

PRESS INFORMATION

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ARRIVAL:

Airport shuttle service:

The City Airport Train (CAT) takes only 16 minutes from Vienna Airport to the city centre (Wien Mitte Station).

City Airport Train Betriebs GmbH is offering media representatives attending this event tickets at a reduced price of € 5 single and € 10 return (normal price € 9 and € 16 respectively). These tickets can be purchased in the train on presentation of the accreditation confirmation, press card or letter of confirmation from the media organisation.

www.cityairporttrain.at

Bus transfer:

The Austrian Presidency is organising a free shuttle service for the media between Vienna and St. Pölten and vice versa. The buses will operate between Wien Mitte Railway station (exit City Airport Train, parking Marxergasse/Gigergasse) and the Landhaus St. Pölten.

Timetable:

Tuesday, 18.4.2006: 10.00 Vienna – St. Pölten
 22.00 Göttweig - St. Pölten – Vienna

Wednesday, 19.4.2006: 7.30 Vienna – St. Pölten
 17.00 St. Pölten – Vienna

HOTEL RESERVATION:

The congress travel agency AIMS INTERNATIONAL, on behalf of the Austrian Presidency, has made a block reservation of rooms on special terms for media representatives in selected hotels in St. Pölten. You can book your room via the Presidency website www.eu2006.at, follow the link Media Service.

Contact AIMS International Congress Services GmbH:

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PRESS CENTRE:

The press centre is located in the Niederösterreichisches Landhaus St. Pölten – Haus 1a. Access for accredited media representatives is via Landhausplatz 1.

Opening hours of the press centre:

18.4.2006: 9.00 - 21.00
19.4.2006: 8.30 - 17.00

Equipment:

The press centre is equipped with workstations, telephones, fax machines, PCs with Internet access (MS Windows XP and MS Word software), printers (b/w), photocopiers, electricity connections (220 V), TVs, cloakrooms, lockers, one lounge area, a cafeteria and a restaurant. Internationally standardised LAN, ISDN and analogue access points are available for Internet and data links for users' own portable devices. A WLAN has also been set up.

Fax numbers in the press centre:

+43-2742-22780-501 and +43-2742-22780-502 (during opening hours only)

Information desk:

Please contact the general information desk in the press centre for information and assistance (Haus 1a, 2nd floor).

Telephone: +43-2742-22780-490 (during opening hours only)

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News system - closed circuit TV:

The latest information on events will be displayed on screens and TV monitors throughout the press centre.

Catering:

Drinks will be available free of charge during press centre opening hours in the lounge on the 2nd floor of the Niederösterreichisches Landhaus St. Pölten.

Drinks, snacks and a lunch buffet will be provided free of charge on 18.4.2006 and 19.4.2006 in the cafeteria and restaurant area on the 2nd and 3rd floor of the Niederösterreichisches Landhaus St. Pölten.

Cafeteria: 18.4.2006: 11.00 - 20.00

19.4.2006: 8.30 - 16.00

Restaurant: 18.4.2006: 11.00 - 13.00

19.4.2006: 13.00 - 15.00

Smoking:

Smoking is not permitted in the press work area.

EVENING RECEPTION:

Federal Chancellor Wolfgang Schüssel, President of the European Council, Andreas Khol, President of the Austrian National Council, and Erwin Pröll, Governor of Lower Austria, are hosting a reception for conference participants and the media in the Stift Göttweig.

PARKING:

Parking is available for accredited media representatives in the underground car park of the Landhaus St. Pölten. Free tickets for exiting the underground car park will be issued at the media information desk. Please do not use a credit card on entering as you will be unable to use the free tickets to exit.

SERVICE HOST BROADCASTER (ORF) SERVICE HOST PHOTOGRAPHER:

Service to TV and radio stations will be provided by the Presidency host broadcaster (ORF).

The Presidency host broadcaster and host photographer will attend all press events. The host broadcaster will provide audiovisual material free of charge and offers technical assistance to radio and television broadcasters.

Digital photos can be downloaded in printing quality from the Presidency website www.eu2006.at.

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