

# PROGRAMME and PRESS EVENTS

(Status 10.4.2006)

Tuesday, 18 April 2006

- 9.00 PRESS CENTRE IN THE NIEDERÖSTERREICHISCHES LANDHAUS ST. PÖLTEN OPENS**
- 10.00 BUS TRANSFER FOR THE MEDIA FROM WIEN MITTE RAILWAY STATION TO THE NIEDERÖSTERREICHISCHES LANDHAUS ST. PÖLTEN**
- 12.00 OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE** with Federal Chancellor Wolfgang Schüssel, President of the European Council, Andreas Khol, President of the Austrian National Council, and Erwin Pröll, Governor of Lower Austria, in the Niederösterreichisches Landhaus St. Pölten (Leopoldsaal, languages: German, English)
- 13.00 BEGINNING OF THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SUBSIDIARITY** (Landtagssitzungssaal Plenary Meeting Room)  
Welcome and introduction by the Governor of Lower Austria, Erwin PRÖLL
- The press can follow the entire conference from the gallery of the Landtag plenary meeting room (languages: German, English, French)
- 13.15 Panel I: Citizen-based policies: The contribution of the regions and the local authorities**  
Chair: Erwin PRÖLL  
Moderation: Paul LENDVAI
- Keynote speeches:**
- "Subsidiarity in the light of the Alps-Adriatic Euro-region project"**  
Dimitrij RUPEL, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
- "Regionalisation in South-East Europe to strengthen democracy"**  
Ivan JAKOVČIĆ, Vice-President of the Assembly of the Regions of Europe
- "Towards citizen-based regulation in Europe"**  
Michel DELEBARRE, President of the Committee of the Regions of Europe
- Panel and plenary discussion
- Closing statement: Erwin PRÖLL, Governor of Lower Austria
- PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY at the beginning**

16.00

**Panel II: Subsidiarity and proportionality: The role of parliaments**

Chair: Andreas KHOL, President of the Austrian National Council and Elisabeth ROTH-HALVAX, President of the Austrian Federal Council

Moderation: Gertrude AUBAUER

**Keynote speeches:**

**“European Parliament and national parliaments – partners or competitors? The European perspective”**

Josep BORRELL FONTELLES, President of the European Parliament

**“European Parliament and national parliaments – partners or competitors? The national perspective”**

Paavo LIPPONEN, Speaker of the Finnish Parliament

**“Is there still a future for national parliamentarians in Europe?”**

Pierre LEQUILLER, President of the EU delegation of the French National Assembly

**“Subsidiarity and proportionality - responsibility of the European institutions”**

Franz FISCHLER, Former Commissioner, President of the Eco-social Forum, Vienna

**“Subsidiarity checklist - criteria for subsidiarity and proportionality control”**

Christian CALLIESS, University of Göttingen

Panel and plenary discussion

Closing statement: Andreas KHOL, President of the Austrian National Council

**PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY at the beginning**

18.50

Departure for conference participants and the media to the evening reception in Stift Göttweig

19.30

**Evening reception** for conference participants and the media in Stift Göttweig hosted by Federal Chancellor Wolfgang Schüssel, President of the European Council, Andreas Khol, President of the Austrian National Council, and Erwin Pröll, Governor of Lower Austria

19.45

**OPTIONAL BUS TRANSFER FOR THE MEDIA FROM THE NIEDERÖSTERREICHISCHES LANDHAUS ST. PÖLTEN TO STIFT GÖTTWEIG**

20.15

**BEGINNING OF THE DINNER AT THE EVENING RECEPTION AT STIFT GÖTTWEIG**

- 21.00 PRESS CENTRE IN THE NIEDERÖSTERREICHISCHES LANDHAUS ST. PÖLTEN CLOSES
- 22.00 BUS TRANSFER FOR THE MEDIA FROM STIFT GÖTTWEIG TO THE HOTEL METROPOL, ST. PÖLTEN AND THEN TO WIEN MITTE RAILWAY STATION

Wednesday, 19 April 2006

- 7.30 BUS TRANSFER FOR THE MEDIA FROM WIEN MITTE RAILWAY STATION TO THE NIEDERÖSTERREICHISCHES LANDHAUS ST. PÖLTEN
- 8.30 PRESS CENTRE IN THE NIEDERÖSTERREICHISCHES LANDHAUS ST. PÖLTEN OPENS
- 9.30 European Conference on Subsidiarity continues  
(Landtagssitzungssaal Plenary Meeting Room)

Welcome and introduction by the Federal Chancellor Wolfgang **SCHÜSSEL**,  
President of the European Council

The press can follow the entire conference from the gallery of the Landtag plenary meeting room (languages: German, English, French)

Panel III: Subsidiarity and better regulation

Chair: Wolfgang **SCHÜSSEL**,  
Moderation: Alfred **PAYRLEITNER**

Keynote speeches:

**“Subsidiarity and cutting red tape as political challenges”**  
Edmund **STOIBER**, Prime Minister of Bavaria

**“Better regulation in the EU – a contribution to subsidiarity”**  
Günter **VERHEUGEN**, Vice-President of the European Commission

**“The contribution of the European Parliament to better regulation”**  
Joseph **DAUL**, Chair of the Conference of Committee Chairmen of the European Parliament

**“The role of the principle of subsidiarity in the case law of the European Court of Justice”**  
Vassilios **SKOURIS**, President of the Court of Justice of the European Communities

**“Subsidiarity and the extent to which Community competences are exercised: dialogue of the European Court of Justice with the national supreme courts”**  
Karl KORINEK, President of the Austrian Constitutional Court

**PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITY at the beginning**

10.40 Panel and plenary discussion

11.50 Summary / closing address Wolfgang **SCHÜSSEL**  
Federal Chancellor and President of the European Council

12.00 **IV. Statements by the Chair**

Panel I: Citizen-based policies: The contribution of the regions and the local authorities  
Erwin **PRÖLL**

Panel II: Subsidiarity and proportionality: The role of parliaments  
Andreas **KHOL**

Panel III: Subsidiarity and better regulation  
Wolfgang **SCHÜSSEL**

12.30 **CLOSING PRESS CONFERENCE** with Federal Chancellor Wolfgang Schüssel, President of the European Council, Andreas Khol, President of the Austrian National Council, Erwin Pröll, Governor of Lower Austria and Vice President of the European Commission and Commissioner Günther Verheugen in the Landtagsschiff (3rd floor, languages: German, English)

followed  
by

**BUFFET LUNCH FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AND THE MEDIA IN THE NIEDERÖSTERREICHISCHES LANDHAUS ST. PÖLTEN**

17.00 **PRESS CENTRE IN THE NIEDERÖSTERREICHISCHES LANDHAUS ST. PÖLTEN CLOSES**

17.00 **BUS TRANSFER FOR THE MEDIA FROM THE NIEDERÖSTERREICHISCHES LANDHAUS ST. PÖLTEN TO WIEN MITTE RAILWAY STATION**