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

Vienna, Palais Eschenbach – June 22, 2009

In November 2006, the Austrian Science and Research Liaison Offices Ljubljana and Sofia (ASOs) organised the first so-called „Westbalkan Science Day” at the University of Vienna. Due to the great interest, the ASOs continue with a second Westbalkan Science Day which will take place on **22 June 2009 at the Palais Eschenbach**.

Co-organisers are the University of Vienna, Faculty of Social Sciences, the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences and the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) with the support of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research in the framework of its SEE science cooperation initiative.

The Science Day is focused on establishing and promoting networking activities as well as strengthening existing cooperations between Austrian and Western Balkan researchers for further research activities.

The two thematic domains of the second Westbalkan Science Day are:

- Social Sciences (“Changing society in a comparative perspective” and “Development and social cohesion in a knowledge society”)
- Resource Management (“Agro Food” and “Water Management”)

The morning session provides information about research capacities in the Western Balkan countries, the Austrian research landscape and funding opportunities. The afternoon is reserved for individual networking, elaboration of new project ideas and discussion of future cooperation in the thematic workshops.

**Target group:** Researchers and Research Managers from Austria and the Western Balkan countries

**Venue:** Palais Eschenbach, Eschenbachgasse 11, 1010 Vienna (<http://www.palais-eschenbach.at/>)

**Language:** English

**Registration:** <http://registration-scienceday.zsi.at>

**Online Registration only.**

**Website:** <http://www.aso.zsi.at>

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# AGENDA

## MORNING SESSION

Venue: Palais Eschenbach, Eschenbachgasse 11, 1010 Vienna

08.30 - 09.15 **Registration**

09.15 **Opening and Welcome Addresses**

Johannes Hahn, Austrian Federal Minister for Science and Research

Anneliese Stoklaska, Director of the Department for International Research

Co-operations at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research

Martin H. Gerzabek, Acting Rector and Vice-Rector for Research of the

University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences

Rudolf Richter, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna

9.45 - 10.15 **Keynote Speaker**

Erhard Busek, Rector of the Salzburg University of Applied Sciences (FHS),

Former Special Co-ordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe

10.15 - 10.45 **Presentation of the activities of the Austrian Science and  
Research Liaison Offices in Ljubljana and Sofia**

Martin Felix Gajdusek, Head of the ASO Sofia

Miroslav Polzer, Head of the ASO Ljubljana

10.45 - 11.15 **Coffee break and networking**

11.15 - 13.00 **Parallel sessions**

### Session I:

#### Resource Management (“Agro Food” and “Water Management”)

##### 1. Overview of the Austrian Research Landscape

Walter W. Wenzel, Head of the Rhizosphere Ecology and Biogeochemistry Group, Department of Forest and Soil Sciences, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences Vienna

##### 2. Research capacities in the Western Balkan countries

Miroslav Polzer, Head of the ASO Ljubljana

##### 3. Funding opportunities in Resource Management:

- **EU Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)**

Andrea Hoffmann, Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)

- **Presentation of the “SEE-ERA.NET PLUS Call on Agro FOOD and ICT”**

Marion Haberfellner, project leader SEE-ERA.NET

**Session II:  
Social Sciences**

- 1. Overview of the Austrian Research Landscape**
- 2. Research capacities in the Western Balkan countries**  
Martin Felix Gajdusek, Head of the ASO Sofia
- 3. Funding opportunities in Social Sciences**  
Michalis Tzatzanis, Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)

13.00 - 14.00 **Buffet Lunch**

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

14.00 – 16.30 **Parallel workshops**

- « Tour de table » Short presentation of each participant with focus on challenges and future plans
- presentations of networks
- finally individual networking opportunities in “relaxed atmosphere”

**WORKSHOP 1 Agro Food**

Moderation: Wilhelm Windisch, Head of Division of Animal Food and Nutrition and Head of Department of Food Science and Technology, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences

**WORKSHOP 2 Water Management**

Moderation: Thomas Hein, Leader of the working group “BioFrames” at the Wassercluster Lunz, Institute of Hydrobiology and Aquatic Ecosystem Management, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences

**WORKSHOP 3 Changing society in a comparative perspective**

Moderation: Christoph Reinprecht, Professor at the Department for Sociology and programme director for sociology at the University of Vienna

**WORKSHOP 4 Development and social cohesion in a knowledge society**

Moderation: Ursula Naue, Lecturer at the Department of Political Science, University of Vienna and at the Department of Educational Science, University of Innsbruck

## ORGANISERS



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