, take its security into its own hands and defend its democratic values. A Bold Europe is not an option, it is a necessity.

27 August 2023 18:30 - 22:00 | Social

Opening Celebration

The mountains of Tyrol are welcoming you to Alpbach! Celebrate the opening of the "Europe in the World Days" in this historic village in the heart of Europe. As soon as the sun has set behind the mountains, raise your glasses to the upcoming days and welcome a strong, democratic and Bold Europe.

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28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Is the Use of AI Disrupting Democracy?

While AI has the potential to enhance democratic processes, its use can also endanger democracy in several ways. Much depends on how the technology is developed, implemented, and regulated. Is Europe in a unique position to shape this complicated relationship? Can the EU take a leading role by implementing the AI Act?

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Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg.

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Maydell, Eva; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

Narval, Philippe; Director; SQUARE/ University of St. Gallen; Chair

Nowotny, Helga; Former President; European Research Council; Speaker

Villani, Cédric; Mathematician, Professor; Lyon 1 University & IHES; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly? Bitcoin, Crypto and the Future of Money

New financial technologies have revolutionised the world of finance. Despite significant growth, we now witness the frailties of these developments, such as the recent unprecedented market turmoil in the crypto industry. What steps need to be taken by both the industry and policymakers to rebuild trust and harness the potential of blockchain technology? How can we shape the future of money and financial services?

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Booth, Jeff; Entrepreneur and Author; Ego Death Capital; Speaker

Jilch, Niko; Financial Journalist, Speaker and Moderator; Moderator

Joseph, Regina; Founder; Sibylink; Speaker

Kaminska, Izabella; Founder; The Blind Spot; Speaker

Poletto, Maurizio; Member of the Managing Board & Chief Platform Officer; Erste Group Bank AG; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

How Can the EU Become a Geopolitical Actor in Its Eastern Neighbourhood?

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine is having huge geopolitical implications for the EU's eastern neighbourhood, forcing the EU to take on greater responsibilities, including as a security provider. What could a new Eastern Partnership policy look like that takes account of the changed geopolitical circumstances? How can the EU integration of Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia best be achieved?

Bildt, Carl; Co-Chair; European Council on Foreign Relations; Speaker

Lagodinsky, Sergey; Member of the European Parliament (Greens/EFA); European Parliament; Speaker

Mathernová, Katarína; Deputy Director General; European Commission - Directorate General for Neighbourhood & Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR); Speaker

Mezentseva, Maria; Speaker

Schwarzer, Daniela; Executive Director, Open Society - Europe and Central Asia; Open Society Foundations; Speaker

Tsikhanouskaya, Sviatlana; Opposition Leader of Belarus / Head of the United Transition Cabinet; Office of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

From What If to What Is

Come and join Rob Hopkins in a deep dive into the ideas of his 'From What Is to What If' concept, exploring in a hands-on, participative way the power of the radical imagination. How can we make sure that our actions embody the future we dream of? And rumour has it, Rob might even be bringing an actual, working Time Machine with him. Don't miss it.

Hopkins, Rob; Co-Founder; Transition Network; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Smash Patriarchy – Reduce Emissions? Gender, Diversity and Climate Crisis

Supported by: Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology

The fight against the climate crisis is young, diverse and mostly female. Yet, this fight is facing fierce resistance through patriarchal structures in economic and political establishments. How can we empower people of all genders, ethnicities, ages, sexual orientations, social classes and backgrounds to stand up against these structures? Do we need a matriarchy? How do we bring about change to reduce emissions?

Gewessler, Leonore; Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology; Speaker

Krömer, Michaela; Attorney at Law; Kanzlei Krömer; Speaker

Wiese, Katharina; Senior Policy Officer for Economic Transition and Gender Equality; European Environmental Bureau; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Bold People for a Bold Europe: How to Attract and Retain Talent

Hosted by: AIT supported by Forschung Austria

The EFA23 annual theme “Bold Europe” suggests that Europe must contribute to shaping the world with more courage. A bold Europe requires bold people. How do we attract, develop and then retain these talented people?

Gattringer, Christof; Präsident; FWF; Speaker

Kückemanns, Antje; Head of Department HR Development; Fraunhofer; Speaker

Reich, Siegfried; Director; Salzburg Research Forschungsgesellschaft m.b.H.; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Teaching Democracy with New Technologies

Supported by: Innovation Foundation for Education

The digital skills young people acquire during their educational careers will play a fundamental role in whether and how they will be able to assess and use new technologies for participation in democratic processes. Discuss the required digital and democratic competences and how they might best be integrated in education.

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Democracy Needs a Digital Protective Shield

Supported by: JOANNEUM RESEARCH

Europe's democratic values and the Western way of life are under massive threat from authoritarian powers. The highly digitised infrastructure must be protected against cyber-attacks just as the influence of internet trolls on democratic systems and elections must be prevented. There will be an analysis of the technological aspects of this topic.

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Mission: Climate Neutral and Smart Cities – Austria, EU and beyond

Supported by: Climate and Energy Fund

Cities are our world's economic, cultural and social engines – and as such, they cause around 75 % of the global CO2 emissions. Therefore, it is important that cities across Europe engage in mutually beneficial learning on how climate neutrality can be implemented effectively, efficiently, and in a socially just way. Experts will incorporate best practise examples.

