

**OSCE Informal Ministerial Meeting
11 July 2017; Mauerbach - Austria**

General Information

Vienna, 22 June 2017 – On 11 July 2017, Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs Sebastian Kurz, in his role as Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), invited his colleagues from the 57 OSCE participating States, the President and General Secretary of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the United Nations to an informal meeting in Mauerbach. With this, Austria, which holds the OSCE Chairmanship in 2017, demonstrates once again its traditional role as a place of dialogue.

The meeting, under the motto, “Building Trust through Dialogue and Co-operation”, is taking place in the context of a serious crisis in European security, in which the 57 OSCE participating States are confronted with external and internal threats. This meeting therefore offers a framework for informal exchange on different levels, in order to find common solutions to these challenges.

The OSCE, founded on a comprehensive and cooperative security concept and following an approach of consensus-based political commitments, offers a key platform for overcoming these challenges.

In the plenary session, participating States will exchange views on threats to security, as well as on current developments. In addition to the conflicts in the OSCE area, main topics will include migration, terrorism, human rights, rule of law and democracy.

Following the plenary session, discussions will continue in two interactive roundtable sessions. The first, on “The fight against violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism”, will be introduced by Professor Peter Neumann, the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office on the Fight against Radicalisation and Violent Extremism. The debate will be based on recent events and will attempt to clarify our response to these developments.

The second roundtable will focus on the “Structured Dialogue on current and future challenges and risks to security in the OSCE area” launched in February on the basis of a Declaration adopted by the Ministerial Council in Hamburg in December 2016. The goal of the roundtable is to seize the momentum of previous discussions on threat perceptions, developments in military doctrines and military force postures and to give participating States the opportunity to deepen the conversation. This exchange, taking place against a background of political tension, should lead to more military transparency and stability.

This informal meeting of the OSCE Foreign Ministers in Mauerbach is an important step in preparing the annual OSCE Ministerial Council, which will take place on 7 and 8 December 2017 in Vienna.

Media Centre

The Informal Ministerial Meeting of the OSCE Foreign Ministers will be held at the “Hotel Schlosspark Mauerbach”. Mauerbach is a hamlet in the midst of the Vienna Woods a few kilometres west of the Austrian capital.

