



## **HOW EUROPE WORKS: A First-Hand Perspective on European Institutions for SEE Countries**

### **Introductory Seminar**

**15 – 18 September, 2025**

“Campus Tivoli”,  
Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna, Austria

### **Program Draft**

#### **14 September, Sunday**

*Arrivals*

*Opportunity for an individual programme in Vienna*

Latest 17.30 Check-in at **Hotel Springer Schlössl**  
**Venue:** Hotel Springer Schlössl, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna

17.35 Joint Walk to the Restaurant (through Schönbrunnpark)  
**Meeting point:** Hotel's Reception

18.30 Informal Welcome Dinner  
**Venue:** Brandauer Schlossbräu, 1130 Wien, Am Platz 5

#### **15 September, Monday**

09.00 – 09.45 **Opening of the Course & Introduction to the Programme**  
Laura FARLEY, International Secretary, Campus Tivoli, Austria  
Eva DOHALOVA, International Secretary at Volkspartei, Chair of IYDU, Austria  
Vladan PAVIC, Project Manager, Robert Schuman Institute (RSI), Hungary  
George DIMAKOS, Project Officer, Wilfred Martens Centre for European Studies (WMCES), Greece  
**Venue:** Campus Tivoli, Raab Saal, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna

09.45 – 10.30 **The European Vision**  
Wolfgang SOBOTKA, President, Campus Tivoli, Austria  
Christian SAGARTZ, former Member of the European Parliament, Austria  
**Venue:** Campus Tivoli, Raab Saal, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna



10.30 – 10.45 *Break*

**Venue:** Campus Tivoli, Lobby, Springer Schössl, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna

10.45 – 12.15 **Presentation of Participants and their understanding of Europe  
(ice-breaker)**

Laura FARLEY

Vladan PAVIC

**Venue:** Campus Tivoli, Raab Saal, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch at Hotel*

13.30 – 14.00 **Austria and the Western Balkans**

Christian SAGARTZ, former MEP, Austria

**Venue:** Campus Tivoli, Raab Saal Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna

14.00 – 15.15 **The Institutional Structure of the EU: General Framework and Principles  
(Parliament, Council, Commission) – Part 1**

Emilija TUDZAROVSKA, Assistant Professor in EU politics, IMS, Charles  
University, North Macedonia

**Venue:** Campus Tivoli, Raab Saal, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna

15.15 – 15.45 *Coffee Break*

15.45 – 17.00 **The Institutional Structure of the EU: General Framework and Principles  
(Parliament, Council, Commission) – Part 2**

Emilija TUDZAROVSKA

**Venue:** Campus Tivoli, Raab Saal, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna

17.00 – 17.30 *Short Break*

17.30 – 18.30 **Youth Politics in Austria and the World & Political Speed Dating**

Eva DOHALOVA

**Venue:** Campus Tivoli, Raab-Saal, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna

18.30 **Networking with Young Austrians & Dinner**

**Venue:** Campus Tivoli, Raab-Saal, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna

### **16 September, Tuesday**

09.00 – 10.15 **A Comparative Approach to Different Models of EU Integration**

Sebastian SCHÄFFER, Director of the Institute for the Danube Region and  
Central Europe (IDM), Austria

**Venue:** Campus Tivoli, Raab Saal, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna

10.15 – 10.45 *Coffee Break*



**10.45 – 12.00 The EU Amidst Geopolitical Tensions**

Christoph SCHWARZ, Senior Research Fellow at the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES)

**Venue:** Campus Tivoli, Raab Saal, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna

**12.00 – 13.30 Lunch**

**Venue:** Restaurant, Hotel Springer Schössl, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna

**13.30** leave for town

**14.15 – 15:30 The Commission Representations in Member States**

Christian WIGAND, Head of the EU-Commission Representation in Austria, Austria

**Venue:** House of the European Union, Wipplingerstraße 35, 1010 Vienna

**15:30** transport to next location

**16.15– 16.45 Visit Vienna Economic Forum**

Amb. Dr. Elena KIRTICHEVA, Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum (VEF)

**16.55 – 17:45 European Vision/ Building a Digital Future: WB Administrations**

Mariya GABRIEL, President of the Robert Schuman Institute; former EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education, and Youth; Bulgaria's Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Venue:** Prinz-Eugen-Straße 58/4-5, 1040 Wien/Vienna

**17:45** official signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between VEF and RSI

**17:50** walk to restaurant

**18.00** Dinner at Pia`s Wohlleben, 1040 Wien, Wohllebengasse 10

**17 September, Wednesday**

**09.00 – 10.15 Network Building in the Brussels Corridors**

Gábor BERCZELI, Director, Robert Schumann Institute (RSI)

**Venue:** Campus Tivoli, Raab Saal, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna

**10.15 – 10.45 Coffee Break**

**10.45 – 12.00 Political Foundations and Interest Representation**

George DIMAKOS

**Venue:** Campus Tivoli, Campushalle, Tivoligasse 73, 1120 Vienna



- 12.00 leave for town via public transport
- 13.00 – 14.00 **Meeting with Light Lunch at the Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs, Republic of Austria**  
Speakers: *Amb. Dr. Ulrike HARTMANN*, Special Envoy for the Western Balkans,  
*Nikolaus MARSCHIK*, Secretary General, Austria  
**Venue:** Minoritenplatz 8, 1010 Wien
- 14:00 transport to next location
- 14.45 – 16.00 **European Single Market and Enlargement Process**  
*MMag. Christian MANDL* and *Mag. Lisa RILASCIATI*, EU Policy Department of  
the Austrian Economic Chamber  
**Venue:** Austria Economic Chamber (WKO). Wiedner Hauptstraße 63, 1045  
Wien – Room B4 2
- 16.00 – 16.45 transport to the next location
- 16:45 – 17:30 **Visit and Talk at the Federal Party Headquarters**  
*Eva DOHALOVA*  
*Wolfgang SOBOTKA*  
*Nico MARCHETTI*, General Secretary of the Austrian People's Party, Austria  
**Venue:** Headquarters of the People's Party, Lichtenfelsgasse 7, 1010 Vienna
- 17:30 – 17:45 **Closing and Evaluation of the Course**  
*Laura FARLEY*  
*Vladan PAVIC*  
**Venue:** Headquarters of the People's Party, Lichtenfelsgasse 7, 1010 Vienna
- 17:45 – walk to the restaurant
- 18:00 – 20:00 Closing Dinner

### **18 September, Thursday**

*Check out before 10 AM*

*Opportunity for an individual program in Vienna*

*Departures*

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