//INFO: Hike to Gasthof Rossmoos

In case of rain, there is going to be a shuttle to Gasthof Rossmoos.

28 August 2023 13:00 - 13:30 | Chat

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28 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

From Momentum to Climate Action

The momentum to make climate action happen is as big as never before. Knowledge and awareness about the palpable climate crisis are strong, solutions exist aplenty, yet satisfying policy actions are lacking and frustration and anger are growing. What are the positive social tipping points societies need? What are prime examples of action that pave the way towards more impact?

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Dixson-Declève, Sandrine; Co-President; The Club of Rome; Speaker

Hidalgo, Anne; Mayor of Paris; City of Paris; Speaker

Ottacher, Gebhard; Managing director; Climate Lab; Moderator

28 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Unity Through Green Mobility: Railways and Sustainability

Supported by: TU Austria

Interactively explore the possibilities for advancing green mobility in Europe: Aimed at strengthening internal European collaborations and thus reducing Europe's dependencies on external influences, stakeholders from industry, politics, research and society will share experiences and best practises to develop and discuss ideas for a greener future.

28 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Normalising Monetary Policy and Implications for Financial Stability

In times of high inflation, it is necessary to raise interest rates, but also to reduce central banks' balance sheets in order to return to the inflation target of 2% in the medium term. This shift away from unconventional monetary policy is a must. After years of low to negative nominal interest rates, how will this affect financial stability.

Bezhoska, Anita; Governor; National bank of the Republic of North Macedonia; Speaker

Hernández de Cos, Pablo; Governor; Banco de España; Speaker

Holzmann, Robert; Governor; Oesterreichische Nationalbank; Chair

Krogstrup, Signe; Governor; Danmarks Nationalbank; Speaker

Nagel, Joachim; President; Deutsche Bundesbank; Speaker

28 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Accountability for War Crimes – Ending the Age of Impunity

Those who commit atrocities must be held accountable for their actions. However, many perpetrators have historically enjoyed impunity. This is also a current concern regarding Russian war crimes in Ukraine. There is pressure on the international community to achieve tangible results on accountability. But how can it deliver? What are the most effective ways? And what role can Europe play in ending the age of impunity?

Gilmore, Eamon; EU Special Representative for Human Rights; European Union; Speaker

Nowak, Manfred; Secretary General; Global Campus of Human Rights; Speaker

Stagno Ugarte, Bruno; Deputy Executive Director - Chief Advocacy Officer; Human Rights Watch; Chair

Weinke, Annette; Professor; Friedrich Schiller University Jena; Speaker

28 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Player or Playground? Europe and the Tech War between the U.S. and China

The struggle for technological supremacy between the United States and China is in full swing. After the U.S. restricted sales of advanced semiconductors to China in October last year, the Netherlands recently issued similar export controls. What are the implications of this tech war for Europe? What should Europe do to increase its strategic sovereignty in the tech sector and avoid becoming a battleground?

Aris, Annet; Board Member and Senior Affiliate Professor of Strategy; Boards: ASML NV, Randstad NV, Jungheinrich AG, Professorship: INSEAD; Speaker

Bradford, Anu; Henry L. Moses Professor of Law and International Organization; Columbia Law School; Speaker

Bütikofer, Reinhard; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

28 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

From Climate Anxiety to Climate Action

Hosted by: AIT supported by Environment Agency Austria and Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology

The psychological effects of the climate crisis are becoming increasingly apparent in society: Feelings of being overwhelmed, guilt, sadness or even despair are summarised as Climate Anxiety. In order to be able to act again, we need to regain control of the situation. How can stories be told to create hope, scope for action and motivation to act? In short: How can Climate Anxiety become climate action?

Ehold, Verena; Managing Director; Umweltbundesamt- Environment Agency Austria; Moderator

28 August 2023 15:30 - 16:30 | Happening

Fractured Futures: Arts Opening

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United but Alone: How to Rethink the EU's Relations With the "Global South"?

While Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has united the West, many countries in the "Global South" have not supported Western sanctions. It may come as a surprise that the EU has not been able to gather more support, considering the fact that it is the biggest donor of development assistance and the largest trading block. What are the reasons for the apparent failure to win over the "Global South"? How can the EU rethink its approach?

Espinosa Garcés, Maria Fernanda; Executive Director; GWL Voices for Change and Inclusion; Speaker

Ezekwesili, Oby; President/ Founder / CEO; Human Capital Africa (HCA) and School of Politics Policy and Governance (SPPG); Speaker

González Laya, Arancha; Dean Paris School of International Affairs; Sciences Po; Speaker

28 August 2023 18:30 - 19:30 | Stage

Falling Walls in Science and Society

Falling Walls promotes visionary ideas and connects creative minds. In this year's competition, outstanding young scientists and entrepreneurs have exactly three minutes to convince the Alpbach audience of their innovative ideas, research, and business projects. Join the crowd voting and choose the winners who will receive a ticket to the renowned Falling Walls Conference in Berlin in November!