Location

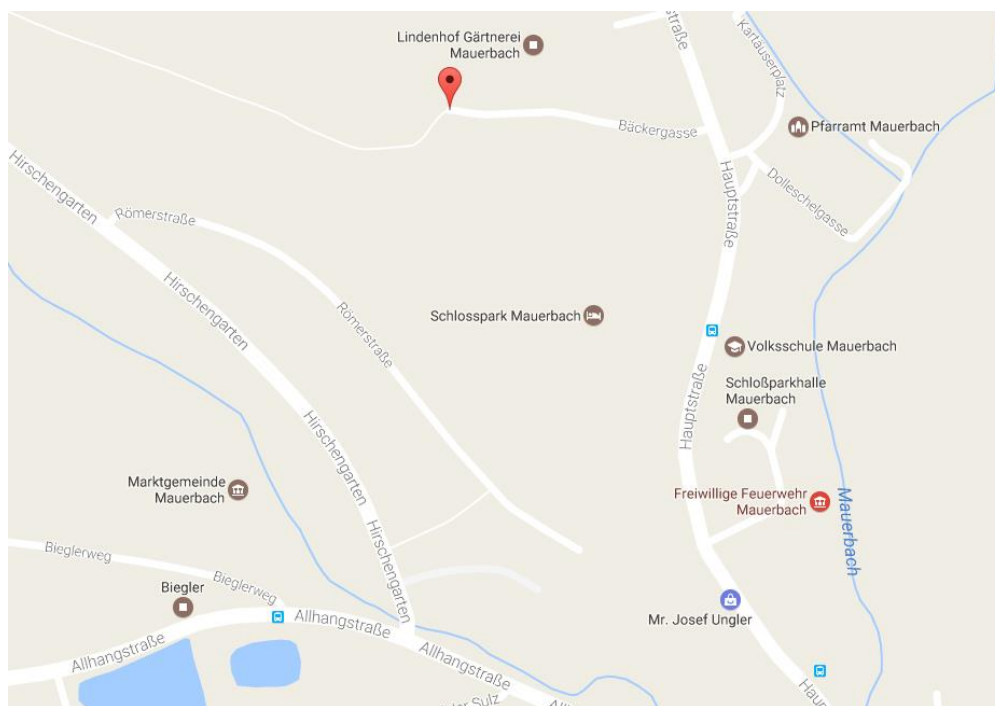
Hotel Schlosspark Mauerbach

Herzog Friedrich-Platz 1

3001 Mauerbach

<http://www.schlosspark-mauerbach.at/>

Media entrance at Bäckergasse



The Media Centre includes the following services and activities for the press:

Opening Hours of the Media Centre

Tuesday, 11 July 2017: 8:30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

- Press conference room
- Workstations, printer
- Wi-Fi connection
- Connection for power supply
- Copier
- Media-Info-Desk at the media entrance
- Late accreditation badge pick-up at the media entrance from 8.30 am to 3.00 pm

Media Timetable

Accreditation for media pool

Photographers, cameramen and journalists are requested to register for participation at any media pool event ahead of the conference.

As space is limited, registration may be closed once the space is filled up.

Please note: On-site pool accreditation is not possible.

Registration for participation in photo-ops is possible until 5.00pm on Friday, 7 July 2017.

Sending the following information to: osze2017@bmeia.gv.at

- Name
- Media outlet
- Photo-op pool (please specify **“Handshake”** OR **“Doorstep”** and/or **“Opening”** and/or **“Family photo”**)
- Profession
- Phone
- Email

9.15 – 10.00 → Photo-op pool **“Handshake”**

Arrival of delegations at Hotel Schlosspark Mauerbach and welcome by the Chairperson-in-Office, Foreign Minister Sebastian Kurz

9.15 – 10.00 → Photo-op pool **“Doorstep”**

9.45 – 10.15 → Photo-op pool **“Opening”**

Plenary Session – Opening – Keynote address

12.00 – 12.45 → Photo-op pool **“Family photo”**

Group photo

12.30 – 13.00 → **“Press Conference”** open for all Media accredited

Please note that every pool has separate badges which need to be picked up at the “Media-Info-Desk” at the media entrance before the pool departs on 11 July 2017. Without the necessary colour-coded badge participation is not possible.

Photographers and cameramen accredited for any pool will gather at the **“Meeting Point”** in the media working area and will be guided to the location of the photo-op.

Please follow @AUT_OSCE #osce17AUT for notifications and information on logistics.

Accreditation Policy

Important: **Please note that there will be no access to the media facilities without a valid badge.** Badges must be worn at all times. Please note that badges are not transferable.

Media Registration

Online media registration with the Austrian Federal Press Service is now available on www.bundeskanzleramt.at/accreditation

Please follow the instructions for **'accreditation for events'**. If you have already registered online for a previous event or as a foreign correspondent in Austria, your data have been recorded by the system. In this case you only need to tick the event 'OSCE Informal Ministerial Meeting'.

Media registration is available from Thursday, 22 June 2017, 10 a.m. to Sunday, 9 July 2017, 5.00 pm.

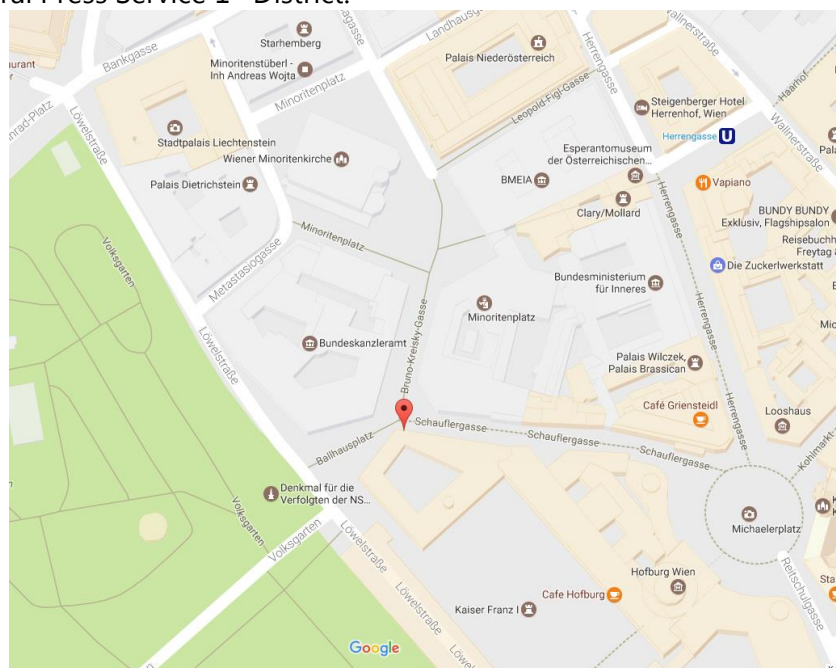
Badges can be picked up at the accreditation desk of the Austrian Federal Press Service, Ballhausplatz 1 / Entrance Schauflegasse 1 on:
Monday, 10 July 2017: 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

