

## Europe Forum Lech 2026

„Strategies for the sectors of energy, security, and the economy.“

### Preliminary Programme

#### Wednesday, March 25, 2026

20:00 hrs	Informal opening dinner Hotel “Gotthard“, “Lecher Stube“, Omesberg 119, 6764 Lech
	Welcome by the organizers Greeting address by Dr. Christoph Leitl, Honorary President of the WKO und Honorary President of the European Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Eurochambres)
	Closing (at participant’s own expense) at Hus Nr. 8

#### Thursday, March 26, 2026

Morning	At leisure, skiing
12:30 hrs	Lunch buffet “Lechwelten“, Dorf 100, A- 6764 Lech am Arlberg
13:30 Uhr – 16:30 hrs	Public session
13:30 Uhr – 14:10 hrs	<b>Opening of the Europe Forum Lech and thematic priorities</b> Gerhard Lucian, Mayor of the Municipality Lech Mag. Markus Wallner, Governor of Vorarlberg Günther H. Oettinger, President of United Europe e.V.
14:10 hrs – 14:30 hrs	<b>Opening keynote</b> Georg Knill, President of the Austrian Federation of Industries (IV) “Industry and business location in Central Europe – challenges and opportunities“
14:30 hrs – 16:30 hrs	<b>Panel I: The energy sector caught between strategic challenges</b> Introduction and Moderation: Dr. Christof Germann, Chairman of Illwerke Vkw AG

Impulses, among others, from

- Univ. Prof. Mag. Dr. Gerhard Mangott, Department of Political Science, University of Innsbruck
- Colonel Dr. Markus Reisner, Federal Ministry of Defence
- Mag. Christian Wehrschütz, ORF correspondent

Discussion

16:30 hrs – 17:00 hrs

Coffee break, Conversations

17:00 hrs –  
Fr., March 28, 2026,  
13:30 hrs

Closed (non-public) session

17:00 hrs – 19:00 hrs

**Panel II: Security and sovereignty – tasks for the European Union and the member states**

Introduction and Moderation: Mag. Wilhelm Molterer, Chairman of the Board of GLOBSEC

Impulses, among others, from

- Prof. Dr. h.c. Wolfgang Ischinger, former Ambassador, President of the Board of Trustees of the Munich Security Conference Foundation
- Prof. Dr. Klaus Mangold, Chairman of Mangold Consulting GmbH, former member of the Executive Board of DaimlerChrysler AG

Discussion

Group photo of the forum participants

20:00 hrs

Cocktail reception

Hotel “Die Krone von Lech“, Dorf 13, A-6764 Lech am Arlberg

20:30 hrs

Formal gala dinner

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Speech by Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel, former Federal Chancellor

## Friday, March 27, 2026

10:00 – 12:00 hrs            **Panel III: European Competitiveness – potential for success**  
Introduction and moderation: Sarah Schweizer, MdL

Impulses, among others, from

- Marko Cadez, President of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce
- William Kadouch-Chassaing, Co-CEO of EURAZEO
- Christian Pellis, CEO of Amundi Deutschland GmbH

Discussion

12:00 hrs                    Closing remarks of the organizers

12:15 – 13:30 hrs        Closing lunch  
Hotel Gasthof “Post“, Dorf 11, A-6764 Lech

Conference language: German & English

Overall moderation: Günther H. Oettinger

Event venue: „Lechwelten“, Dorf 100, A-6764 Lech am Arlberg