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Economics and Labour

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Programme

Organised on occasion of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union this conference will reflect recent developments and synergies between economic efficiency, environment and employment. It aims to identify framework conditions that promote or inhibit these synergies, to share experiences of corresponding projects and to disseminate relevant information about success and failures to relevant stakeholders.

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Thursday, June 8, 2006

Session 1: 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Efficiency, Environment and Employment in Companies and Regions

Chair: Jacqueline McGlade, European Environment Agency

The first block of the conference will set the stage from a bottom-up perspective. It will present local and regional eco-efficiency-initiatives, but also reflect new and broader regional sustainability concepts, such as the "Steinbacher Weg". The session should also look at the macro-scale effects of such initiatives.

Opening Speeches:

Ulla Hlawatsch, Caroline Vogl, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

Jacqueline McGlade, European Environment Agency

Speakers:

Michael Kuhndt, UNEP/Wuppertal Institute Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP)

Innovations for Human Development in Global Value Chains

Julia R. Tschesche, Effizienz-Agentur Nordrhein-Westfalen

Higher Resource Efficiency in Production – the Key to Sustainable Economic Action

Break

Karl Sieghartsleitner, Steinbacher Weg

New Village Economies: Local and Regional Economic Cycles

Szilvia Gärtner, DENSO Manufacturing Hungary

DENSO Manufacturing Hungary Ltd. and Sustainability

Discussion Groups

Moderators: Ulla Hlawatsch, Caroline Vogl, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

Session 2: 2.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Quality and Quantity of Work: More and Better Jobs?

Chair: Thomas Ritt, Vienna Chamber of Labour

The second block will discuss the concept of "sustainable jobs" in quantitative and qualitative terms. Potentials for job creation from efficiency gains will be explored as well as new aspects of work-life-balance. How do people find jobs in which they can exploit their full potential? Concepts like social capital, social responsibility, etc are of specific importance here.

Speakers:

Henrik Lund, Aalborg University

Danish Energy Policies, Job creation and Innovation Experiences

Michael Getzner, University of Klagenfurt

Impacts of Sustainable Production on Job Quantity and Quality

Fritz Hinterberger, Andrea Stocker, Sustainable Europe Research Institute

Beyond Efficiency: More Jobs through Redistribution of Labour

Break

Orio Giarini, Director, The Risk Institute (Geneva, Trieste)

Honorary Member of the Club of Rome

Quality and Quantity of Work. Two Key References: The Service Economy and the Lengthening of the Life Cycle

Alexander Kaiser, Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration

Vocation and Self-Confidence as a Basis for Sustainable and Fulfilling Jobs: Methods of Coaching and Practical Experiences

Beate Littig, Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS)

Work-Life Balance – a Promising Concept for Sustainability Policies?

Friday, June 9, 2006

Session 3: 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Policies to Get More out of Less

Chair: Fritz Hinterberger, Sustainable Europe Research Institute (SERI)

The third block will take a closer look at the environmental effects of efficiency gains. How can the effects be accounted for in companies and for countries? Recent figures of ecological footprints and rucksacks, relative vs. absolute decoupling will be presented for special cases and for the world as a whole. Secondary effects, such as rebound and burden-shifting will receive special attention.

Speakers:

Gunter Pauli, Zero Emissions Research and Initiatives (ZERI)
Member of the Club of Rome

Translating Vision into Reality: How to Create a Sustainable Community.
Experiences from Sweden and Colombia

Helga Weisz, Institute of Social Ecology (IFF)
Eco-Efficiency, Resource Use and Dematerialisation in the European Union

Francois Schneider, Institute of Social and Economic Studies for a Sustainable Degrowth (IEESDS)

Growth, Dematerialisation and Rebound Effects: The French Debate

Break

Michael Kohlhaas, Productivity Commission Australia; formerly DIW Berlin
Old taxes -good taxes, new taxes - bad taxes? The rocky path towards an ecological tax reform in Germany

Bernd Meyer, University of Osnabrück and GWS mbH
Economic and Environmental Effects of Material Efficiency Gains

Discussion Groups

Moderators: Ula Hlawatsch, Caroline Vogl, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

Main Session: 2.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Making it Happen: Policies for the Integration of Economic, Social and Environmental Issues

Chair: Michael Losch, Austrian Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour

The fourth block will have a more public and open character and derive policy implications from the earlier presented aspects. How can economic, social and environmental policies be integrated, including ecological fiscal reforms?

Welcome Notes:

Fritz Hinterberger, Sustainable Europe Research Institute (SERI)
David Gee, European Environment Agency

Keynote Speakers:

Stephen White, DG Environment of the European Commission
Heinz Felsner, Austrian Business Council for Sustainable Development
Werner Wutscher, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

Break

Panel discussion: From Knowledge to Action

Kuno Haas, Grüne Erde
Bettina Meyer, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
Wolfgang Pekny, Greenpeace
David Mum, Trade Union of Private Sector Employees (GPA)