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Europa Forum Lech

Europe Forum Lech 2026

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

Final 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	**Opening of the Europe Forum Lech and thematic priorities** • Gerhard Lucian, Mayor of the Municipality Lech • Mag. Markus Wallner, Governor of Vorarlberg • Thomas Strobl, Deputy Minister-President and Minister of the Interior, Digitalization and Municipal Affairs of Baden-Württemberg • Günther H. Oettinger, President of United Europe e.V.
14:10 hrs – 14.30 hrs	**Opening keynote** Georg Knill, President oft he Austrian Federation of Industries (IV) "Industry and business location in Central Europe – challenges and opportunities"

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14:30 hrs – 16:30 hrs	**Panel I:** **The energy sector caught between strategic challenges** 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 27, 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 from • Mykhailo Bno-Airiian, Federation of Employers of Ukraine • Dr. Johannes Hahn, President of the General Council at the Austrian National Bank • Prof. Dr. h.c. Wolfgang Ischinger, former Ambassador, Chairman of the Munich Security Conference • Prof. Dr. Kurt J. Lauk, President of Globe Capital Partners • Prof. Dr. Klaus Mangold, Chairman of Mangold Consulting GmbH, former member of the Executive Board of Mercedes-Benz 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 Hotel "Die Krone von Lech", Dorf 13, A-6764 Lech am Arlberg

Speeches by

- Claudia Bauer, Federal Minister of Europe, Integration and Family
- 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 from

- Mahinde Abeynaike, CEO of Ampermo GmbH
- Markus J. Beyrer, Director General BusinessEurope
- Marko Cadez, President of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce
- Dr. Nicole Hoffmeister-Kraut, Minister for Economy, Labor and Tourism Baden-Württemberg
- 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