You must present a valid press card or the original letter of confirmation of your media organization together with an official photo-ID (identity card, passport, driver's license).

Late accreditation is possible at the Hotel Schlosspark Mauerbach media entrance on:
Tuesday, 11 July 2017: 8.30 am – 3.00 pm

Location

Austrian Federal Press Service 1st District:



Parking for SNG trucks and cars

Parking for SNG trucks and cars close to the premises of Hotel Schlosspark Mauerbach is very limited. Therefore we kindly ask you to register for parking of SNG trucks or cars in advance.

In order to be able to drive up "Bäckergasse" to the Media entrance and the nearby parking space next to the tennis court you need to collect a "**Wagenkarte**" ("car badge") which will be handed out for registered trucks at the desk of the Austrian Federal Press Service together with the media badge at Ballhausplatz 1/entrance Schauflergasse 1.

Please note there is a long distance between the SNG parking and the Media Centre.

Please register your SNG truck or car by sending the following information to:

osze2017@bmeia.gv.at

- Media outlet
- Name of driver (needs to be registered with the Austrian Federal Press Service for the conference)
- Type and colour of the truck
- License plate
- Phone
- Email

The "Wagenkarte" can be picked up at the Austrian Federal Press Service, Ballhausplatz 1 / Entrance Schauflergasse 1 on:

Monday, 10 July 2017: 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Please note that there are no parking spaces close to the premises of Hotel Schlosspark Mauerbach without a "Wagenkarte".

The Austrian Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs does not cover additional equipment, resultant costs or licenses.

Shuttle Bus Service

A shuttle bus service is provided for journalists participating at the OSCE Informal Ministerial Meeting.

Shuttle bus	Hütteldorf Subway Station U4 (Bus leaves from the bus stop)	Hotel Schlosspark Mauerbach media entrance
Connection 1	8.00 am	8.30 am
Connection 2	8.30 am	9.00 am
Connection 3	9.00 am	10.00 am
Connection 4	10.00 am	10.30 am
Connection 5	11.00 am	11.30 am
Connection 6	12.00 am	12.30 am

Shuttle bus	Hotel Schlosspark Mauerbach media entrance	Hütteldorf Subway Station U4 (Bus leaves from the bus stop)
Connection 1	2.00 pm	2.30 pm
Connection 2	2.30 pm	3.00 pm
Connection 3	3.00 pm	3.30 pm
Connection 4	4.00 pm	4.30 pm
Connection 5	4.30 pm	5.00 pm
Connection 6	5.00 pm	5.30 pm

Additional Information

Accommodation/Visa

We invite accredited journalists to arrange for their own accommodation and visa as soon as possible. The Vienna Tourism Office <http://www.wien.info/> can be contacted directly for hotel advisory.

Photos

The meeting has a team of official photographers. All pictures taken by our official photographers will be available as high-resolution photos on the Flickr account of the Austrian Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs:
www.flickr.com/photos/minoritenplatz8/

Livestream

Livestream of the press conference will be available on the Facebook page of the Austrian Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs as well as on the Twitter Account of the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Aussenministerium/>

Twitter: @AUT_OSCE

Media Team Contacts

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During off-hours and for emergencies only please call the following number: +43 1 90115 3320 (Austrian Foreign Ministry – on-call duty)