

AUSSEN WIRTSCHAFT FORUM

TRUMP 2.0 – ALL CHANGE? CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EASTERN EUROPE

3rd FIW Round Table: Focus Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe

Monday, 20 January 2025

PROGRAMME

Venue: Austrian Federal Economic Chamber | **Hall 6** | Wiedner Hauptstraße 63 | 1040 Vienna

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Description

The inauguration of Donald Trump as President of the United States marks a peak in global uncertainty. Trump is widely expected to unravel a series of transactional deals that could reshape the global economic and political landscape. Europe, and particularly Eastern Europe, stands to be significantly impacted. Few regions are as reliant on the United States for military security, energy supply, and economic demand. While it is broadly anticipated that economic ties could be strained through steep tariff increases, the future dynamics of military and energy dependencies are harder to predict. The FIW 3rd Round Table event aims to shed light on the potential challenges and opportunities arising from the policies of President-elect Donald Trump.

MONDAY, 20.1.2025

13.30 - 14.00

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

14.00 – 14.15

WELCOME ADDRESSES

- Gudrun HAGER | Regional Director North, West, Central and Southern Europe, ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
- Aida TOPIC | Trade and Competition Policy Analyses and Strategies, Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy (BMAW)
- Mario HOLZNER | Director, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)

14.15 – 14.45

INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION ON: (EASTERN) EUROPE'S DEPENDENCE ON THE US

- Mario HOLZNER | Director, The Vienna Institute for International Economics Studies (wiiw)
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14.45 – 16.00

PANEL DISCUSSION

TRUMP'S 2nd TERM AND ITS IMPACT ON THE ECONOMIES OF EASTERN EUROPE

- Zsolt DARVAS | Senior Fellow, Bruegel, Bruxelles
- Mario HOLZNER | Director, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)
- Irene LACK-HAGENEDER | Head of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA in Washington
- Radu MAGDIN | CEO, Smartlink Communications, Bucharest
- Paul RÜBIG | fMEP, Member EESC, ACER and Rübige Holding

CHAIR: Gerd BOMMER | Regional Director Southeast Europe, Eastern Europe/Central Asia, ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

16.00 – 17.00

NETWORKING

The FIW - Research Centre International Economics (<https://www.fiw.ac.at/>) is a cooperation between the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), the University Vienna, the Johannes Kepler University Linz and the University of Innsbruck, WIFO and wiiw. FIW is supported by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) and the Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy (BMAW).