Jilch, Niko; Financial Journalist, Speaker and Moderator; Moderator

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Patent Cocktail: Women's Patents

Supported by: Austrian Patent Office

An evening event for those who are enthusiastic about new things. Topic: "Women's patents". Austria has the biggest gender gap in Europe when it comes to patents: male rate 92 %, female rate 8 %. Causes are portrayed and examples shown of what we are all missing out on when the ideas of 51 % of the population are ignored.

Gewessler, Leonore; Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology; Speaker

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29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

IN THE LOOP: Become a Facilitator for the Future of Circular Economy!

Supported by: Mondi Group

The circular economy has the potential to revolutionise both industry and economy. This is based on effective collaboration along the value chain. An interactive discussion provides insights on the important levers for the circular economy; from the perspective of industry, politics, science and representatives of the next generation. Join the loop, be part of a re-thinking economy!

Karas, Othmar; First Vice President; European Parliament; Speaker

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

North-South Climate Justice: Bringing Two Poles Closer Together

At several UN Climate Change Conferences (COP) the Global North and Global South relied on two opposite arguments regarding financial climate justice measures. While there is acceptance of historic responsibility, there is no agreement on necessary and urgent actions. Prior to the COP28 in November 2023, questions arise again. How do these two opposite poles define global climate justice and what can be done for them to come together.

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War and Peace in the Digital Age

The advent of new technologies has always affected the nature of conflict and competition between states. In today's world of rapidly evolving digital technologies and geopolitical competition it is more important than ever to examine this relationship. Similarly, what are the possibilities for using digital technologies to resolve conflicts and build peace?

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Meier, Claudia; Europe Lead; Build Up; Speaker

Renda, Andrea; Senior Research Fellow; CEPS; Speaker

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Co-Creating the Future of Food Systems

Supported by: Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management and Austrian Development Agency

Entrepreneurship and innovation can contribute to solving global food security challenges.

Discuss with relevant actors of food security including the World Food Programme and discuss what potential future scenarios of food systems look like and how cross-sector collaboration can shape them and jointly create concrete actions and commitments that can be implemented today.

Totschnig, Norbert; Federal Minister; Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management; Speaker

29 August 2023 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat

Deep-Tech Innovation – Shaping Europe’s Future

Hosted by: AIT supported by VFFI Verein zur Förderung der Forschung

Deep-tech innovations such as AI, space travel, quantum technology, advanced materials, novel energy and biotech will decisively shape our future. In the global race for technological leadership, Europe must consistently focus on the development of key technologies, accelerate deep-tech innovations and bring them to market faster. To this end, strong multi-stakeholder ecosystems are crucial to combine the forces of top science and research, companies and venture capital.

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Fact or Fake? - How to Spot Misinformation

Power enforces its own truth. This European-wide threat is evidenced by growing polarisation, manipulation, and distortion of public information and discourse. We take an innovative approach to media literacy in order to strengthen the reasoning process, teaching you to identify and counter disinformation.

Fleming, Melissa; Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications; United Nations;
Speaker

Mazurkiewicz, Maia; Co-founder & Head of StratCom; Alliance4Europe; Chair

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Breaking Boundaries: The Future of Public Service through Intrapreneurship

Supported by: Wonderwerk Consulting

The public sector must be innovative in order to keep pace with the changing needs of citizens. Learn about public intrapreneurship, an approach that enables public servants to drive innovation and create value for the public good from within. Learn from experts who have implemented this approach already and discover practical strategies to overcome challenges and seize opportunities.

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

A Bold Vision for Innovative Healthcare and its Industry in Europe

Supported by: Roche Austria

Challenging times require great ambition to ensure better and sustainable healthcare for Europe's citizens. The EU Pharmaceutical Strategy aims to secure access to good quality healthcare, equity, and solidarity. The issue is whether the EU is bold and visionary enough to support a sustainable future for its life science industry and if life sciences in Europe are still part of the race for technology and innovation.

29 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

Using the EU's Market Power to Set Global Norms and Standards

As one of the largest economies in the world, the EU has the ability to use its market power to set global norms and standards. This can take various forms: from environmental standards, through human rights and anti-corruption provisions to tech regulation. By setting high standards, the EU can help create a more sustainable and equitable global economy. Has the EU been successful in this so far? What more can it do without compromising its competitiveness?

//INFO: Bring good hiking shoes and water.

Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg.

In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the gym of the Mittelschule Alpbach.

Blockmans, Steven; Director of Research; CEPS; Speaker

Bradford, Anu; Henry L. Moses Professor of Law and International Organization; Columbia Law School; Speaker

Cseh, Katalin; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

Mrkusova, Klaudie; Policy Officer | Vice-chairwoman; European Commission | Forum Alpbach Network Board; Chair

29 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Emotions vs. Facts – Can “Factfulness” Help Change the World?

Supported by: Erste Group

It feels like the world is going from one crisis to another. The subjective feeling of a downward spiral and the idea of "factfulness", as a way to open up minds for fact-based reasoning, are addressed and explained. Which role does factual knowledge play when it comes to maintaining democratic structures? What is businesses' and the economy's contribution? Can autocratic tendencies be prevented by factfulness?

