

Draft program

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**Invitation to the conference „Investing in our Youth: Education is Key“
March 31st and April 1st 2014**

The conference will take place on the premises of the Klagenfurt Concert hall (“**Konzerthaus Klagenfurt**”), Mießtalerstraße 8, A-9020 Klagenfurt am Wörthersee.

The following structure is envisaged:

- Monday, March 31st, 14.30: Arrival and registration
- Monday, March 31st, 15.00: **Opening:**
 - Governor of Carinthia and Member of the CoR (Committee of the Regions) Dr. Peter Kaiser (approx. 30 min.; confirmed)
 - Member of the Congress of the Council of Europe (Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe) and Head of the Carinthian Regional Parliament Reinhart Rohr (approx. 15 min.; confirmed)
- Monday, March 31st, 16.00: **Speeches:**
 - Austrian Federal Minister for Education, the Arts and Culture Gabriele Heinisch-Hosek (approx. 30 min.; confirmed)
 - President of the Congress of the Council of Europe, Head of the Regional Parliament of Tyrol DDr. Herwig van Staa (approx. 30 min.; confirmed)
 - Barbara Toce, Member of the Congress of the Council of Europe, Mayor of Pedaso, Italy; Congress rapporteur on local and regional responses to the economic crisis. Topic: “Youth education and employment: Italian local experiences” (approx. 30 min.; confirmed)
 - Mara Juzupa, Member of the Congress of the Council of Europe, Chairperson of Priekuli Municipal Council, Latvia. Topic: “Youth education: good practices from Latvia” (approx. 30 min.; confirmed)
- Monday, March 31st, 18.00: Conclusions by Governor Dr. Peter Kaiser
- Monday, March 31st, 20.00: Reception organized by the Land of Carinthia, Castle Maria Loretto
- Tuesday, April 1st, 09.00: **Thematic Panel**
 - 09.00: Keynote speech Rector Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Oliver Vitouch, Rector of the Alpen-Adria



- University Klagenfurt (approx. 15 min.; confirmed)
- 09.15: Dr. Robert Klinglmair, „Education as the most important investment in our youth, from a social scientific point of view“ (approx. 45. min.; confirmed)
 - 10.00: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Werner Wintersteiner, „Cosmopolitan education – in times of globalization“ (approx. 45 min.; confirmed)
 - 10.45: Coffee break
 - 11.15: Germain Dondelinger, Coordinator for higher education in the Luxembourg Ministry of Culture, Higher Education and Research and Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe’s Steering Committee for Educational Policy and Practice (CDPPE), “Youth education: insights into best practices from Luxembourg” (approx. 30 min; confirmed)
 - 11.45: Dr. Sabine Herlitschka, Chief Technology Officer, Infineon Technologies Austria AG (approx. 30 min.; confirmed)
 - 12.15: Discussion
 - 12.45: Conclusion by Governor Dr. Peter Kaiser
- Tuesday, April 1st, ca. 13.30: Buffet lunch and end

Moderation April 1st: Dr. Andreas Kiefer, Secretary General of the Congress of the Council of Europe

Additional information:

- Invitations to the conference go to:
 - all members and all substitute members of the Congress of the Council of Europe (electronic invitations)
 - all members and all substitute members of the CoR (electronic invitations)
 - political representatives of the Euregio Senza Confini and the political representatives of the Alps-Adriatic-Alliance (electronic invitations)
 - Carinthian social partners
 - members of the Carinthian Regional Parliament
 - all Austrian members of the European Parliament
 - all Slovenian members of the European Parliament
 - all members of the European Parliament from Friuli Venezia Giulia and Veneto
 - all members of the “Uni Club Klagenfurt”
 - Carinthian public life
 - Pedagogical School of Higher Education
 - Carinthian Education Authority
 - Carinthia University of Applied Sciences
 - Alpen Adria University Klagenfurt

Invitations will also be sent to representatives of the media.

All invitations for the conference and the evening event, programs etc. should be sent to the members by email – as common with the Congress of the Council of Europe, CoR, Euregio Senza Confini and Alps-Adriatic-Alliance. The invitations should be sent out with the logos of the Congress of the Council of Europe and of the Land of Carinthia.

There will be interpreters for the following languages: German, English, Italian and possibly French (depending on



registrations from members of the Congress of the Council of Europe)

- Hotels: the Land of Carinthia has arranged en bloque hotel reservations (see attached information)
- Arrival: there will be a shuttle from Klagenfurt airport as well as from the train station of Klagenfurt to the conference premises. Currently, the Land of Carinthia is preparing a sheet with detailed information.

