





Association of European Journalists (AEJ)

Annual Congress and General Assembly

In association with Euregio and Land Burgenland

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THURSDAY, October 16th: Arrival - shuttle from airports Vienna and Bratislava **FRIDAY, October 17th:**

Shuttle from Vienna Airport or Bratislava

10.30 Burgenland. 25 years after downfall of iron curtain

Address: NN, Bela Nagy, organizer of the Paneuropean Picknick 1989

12.00 Lunch

13.30: "From the edge to the heart of Europe: 25 years after the fall of the iron curtain" Hans Niessl, Governor of Burgenland:

14.00: "Burgenland-a model region in the EU": Harald Ladich, Regional Management Burgenland

14.30 Media Freedom Panel: "Journalists under fire. Growing dangers to journalists in Europe"- Strengthening press freedom. Chair: William Horsley (AEJ-MF-repr.London)

Frane Maroevic, senior adviser of OSCE (representative of media freedom), Vienna.

Barbara Trionfi, International Press Institute (IPI), Vienna.

19.00 Cocktail-Reception with a dance Folklore-group.

19.30 Dinner hosted by the governor of Burgenland, Hans Niessl.







SATURDAY, October 18th

9.00 Meeting AEJ-board

10.00 New challenges and priorities for the EU/ Do we need a new foreign&security policy?

Panel:

Pavlo Klimkin, Foreign minister of Ukraine

Sebastian Kurz, Foreign minister of Austria: "(tbc)

Eduard Kukan, MEP, member of foreign policy committee, former foreign minister of Slovak Republic,

Karel Schwarzenberg, former Foreign minister of Czech Republik (tbc)

Anton Pelinka, Professor of Political Science, author of book "Europa-Ein Plädoyer" (2011)

Wolfgang Petritsch, Senior Austrian diplomat, former EU-chief negotiator Kosovo, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina. Harvard University

12.30 Lunch and meeting with Austrian journalists

14.20 "Cross-border cooperation with Burgenland- the view from Hungary"

Mátyás Firtl, member of Hungarian parliament, Sopron region

15.00 AEJ-General Assembly - reports, election of the board

19.00 bus-shutte: wine tasting and dinner-reception, by invitation of mayor of Gols.

SUNDAY, October 19th

8.00: Shuttle to Airports Vienna&Bratislava

10.00-12.00: Excursion and boat trip Lake Neusiedl

Lunch

Departure and Shuttle to the Airports