29 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Rebuilding an Effective European Security Architecture

The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine has dealt the final blow to the post-Cold War European security order. Although the war is still raging, it is important to look ahead and discuss what a future European security architecture should look like after the war and whether it should include Russia. How could security guarantees for Ukraine and other countries look like? What is the role of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, NATO and key players such as the EU, Turkey and the UK?

Biscop, Sven; Professor; Egmont Institute & Ghent University; Speaker

Pisarska, Katarzyna; Founder & Director; European Academy of Diplomacy; Moderator

29 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

A Resilient and Sovereign Europe: How to Thrive in a Fragmented World

The ongoing shift towards a more fragmented world order, driven by the pandemic and Russia's war against Ukraine, calls for urgent action. Europe needs to reduce its dependencies and strengthen its strategic sovereignty, while remaining open to the world. How can Europe use the current window of opportunity to accelerate the environmental and digital transition and regain its competitiveness? How can Europe become bolder in shaping the world?

Giammarioli, Nicola; Secretary General; European Stability Mechanism; Speaker

Maydell, Eva; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

Pillath, Carsten; State Secretary; German Federal Ministry of Finance; Speaker

29 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

The Future is Female: How are Women Shaping the EU?

Supported by: Federal Chancellery

The European Union has more female leaders than ever before. The European Commission consists of as many female Commissioners as male ones and is led by Ursula von der Leyen. In the European Council, women are still the clear minority, but those who are in the room significantly shape EU policy. What has been the effect of these developments? What is necessary to strengthen female participation even further and allow for women to break the glass ceiling? What can future female leaders learn from those currently in power?

Edtstadler, Karoline; Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution; Federal Chancellery; Speaker

29 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Building Trust in Science and Democracy – The Role of Science Communication

Hosted by: AIT supported by Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research and Austrian Science Fund

Disinterest and increasing scepticism towards science and democracy lead us to the question of what we can do to restore trust in these crucial factors. The results of a recent study relating to the causes of science and democracy scepticism conducted by the Institute for Advanced Studies will be discussed along with the role of science communication.

Gattringer, Christof; Präsident; FWF; Moderator

Nowotny, Helga; Former President; European Research Council; Speaker

Polaschek, Martin; Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research; Moderator

Starkbaum, Johannes; Senior Researcher; Institut für Höhere Studien - Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS); Speaker

29 August 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage

Democracy vs. Autocracy – How can Democracy Win?

There is a global struggle between democracy and autocracy as two competing systems of governance, intensified by the War in Ukraine. Europe itself faces both internal and external threats to democracy, through democratic backsliding and malign actors. How can European democracies be reinforced? How can we better counteract autocratic leaders and methods? And how can Europe and its allies take on a democratic leadership role?

Conley, Heather; President; German Marshall Fund of the United States; Speaker

Guriev, Sergei; Provost; Sciences Po; Speaker

Krastev, Ivan; Permanent fellow; IWM; Speaker

Randeria, Shalini; President and Rector; Central European University; Chair

Tsikhaneuskaya, Sviatlana; Opposition Leader of Belarus / Head of the United Transition Cabinet; Office of Sviatlana Tsikhaneuskaya; Speaker

29 August 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Chat

Will Tech Bail Us Out?

The global community may only have six years left to set actions that will limit global warming to 1.5 degrees. New technologies for carbon dioxide removal are expected to take about ten more years to become operational at a significant scale. This is a race against time. When will future tech breakthroughs be able to support an effective transformation towards net-zero? How do we align our actions and thinking today in view of these future tools?

Riahi, Keywan; Program Director Energy, Climate, and Environment; IIASA International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; Speaker

29 August 2023 18:30 - 19:30 | Stage

The Clash of World Orders

In February 2022, the leaders of Russia and China announced their intention to build a new world order more in line with their interests and less dominated by the West. Is this the beginning of a new Cold War or are we moving towards a multipolar system with multiple centres of power? Alternatively, one could also argue that Russia's setbacks in Ukraine and China's failed COVID-19 policy mean that the United States will remain the sole superpower for the foreseeable future.

//INFO: Listen to three different perspectives on the topic, challenge the speakers with your questions and comments, and vote on which pitch you found the most compelling.

Tchakarova, Velina; Founder; FACE For A Conscious Experience; Speaker

29 August 2023 18:30 - 19:30 | Hike

Fractured Futures: Art Hike

Join us for a hike with artists to discuss their approach to politically engaged art. From human rights and climate justice to freedom of expression and refugee rights, guest curator Yana Barinova's FRACTURED FUTURES brings together a variety of international artistic positions on mobility and movement.

//INFO: Hike to Schafalm.

Bring hiking shoes and water.

In case of heavy rain, the session will take place in the Schulhäusl.

30 August 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

Morning Sports

Start your day with a workout and get an energy boost!

Train your body with special exercises guided by professionals from the Austrian Armed Forces to relieve stress and prevent burnout and illness. Whether it's military cross training or fascia training, be prepared to break a sweat. And don't worry: All fitness levels are welcome! In case of bad weather, the session will take place in the foyer of the CCA.

30 August 2023 09:00 - 10:00 | Stage

Closing: Europe in the World Days

At this closing 'fishbowl', everybody is invited to share memories and stories and to reflect on three days of encounters, debates, common experiences and Alpbach moments. We also want to think ahead and talk about the topics that will shape the 'Bold Europe' and should therefore be subject of EFA24.

