

**03:30 p.m. Discussion**

- Chair: **Vassil Sotirov**, EJ Vicepresident.

**04:00 p.m. EJ General Assembly**

(for EJ members only)

**07:00 p.m. Dinner**

Heuriger 10er Marie, Ottakringerstraße 222-224

**Saturday, October 4, 2025**

**09:45 a.m. Guided visit to the Austrian Parliament and the Historic Chamber of the Austrian Empire**  
(Absolute punctuality is required).

**Noon Free time.**

**07:00 p.m. Go Dutch dinner.**

**Sunday, October 5, 2025**

**Departure Day.**

**Congress language: English.**

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## A Union of Values Navigating a Turbulent World

Media Responsibility for Building Up European Awareness

**Thursday, October 2, 2025**

**Arrival and accommodation**

A German VEJ-promoted and organized initiative,  
with attendance also open to the participants of the EJ Congress.

**Cooperation Event Between**

Vereinigung Europäischer Journalisten (VEJ)

with Austrian Economics Center, Hayek Foundation, Taxpayers Association of Europe (TAE)  
and European Economic Senate (EES), European Resource Bank Meeting Vienna

Location: Haus der Europäischen Union | Wipplingerstraße 35 | 1010 Wien

**11:30 a.m. European Resource Bank Meeting Vienna**

Lunch and Registration

**12:30 p.m. European Resource Bank Meeting**

- Book Presentation "Free Trade in the Twenty-First Century" by Max RANGELEY
- Panel Discussion: "Public Spending - Europe Quo Vadis"
- Panel Discussion: "The Hidden Costs of Geopolitical Tectonic Shifts"

**05:15 p.m. End of Meeting - Individual Shuttle to the Italian Embassy**

**06:00 p.m. Italian Embassy - Rennweg, 27**

- Welcome addresses.
- Presentation of a project aimed at reigniting, both on-site and online, the values and ideals of Alcide De Gasperi and other EJ founding fathers, with following discussion.
- Catered dinner.

**09:00 p.m. Return to accommodation**

## Friday, October 3, 2025

Haus der Europäischen Union Wipplingerstraße 35, 1010 Wien

**09:00 a.m.** – Arrival and registration.

**09:30 a.m.** – Austrian and European Anthems.

– Video message: **Roberta Metsola**, President of the European Parliament.

### Welcome address:

– **Sabine Berger**, Representation of the European Commission's in Vienna.

– **Andrea Rukschcio-Wilhelm**, European Parliament's Liaison Offices in Vienna.

– Opening of the Congress by **Paolo Magagnotti**, EJ President.

### 10:00 a.m. Opening Statements

– **Ivan Koedjikov**, Frm. senior member of the Council of Europe Secretariat and Political Adviser for the CoE enlargement; EJ Honorary Member.

#### Opening remarks.

– **Helmut Brandstätter**, Member of the European Parliament and of the European Democracy Shield; founder of the ORF studio in Brussels; frm. Editor-in-Chief of the daily Kurier.

#### Keynote address.

### Changing Times, Enduring Values

**10:30 a.m.** – Chair: **Rolf Baron von Hohenhau**, Member of Board of VEJ; President hon. of the Taxpayers Association Europe; Chairman of the Supervisory Board European Economic Senat.

– **Stephan Werhahn**, Founder and president of the "Institute Europe of Marketeconomy" (IEM), Munich; Grandson of the German EU founding father Konrad Adenauer; Author.

#### Europe's Resilience for Peace, Freedom, and Prosperity

– **Guendalina Catti De Gasperi**, Lawyer specialized in European affairs; Great-granddaughter of the Italian EU founding father Alcide De Gasperi.

#### The Patient Application of the Democratic Method, a Constructive Spirit of Agreement and Respect for Freedom

### 11:00 a.m. Coffee break finger food

### Discussion

**11:20 a.m.** – Chair: **Felicia Ristea**, Frm. EJ Presidenet; Senior editor Radio Romania.

### Defending Life and Resisting Authoritarianism

**12:20 p.m.** – Chair: **Mario Keller**, Board member of the "Munich Europe Conference.

– **Richard Neumann**, Senior Manager Communications and Events SWARCO Group, Wattens (A).

#### Safety and sustainability in Europe's mobile society

### The Future of Journalism in a Digital World: The Challenge of AI

### 12:45 p.m. Fireside Chat

with following discussion:

– Moderation: **Helmut Hetzel**, EJ Honorary President; International Correspondent from The Hague; Recipient of the "European Journalist Award" from the European Commission for his reporting on the introduction of the Euro.

– **Antonella Mei-Pochtler**, Vice-president of the European Forum Alpbach; CEO of iSi Group and Vice Chairwoman of Pochtler Industrieholding; multiple Board Member; Co-Chair of the High-Level Board of Advisors of the Kofi Annan Award for Innovation in Africa.

– **Corinna Milborn**, Head of News at ProSieben.Sat1.PULS 4; "Romy Award" for her commitment against fake news and for serious journalism (2022); Journalist of the Year, Austria 2017 – "Bruno Kreisky Recognition Award" for "Gestürmte Festung Europa"; Concordia Prize for Human Rights Journalism; Robert Hochner Prize (2017).

### 01:30 p.m. Catered lunch

### 02:30 p.m. Panel discussion: Authoritarian Echoes in Europe and Success Stories of Resistance

Chair:

– **Sabine Geller**, Editor in chief of danubeconnects.eu

– **Christian Jungwirth**, CEO of Okto TV.

Panelists:

– **Lia Epure**, Editor-in-Chief of the daily Ziua de Vest.

– **Katarzina Pelka**, Senior editor, Polish TV, Lodz.

– **Daniela Stojković Jovanović**, Member of the Danube Civil Society Forum; NGO World and Danube.

– **Andras Radetzky**, EJ Vice-president; Catholic radio Network, Budapest.

– **Orsolya Fülöp**, Editor of atlaszo.hu

– **Tinatin Dvalishvili**, Media manages georgiana, Tbilisi.