

AUSTRIA CONNECT BENELUX 2022

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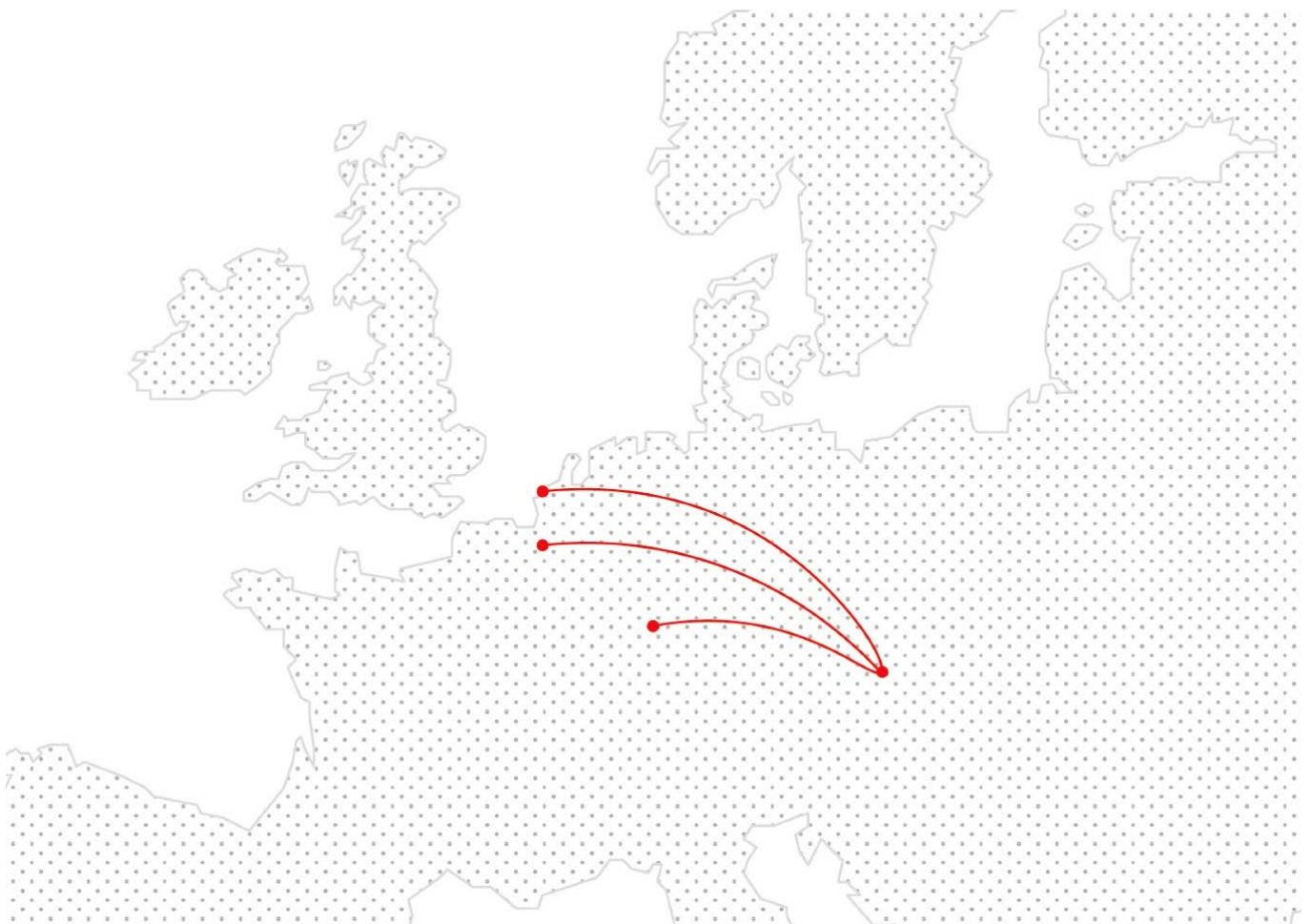
1st NETWORKING CONFERENCE FOR AUSTRIAN SUBSIDIARIES IN BENELUX AND NEWCOMERS

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08.30 – 09.00 ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

09.00 – 09.30 OPENING CEREMONY & OPENING STATEMENTS

Moderation: Michael **SPALEK** | Austrian Commercial Counsellor for BENELUX

H.E. Elisabeth **KORNFEIND** | Austrian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium and to NATO

H.E. Melitta **SCHUBERT** | Austrian Ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

H.E. Astrid **HARZ** | Austrian Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Philipp **GADY** | Vice president of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

09.30-10.00 KEYNOTE

Nancy **MAHIEU** | Director-General for Energy, FPS Economy

THE BIG CHALLENGE: ENERGY IN THE 21ST CENTURY – IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE NEW STRATEGIC SITUATION IN EUROPE

10.00-10.30 ROUND TABLE WITH AUSTRIAN SUBSIDIARIES

CEOs of Austrian subsidiaries in Benelux

Alex **GAMBROUDES** | Kronospan (Luxembourg)

Andreas **OLTHOFF** | CERATIZIT (Luxembourg) – TBC

Caroline **VAN DE VELDE** | Wienerberger (Belgium)

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10.30-11.00 KEYNOTE

Hubert **COTTOGNI** | Director & Head of Mandate Management at European Investment Fund (EIF)

WHAT CAN THE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FUND DO FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

11.00-11.15 PRESENTATION OF THE RECOVER.MAP – VISUALIZATION TOOL FOR EU RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FUND

Veronika **MÖLLER** | EU Representation Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

11.15-11.45 **COFFEEBREAK**

11.45-12.15 **KEYNOTE**

Carlo **THELEN** | CEO of the Chamber of Commerce Luxembourg

DIGITALIZATION AND INNOVATION DRIVER CORONA: HOW DID THE CRISIS DRIVE INNOVATIONS AND WHAT WILL REMAIN OF IT.

12.15-12.45

ROUND TABLE: WHAT EFFECTS WILL HAVE INNOVATION AND DIGITALIZATION ON THE COMPANY STRATEGY IN THE COMING YEARS

CEOs of Austrian subsidiaries in Benelux

Hans **DE SUTTER** | TGW (The Netherlands)

Patrick **D'HAESE** | MedEl (Belgium)

Michael **GESCHKE** | Hödlmayr (Belgium)

Moderation: Gernot **SCHWENDTNER** | weGrow (The Netherlands)

12.45-15:00

NETWORKING LUNCH

Typical Austrian lunch in cooperation with Austrian National Tourist Office