30 August 2023 17:00 - 18:30 | Stage

Opening: Austria in Europe Days

With the multiple crises our continent is still facing, Europe needs to become bolder in shaping the world. It must accelerate its green transition, regain its technological competitiveness, take its security into its own hands and defend its democratic values. A Bold Europe is not an option, it is a necessity.

Karas, Othmar; First Vice President; European Parliament; Speaker

Milborn, Corinna; Moderator

Pirc Musar, Nataša; President; Republic of Slovenia; Speaker

Van der Bellen, Alexander; Federal President; Republic of Austria; Speaker

30 August 2023 18:30 - 22:00 | Social

Cheers to EFA23 by A1

Supported by: A1

Kick-off and Kick-back!

Enjoy regional cuisine, cool drinks and up-to-date music, mingle with the crowd, enjoy a sundowner on the terrace, have a chat and ease into EFA23 with us.

31 August 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

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31 August 2023 08:00 - 08:30 | Ritual

Into the Silence

A union of Peace: Spiritual impulses from different religious and philosophical traditions invite participants to reflect and contemplate. Inspirational impulse givers will tell their stories, invite you on a journey of thought and initiate moments of real stillness.

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Foresight

Bontoux, Laurent; Senior Foresight for Policy Expert; European Commission; Speaker
Wornig, Denise; Speaker

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Citizens' Assemblies Simulation

Promoting informed and deliberative dialogue on complex social and political issues, citizens' assemblies can be a valuable tool. They allow participants to explore different perspectives and develop solutions that reflect the needs and values of the broader community. Instead of the usual year-long series of facilitated discussions, we will use an interactive simulation to let participants experience citizens' assemblies.

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Europe's Economic Lessons Learned from Russia's War against Ukraine

Russia's war against Ukraine has severely disrupted historic economic and financial ties with Europe. Europe's large exposure to Russia has led to huge adjustment costs and the need to reshape its economies for a longer-term disengagement from Russia. How can Europe assume a position of strength while dealing with these adjustments? How, in turn, can Europe foster interlinkages with Ukraine for mutual benefit and integrate its large economy into its markets?

//INFO: Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg.

Bring hiking shoes and water.

In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the gym of the Mittelschule Alpbach.

Akhvlediani, Tinatin; Head of Financial Markets and Institutions Unit; Centre for European Policy Studies CEPS;

Guriev, Sergei; Provost; Sciences Po; Speaker

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Within Planetary Boundaries – The New Business as Usual

Limited resources on our planet are a fact, but so is intensive resource use, particularly in the Global North. Which types of business entities can radically shift our focus away from resource-intensive economic growth? What are their organising modes, their challenges and their unique benefits?

//INFO: Circular hiking trail Böglerswiese Hausberg.

Bring hiking shoes and water.

In case of heavy rain, the session will take place in the first floor (EG1) of the Volksschule of Alpbach.

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Technological Innovation - Enabler of the Energy Transition

Supported by: VERBUND

Technological innovation is crucial in accelerating the energy transition. It can help improve the efficiency, reliability and sustainability of energy production, transmission and use. Discuss different perspectives on key technologies for the green transition.

//INFO: Hike to Gasthof Rossmoos.

In case of rain, a shuttle is going to take you to Gasthof Rossmoos.

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Measuring Inclusion

Supported by: myAbility Social Enterprise

Uncovering the social endeavours of organisations is challenging. In the light of current European legislation and a global thrive of making impact visible and tangible, experts will engage in an interactive exchange to equip you with everything you need to know and do in order to meet the ESG criteria. This century is about impact analysis – in a world longing to prove what “changing the world” looks like in numbers.

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Comprehensive Defence in Europe – Lessons Learned from the War in Ukraine

Supported by: Federal Ministry of Defence

The war in Ukraine makes it necessary to defend our European community of values. Hence, the EU has to realize a collective security architecture to achieve those goals; and the defence capabilities as well as the Europeans' willingness to resist have to be strengthened. The Comprehensive National Defence according to the Austrian constitution serves as a principle for this topic.

Stadler, Christian M.; Professor; University of Vienna; Speaker

Wakolbinger, Tina; Professor; WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business); Speaker

Wehrschütz, Christian; ORF Correspondant for Ukraine and Balkan; ORF; Moderator

31 August 2023 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat

Weak Financial Literacy: Is Europe's Youth Facing Financial Uncertainty?

Supported by: Vienna Insurance Group

Knowledge about financial provision and personal risks from income security is low, especially among the younger population. In addition, there is a noticeable West-East gap in Europe. In many CEE countries, the protection of material assets is still prioritised. There's a possible threat of old-age poverty and existence without strengthening financial literacy: Look at the framework needed and explore the opportunities and risks.

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

More Green, Less Grey – Realising Innovative Urban Neighbourhoods to Prevent Overheated Cities

Supported by: SIGNA

Green facades are seen as a tool to strengthen the resilience of cities against the backdrop of climate change. However, the devil is in the details. Fire protection, the right choice of planting, and pressure of use of public space are examples of many factors that must be ensured to achieve optimum effect. Another highly effective form of not only protecting urban space from overheating, but also pushing biodiversity, is green roofs. During the Hike, national and international showcase projects will be discussed with high-level experts.

