



Dear Members, Partners and Friends of Vienna Economic Forum,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to **Vienna Economic Forum - Sofia Talks 2018: "Politics meets Economy"**, under the auspices of the **Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU 2018**, on **18 May 2018** from 9 am to 2 pm. This event will take place in **Hall 6** at the **National Palace of Culture – Congress Centre Sofia (NDK)** (<http://www.ndk.bg>) and is part of the **official programme of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union** (<https://eu2018bg.bg/en/events/1616>).

Vienna Economic Forum - Sofia Talks 2018 is **official Side Event** of the **EU-Western Balkans Summit** on 17 May 2018, which brings together all 28 EU Heads of State or Government with the Prime Ministers of the Western Balkans and is one of the core events of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The aim of **Vienna Economic Forum - Sofia Talks 2018** is, together with the competent representatives of the Bulgarian and regional politics, to facilitate a direct exchange with the high-level representatives of regional and international economy, to discuss a more pragmatic and intense regional economic cooperation and to search, with help from the politics, for solutions in different sectors of the regional economy.

We kindly ask you for the confirmation of your participation and the registration of other representatives of your company on 18 May 2018 in Sofia via the online Application Form below. Please make sure to fill in all the names of each participant individually as only registered persons will have access to the security area.

Registration is open until **26 March 2018**, please use this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/mdbRriROTqUcfCum1>

----Please note that due to limited space available, the registration is based on the first come, first served principle and may be closed at an earlier stage!----

The programme will be available on our website at www.vienna-economic-forum.com soon.

We are looking forward to a very interesting conference and we will be glad to welcome you on **18 May 2018** at **Hall 6** at the **National Palace of Culture - Congress Centre Sofia (NDK)**, to **Vienna Economic Forum - Sofia Talks 2018: "Politics meets Economy"**, the **official Side Event** of the **EU-Western Balkans Summit 2018**, in Sofia.

With best regards,

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