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**Invitation: Speaker at the 18th Salzburg Europe Summit**

Dear President Metsola!

First of all I may congratulate you on your election as President of the European Parliament this January. Representing the directly elected EU-institution is a great task and I am sure that you will fulfill this duty with success.

When Europe thought that the challenges of the Corona pandemic would be tackled, the war against Ukraine came over Europe and changed the security and peace order within Europe over night. Now it is impossible to fully assess whether Ukraine, the EU and our continent will succeed and overcome this huge threat very soon. But it definitely is of utmost importance that Europe stands together and that we strengthen our Union to regain and maintain peace.

As the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE), we contribute to a European dialogue. We take on current and important issues in Europe and offer a platform for constructive dialogue between various opinion leaders.

Our international conference, the **Salzburg Europe Summit**, which will take place for the **18th time** this year from **October 23th to 25th 2022**, serves as a platform for fact-based, respectful dialogue.

Last year, the hybrid summit brought together over 50 international top-class experts and 350 guests in person as well as thousands virtually in Salzburg.

The Salzburg Europe Summit is again this year under the general theme of "**Europe and Peace**" and focuses on "**European Year of Youth – Visions for Europe**".

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Since for us as the Institute of the Regions of Europe topics as Peace, Democracy and Freedom play a very important role, we dedicate the **opening session** of our Summit to this area with the title **"Will Europe overcome its crisis?"**.

As already mentioned by Commissioner Johannes Hahn and discussed in Marseille, it would be a special honor for us if you, would take part in the upcoming summit in the **opening panel discussion** on the subject of **"Will Europe overcome its crisis?"**.

The date for this main topic is **Monday 24th October 2021** from **9.15 – 11.30**.

In your capacity as President of the European Parliament you are one of the top decision makers within Europe and have a key role in shaping Europe's politics for the future.

With your high level duties and your experience as European politician your remarks will be a fruitful contribution to this important debate.

We are convinced that our international audience will appreciate your comments very much.

The 18th Salzburg Europe Summit will be broadcasted live on Austrian Television ORF III and private TV-Station Puls 4 as well as via livestream and interpreted into several languages.

For your information: I was Governor of Salzburg from 1996 to 2004, and I have been a member of the European Committee of the Regions in Brussels since 1996. In 2004 I founded the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE). During his term as Commissioner for Enlargement I was Special Advisor of Johannes Hahn. Re-appointed as Special Advisor in 2020 I now advise Mr Hahn within his current tasks.

For further information about the Salzburg Europe Summit and our Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE) I am always at your disposal.

It would be a great honor and pleasure for me to welcome you, distinguished President Metsola, as a speaker in the opening session at our Salzburg Europe Summit!

With best regards from Salzburg,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Franz Schausberger', written in a cursive style.

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## Exchange between Experts: Ideas on „Europe after Corona“

17<sup>th</sup> Salzburg Europe Summit 2021

**13 Meeting of  
Sochi Dialogue:**  
Talks of the Austro-Russian  
civil society forum in Salzburg

**20 New IRE members:**  
The Austrian municipalities  
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F.I.: Andreas Klauser, CEO of Palfinger AG and the Russian Ambassador in Austria Dimitri Ljubinski

F.I.: Vladimir Shapsha, Governor of the Russian Region of Kaluga, Vladimir Potemkin, Vice-Governor of Kaluga Region, Martin Eichtinger, Member of the regional Government of Lower Austria and Ambassador Johannes Eigner



F.I.: Franz Schausberger, Ambassador Margot Klestil-Löffler, Austrian Foreign Ministry and Johannes Hahn, EU-Commissioner for Budget and Administration



Photo left: Andrija Petković, President of the Municipal Assembly of Tivat in Montenegro.

Photo middle: Milan Dunović, Vice President of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and his wife.

Photo right: Vladimir Shapsha, Governor of the Russian Region of Kaluga



F.I.: IRE member of the board Helmut Falschlehner, Austrian State Secretary Magnus Brunner, Georg Krauchenberg, IRE Board of Trustees



F.I.: Kriemhild Büchel-Kapeller, Office for Voluntary Engagement and Franz Schausberger



Daniela Gutschi, Member of the Regional Government of Land Salzburg, welcomed the international guests to the festive reception in the old residence of Salzburg.



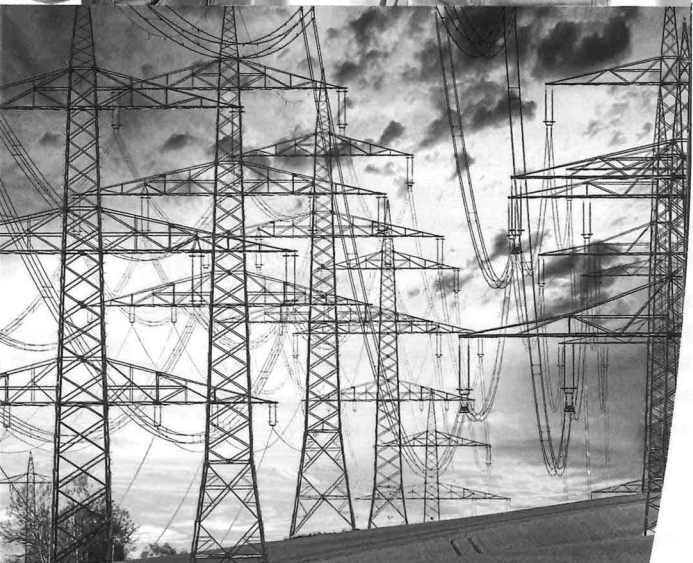
**Martin Kocher**  
Federal Minister for Labour

My sincerest congratulations to the great success of your 17<sup>th</sup> Salzburg Europe Summit 2021 end of September. You have had highlevel speakers.

It has been an amazing conference under very demanding circumstances such as our joint fight against Covid-19.

The very professional organising team fulfilled a great job. Hope to meet you in 2022.





# 18. Salzburg Europe Summit



A conference of the Institute of the Regions of Europe

## Europe and Peace

### The European Year of Youth – Visions for Europe

from Sunday, 23 October 2022  
to Tuesday, 25 October 2022  
Salzburg Congress, Austria

**IRE Forum: We are Europe -  
young people from non-EU countries  
discuss their future**

**Opening dialogue:  
Will the EU survive its crises?**

**Dialogue I: Industry 4.0 for Europe**

**Dialogue II:  
Scare scenario Energy Blackout?**

**Dialogue III:  
Young Entrepreneurs – Strong Regions**

**Dialogue IV:  
Is “regional” the new “organic”?**

**Sochi Dialogue  
between Russia and Austria**

For more information see:  
[www.salzburg-europe-summit.eu](http://www.salzburg-europe-summit.eu)

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