//INFO: Hike to Zirmalm:

In case of heavy rain, a shuttle will take you to Gasthof Zirmalm.

31 August 2023 13:00 - 13:30 | Chat

Fractured Futures: Guided Tour

In a guided tour around Alpbach, participating artists will introduce selected artworks of FRACTURED FUTURES and discuss different approaches to politically engaged art. Artists will address the struggle of European societies to welcome their newcomers, as well as the wider aspirations for a peaceful coexistence of humans and nature.

//INFO: In case of heavy rain, the tour will start in the Otto Molden Foyer.

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Next Exit: Fossil Fuels?

The most recent report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) clearly states that the global community cannot allow for the implementation of new fossil fuel extraction projects if it really wishes to effectively limit global warming. What changes does it need for EU energy policy to pursue this goal effectively and which kind of narrative will bring all actors on board?

Ribera, Teresa; Minister for the Ecological Transition; Government of Spain; Speaker

Vanizette, Christian; Co-founder; regroup & makesense; Speaker

31 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

Military Lessons Learned From Russia's War Against Ukraine

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has been the largest land war in Europe since World War II. Those technological, tactical and strategic factors – including the use of nuclear threat – that have been decisive on the battlefield need to be examined to draw lessons for potential future conflicts and military planning in Europe.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg

Bring hiking shoes and water.

In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the gym of the Mittelschule Alpbach.

Gaub, Florence; Director, Research division; NATO Defence College; Moderator

Kofman, Michael; Research Program Director; Center for Naval Analyses (CNA); Speaker

Reisner, Markus; Member BMLV; BMLV; Speaker

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

The Lack of Economic Opportunity Is Eroding Democracy – What has to change?

The lack of economic opportunity erodes democracy by creating social and economic inequality, marginalisation and disillusionment of citizens. This can lead to a loss of trust in institutions and political processes, as well as to increased social and political tensions. How can we change course and build equitable and democratic societies, considering the variety of interests involved?

Randeria, Shalini; President and Rector; Central European University; Chair

Stiglitz, Joseph E.; Economist, Public Policy Analyst and Professor; Columbia University; Speaker

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Labour Markets in Transition

In an era of great technological and environmental change, many jobs are likely to change, if not disappear, by 2030. This will fundamentally change labour markets. Will there be enough work for everyone in the future, and can green jobs make up for those lost through automation and AI? How can policy makers, companies and societies manage the upcoming workforce transition?

Jilch, Niko; Financial Journalist, Speaker and Moderator; Moderator

Kocher, Martin; Austrian Federal Minister for Labour and Economy; Speaker

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

The Future of Food and Agriculture – and the Politics Behind

Supported by: Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management

Farmers only contribute to approx. 1.3 % of the European gross domestic product, but their efforts to feeding the world are priceless. With a global population hitting ten billion by 2050, food supply must more than double. However, we witness an unbalanced shift of priorities in politics. The Minister of Agriculture, Norbert Totschnig, and others discuss issues around consumer demand, food security and policy.

Totschnig, Norbert; Federal Minister; Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management; Speaker

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Affordable Housing

Supported by: Erste Group

More details will follow soon.

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

The Age of Complexity: Navigating the World in the 21st Century

Supported by: Greiner

In order to face the multiple crises of our time and actively shape the future despite great uncertainty, we need the ability to manage complexity. In situations of crisis and while change processes, people have to know the system within which they operate and decide how to take different factors into account. How do they proceed this and what is what matters most?

31 August 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Chat

Corruption – Antidotes to the Deadly Poison for Democracy

Corruption is a deadly poison for democracy as it undermines public trust in institutions and erodes the rule of law. What are the concrete links between corruption and loss of trust? What are the most effective means against systematic corruption at both EU and national level? And how can these antidotes be administered to our democratic systems?

O'Reilly, Emily; European Ombudsman; European Ombudsman; Speaker

Radu, Paul; Co-Executive Director; The Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project; Speaker

Zadic, Alma; Federal Minister of Justice of the Republic of Austria; Federal Ministry of Justice; Speaker

31 August 2023 20:00 - 22:00 | Social

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) – Fair Business Practises

Supported by: Grant Thornton Austria

While enjoying a sundowner, start the evening in an informal atmosphere with the current topic "ESG – Fair Business Practises". You will learn more about SDG 16 (Sustainable Development Goal Nr. 16), according to the European Sustainability Reporting Standards and the implementation of fair business practises in institutions and companies as well as the associated economic and social benefits.

01 September 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

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01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Climate Action Game: Co-Creating the Future

How do we initiate effective climate action? What are the systemic levers and how can they be used for transformative solutions?

This climate action game opens up a space of experience using a cutting-edge science-based climate scenario tool co-developed by MIT Sloan. In a role-playing simulation, possible climate policy measures are explored and their effectiveness for sustainable action will be put to the test.

Bolena, Alexandra; Speaker

Boschert, Friedhelm; Speaker

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Sustainable Health Systems for an Aging Population

Supported by: Apellis Pharmaceuticals

This workshop session is specifically designed to address the question on how an aging population and adequate health care services are ought to be managed to ensure financial and institutional sustainability. Which lessons are to be learned from our European neighbours and how can the demographic change facilitate a transition into a truly inclusive health care system?

