

19.00

Guided tour through the baroque castle and garden of "Schloss Hof", followed at 20:00 by a dinner hosted by the Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth of Austria for all participants

*"Kaiserliches Festschloss Hof", Schlosshof*

*Departure of bus from Hotel Kaiserwasser (travel time 1 h): 18.00*

*Return to Hotel Kaiserwasser: approx. 22.30*

## Wednesday 17 June 2009

09.30

Continuation of **WORKING SESSION II**

Keynote speech by **Mr Eric Blyth**

Professor of Social Work, University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom

Introduction by **Ms Selma Aliye Kavaf**

Minister of Women, Family, Children and Disabled, Turkey

Reply by **Ms Lotte Grepp Knutsen**

State Secretary for Children and Equality, Norway

Debate

11.30

*Coffee break*

12.00

**CLOSING SESSION**

Adoption of the Final Communiqué

**Ms Christine Marek**

State Secretary of Family and Youth of Austria

**Mr Alexander Vladychenko**

Director General of Social Cohesion of the Council of Europe

13.00

Luncheon hosted by the Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth of Austria for all participants

*Conference Venue*

14.00 – 16.00

Vienna sightseeing bus tour

Pick-up and drop-off point: Hotel Kaiserwasser

### Meetings of the Committee of Liaison Officers

*Monday, 14.00 – 17.00, Tuesday, 17.00 - 18.00,*

*Wednesday, 8.00 – 9.30 (optional depending on the work in progress)*

### Working languages of the Conference

*English, French, German, Italian and Russian*

*Passive interpretation from Spanish*



29<sup>th</sup>  
session



# Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for Family Affairs

## Public Policies Supporting the Wish to Have Children

*Societal, Economic and Personal Factors*

16-17 June 2009

*Austria Center Vienna*

*1220 Vienna, Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1*

*Austria*

# Programme

## Monday 15 June 2009

- 17.00 Registration of participants
- 20.00 Dinner hosted by the Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth of Austria for Ministers/Heads of Delegation  
*Restaurant Oktogon „Am Himmel“  
Himmelstraße, Vienna  
Departure of bus from Hotel Kaiserwasser: 19.15  
Return to Hotel Kaiserwasser: 22.30*
- 20.00 Dinner hosted by the Mayor of Vienna for other participants of the Conference  
*City Hall Vienna, Stadtsenatssitzungssaal  
Lichtenfelsgasse, Vienna  
Departure of bus from Hotel Kaiserwasser: 19.45  
Return to Hotel Kaiserwasser: 22.30*

## Tuesday 16 June 2009

- 08.30 – 9.15 Registration of participants (continued)
- 09.30 **OPENING SESSION**
- Opening of the Conference by **Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio**  
Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Mr Heinz Fischer**  
Federal President of the Republic of Austria
- Mr Reinhold Mitterlehner**  
Federal Minister of Economy, Family and Youth, Austria
- Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio**  
Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
- Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conference*
- Mr Ivan Svetlik**  
Minister of Labour, Family and Social Affairs, Slovenia,  
Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
- Mr Luca Volonte**  
Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Mr Valerio Prignachi**  
Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

**Mr Marian Hošek**  
Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic,  
Presidency of the European Union

**Mr Jean-Marie Heydt**  
President of the Conference of International Nongovernmental  
Organisations of the Council of Europe

10.30 Family photo

10.35 Press conference

*Coffee Break*

11.00 **WORKING SESSION I**

***Why many Europeans have fewer children than they actually want:  
Societal and economic factors***

Keynote speech by **Mr Wolfgang Mazal**  
Director of the Austrian Institute for Family Studies

Introduction by **Ms Jadranka Kosor** (t.b.c.)  
Vice-President of the Government and Minister of Family,  
Veterans' Affairs and Intergenerational Solidarity, Croatia

Reply by **Mr Hanno Pevkur**  
Minister of Social Affairs, Estonia

Debate

13.00 Luncheon hosted by the Deputy Secretary General  
of the Council of Europe for Ministers/Heads of Delegations  
*Conference Venue*

Luncheon hosted by the Federal Ministry of Economy, Family  
and Youth of Austria for other participants  
*Conference Venue*

15.00 **WORKING SESSION II**

***Family-friendly policies: measures for an optimal framework***

Keynote speech by **Mr Fred Deven**  
Scientific Director at the Kenniscentrum WVG,  
Department of Well-Being, Public Health and Family, Belgium

Introduction by **Ms Christine Marek**  
State Secretary of Family and Youth, Austria

Reply by **Ms Nadine Morano**  
State Secretary for the Family, France

Debate