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

How Technology Creates Unprecedented Insights into Biodiversity

Supported by: Huawei Technologies

Lake Neusiedl is home to Europe's largest reed belt, a natural heritage site that houses many wetland creatures and endangered birds. A cloud- and AI-based acoustic monitoring system supports research by helping rangers identify species-specific sounds. The data provides profound insights into the impacts of weather conditions, climate change and reed dieback on habitats.

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Time for a „Zeitenwende“ in Austria?

The war in Ukraine has caused many European countries to fundamentally rethink their security and defence policies. Finland and Sweden have decided to abandon their decades-long policy of non-alignment and to join NATO. Germany has announced a "Zeitenwende", or "historical turning point", for German defence policy and a special fund of 100 billion euros for the German Armed Forces. Austria has also decided to increase defence spending and to develop a new security strategy. What should the cornerstones of this new strategy look like and how should Austria adjust its security policy in light of the changed geopolitical framework?

Gady, Franz Stefan; Adjunct Senior Fellow; Center for New American Security; Speaker

Karnitschnig, Matthew; Moderator

Meinl-Reisinger, Beate; Speaker

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Feminist (Counter-)Revolutions

The feminist (counter-)revolutions in Iran and Afghanistan illustrate the ongoing fight of women in order to obtain more rights and autonomy in patriarchal societies. Despite significant challenges, danger and repression, women have continued to mobilise and push for change. How can these efforts be successful in both the short and long-term?

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Circular hiking trail Böglerwiese Hausberg.

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Gaub, Florence; Director, Research division; NATO Defence College; Moderator

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Transforming Food and Agriculture for a Sustainable Future

Supported by: Nestlé

Climate change and environmental threats such as the degradation of forests, land, soil and waterways are impacting farmers and communities. These threats put farmer livelihoods at risk and jeopardize the accessibility and availability of quality food. We need transformative change and embark on a journey to advance regenerative food systems to help protect and restore our planet's resources.

//INFO: Hike to Gasthof Rossmoos.

In case of heavy rain, a shuttle will take you to Gasthof Rossmoos.

01 September 2023 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat

Regionalisation Within the Global Economy

Supported by: Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy

The COVID-19 pandemic and the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine have reinforced the already existing trend of regionalisation in the global economy. In addition, trade strategies are currently being redesigned to better factor in geopolitical and geo-economical risks. How can the EU continue reaping the benefits of open trade and become more self-sufficient and resilient at the same time?

Kocher, Martin; Austrian Federal Minister for Labour and Economy; Austrian Federal Ministry for Labour and Economy; Speaker

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

World of Work 2.0: "Employees Urgently Wanted!"

Supported by: Austrian Federal Railways

As baby boomers approach retirement age, finding new employees is becoming increasingly difficult. Do we really want to worsen conditions for part-time jobs in order to get more people into full-time employment? Is it possible to compensate the demand by productivity growth? What do companies have to change to recruit workers? A discussion on the necessary framework conditions for the labour market of the future.

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

What if Technology Acts as a Catalyst for Change to Save the Planet?

Supported by: IBM International Business Machines Corporation

This session will explore the potential of open innovation and technology to drive positive change and contribute to sustainable development. We will examine case studies of successful collaborations between businesses, governments, and other organizations to develop sustainable solutions and discuss the role of open innovation in driving environmental and social impact.

01 September 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

How Online Travel Platforms Contribute to Sustainable Tourism

Supported by: Booking.com

If properly managed, tourism drives economic growth and benefits a country's cultural and natural heritage. Online travel platforms provide small tourism businesses with access to global markets. However, can they promote sustainability? The possibilities of online travel platforms to make tourism sustainable while focusing on recent developments will be explored.

01 September 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Securing Digital Sovereignty

Supported by: Austrian Federal Computing Center

The use of cloud technologies is becoming increasingly important to IT services in public administration. IT providers in the public sector must agree on strategies for their own cooperation and the use of services of internationally active cloud providers to prevent lock-in-effects. The key to preserving digital sovereignty is to develop a framework of technical, organisational and legal standards.

01 September 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

Finance Disrupted: Digitalisation, Inequality and the Future of Banking

The European financial system is undergoing profound changes due to long-term disruptions, such as ongoing digitalisation, rising inequalities, and the uncertain future of banking. How will these disruptions affect the European financial system? How can policymakers ensure the financial stability of the financial sector and long-term prosperity in Europe?

//INFO: Circular hiking trail Böglerswiese Hausberg.

Bring hiking shoes and water.

In case of heavy rain, the session will take place in the gym of the middle school of Alpbach.

Gnath, Katharina; Senior Project Manager; Bertelsmann Stiftung; Speaker

Wieser, Thomas; Board Member; European Forum Alpbach; Speaker

01 September 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Reskilling for a Green, Circular and Resilient Economy

A new mindset and new skills are needed for the transition towards a low-carbon economy. What measures should be taken by regulators, educators, companies and visionaries in order to drive forward an economy that works for the people and meets the transition's requirements? How can we prepare ourselves to accompany this process into practice?

Detomati, Giulia; Founder and CEO; InVento Innovation Lab; Speaker

01 September 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Independent Media Under Pressure in Democracies

Independent media is essential in any functioning democracy. It plays a crucial role in facilitating public debate, informing citizens, and holding those in power accountable. However, in recent years independent media has come under pressure in many democracies around the world. What methods are used to curtail media freedom? What are the most effective counter-measures?

Kusari, Flutura; Senior Legal Advisor; European Centre for Press and Media Freedom; Speaker
Munk, Veronika; Director of Innovation and New Markets; Dennik N; Speaker

01 September 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Waste Management and Climate Change: What happens with YOUR waste?

Supported by: City of Vienna

Your Waste – and what happens to it – has an impact on climate change.

Solutions are: waste prevention, high quality material recycling and smart thermal treatment (for example in Waste to Energy Plants) of the remaining non-recyclable mixed waste. No waste should go directly to a landfill.

Austria demonstrates long-term best practise examples in the waste management sector for years, however worldwide, high amounts of waste directly go to landfills untreated. This causes about 10 % of the global greenhouse gas emissions.

Therefore, it is crucial to collaborate – nationwide and across boundaries – to develop an optimised and climate-friendly waste management.

01 September 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Keeping Pace in the New Space Race

Outer Space is becoming increasingly important for our everyday lives, including for security and defence, as war in Ukraine has shown. However, space is an increasingly contested domain with actors such as China, Russia or the United States heavily investing in new capabilities. How can Europe keep up in this new space race and safeguard its security interests in space?

Aschbacher, Josef; Director General; ESA European Space Agency; Speaker
Robinson, Jana; Managing Director; Prague Security Studies Institute; Speaker

01 September 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage

How to Strengthen Resilience in the Face of Polycrisis?

Pandemics, climate disasters, war, inflation, food and energy shortages – the world is facing many crises simultaneously. How can we increase the resilience of our states and societies in the face of so many complex challenges and get ahead of future crises?

Saran, Samir; President; Observer Research Foundation; Speaker
Tocci, Nathalie; Director; Istituto Affari Internazionali; Speaker

01 September 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Chat

Today's Youth: No Finance, which Future?

Today's economic challenges of high inflation, low growth and low interest rates have affected different parts of our societies in different ways. This poses a long-term challenge, particularly for young people trying to finance a home and save for their retirement. How can we secure the financial future of our youth? What is the role of digital transformation, state intervention or capital markets?

Jilch, Niko; Financial Journalist, Speaker and Moderator; Moderator

Kopf, Johannes; Member of the Board; Austrian Public Employment Service (AMS); Speaker

Lapenna, Lily; Founder & Patron; MyBnk;

Riitsalu, Leonore; Research Fellow in Behavioural Policy; University of Tartu; Speaker

Stiglitz, Joseph E.; Economist, Public Policy Analyst and Professor; Columbia University; Speaker

01 September 2023 18:30 - 19:00 | Ritual

Open-Air Concert of the Alpbach Brass Band

Every Friday during the summertime, the brass band of Alpbach gives an open-air concert at the village square. All residents or visitors to Alpbach are welcome!

01 September 2023 18:30 - 19:30 | Hike

Fractured Futures: Art Hike

Join us for a hike with artists to discuss their approach to politically engaged art. From human rights and climate justice to freedom of expression and refugee rights, guest curator Yana Barinova's FRACTURED FUTURES brings together a variety of international artistic positions on mobility and movement.

//INFO: Hike to Schafalm. Bring hiking shoes and water.

In case of heavy rain, the session will take place at the Schulhäusl.

Barinova, Lina; Project Assistance; viennacontemporary; Facilitator

Barinova, Yana; EFA23 Arts and Culture Guest Curator; Speaker

01 September 2023 18:30 - 19:00 | Ritual

Into the Silence

A union of Peace: Spiritual impulses from different religious and philosophical traditions invite participants to reflect and contemplate. Inspirational impulse givers will tell their stories, invite you on a journey of thought and initiate moments of real stillness.

01 September 2023 20:00 - 22:00 | Social

It's a Wrap!

As we reach the end of EFA23, let's make sure that we leave with a bang! We invite you to dance, mingle and celebrate. This is your last chance to join us for a night full of music, fun and laughter. Raise a glass to the shared experiences, connections and the new paths we have forged. Let's make this a party to remember - see you on the dance floor!

02 September 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

Morning Sports

Start your day with a workout and get an energy boost!
Train your body with special exercises guided by professionals from the Austrian Armed Forces to relieve stress and prevent burnout and illness. Whether it's military cross training or fascia training, be prepared to break a sweat. And don't worry: All fitness levels are welcome! In case of bad weather, the session will take place in the foyer of the CCA.

02 September 2023 08:00 - 08:30 | Ritual

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02 September 2023 09:00 - 10:00 | Stage

Closing: Austria in Europe Days

At this closing 'fishbowl', everybody is invited to share memories and stories and to reflect on two weeks of encounters, debates, common experiences and Alpbach moments. We also want to think ahead and talk about the topics that will shape the Bold Europe and should therefore be subject of EFA24.