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ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE 8-TH  
WEAF ANNUAL ENERGY CONFERENCE:

**“ ENERGY INDEPENDENCY  
& SECURITY OF SUPPLY  
FOR AUSTRIA ”**

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Moderation: Predrag Grujicic – Head of Gas Unit,  
Energy Community Secretariat (ECS), Vienna

**Date: Thursday, 16 November 2023**

**Time: 13:00 – 18:00**

**Location: Musikzimmer, Diplomatiche  
Akademie, Favoritenstrasse 15a, 1040 Vienna**

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# ENERGY INDEPENDENCY & SECURITY OF SUPPLY FOR AUSTRIA

## SESSION I

13:00–15:00

### AUSTRIA'S MAIN ENERGY RESOURCES

**Welcome: Ambassador Emil Brix (Director Vienna School of International Studies/Diplomatische Akademie Wien)**

**Opening Remarks by**

- **Prof. A. Woldan (President, WEAf)**
- **Mag. Georg Krauchenberg (Former Regional Manager for South East Europe Austrian Federal Economic Chamber)**
- **Dr. Werner Fasslabend (President AIES), Bundesminister a.D.**

**1. Electricity:** "Balancing electricity supply and demand in Austria?" – Arnold Weiss; Head of Vienna Office EPEX Spot

**2. Renewables:** "Driving Energy Transition: Lessons learned from Burgenland for Austria" – Tomasz Nowosielski, Managing Director, Energie Burgenland Green Energy GmbH

**3. Natural Gas:** "Demand – Import structure, New Sources of Supply to Austria":, Norway, Qatar, Australia: Ronald Farmer – Energy Expert, E-Control GmbH (tbc)

## SESSION 2

16:00 – 18:00

### OUTLOOK WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT?

**1.** "General View on Energy Market Design, Development and Outlook" Walter Boltz – Senior Advisor, European Energy

**2.** "Perspectives for Austria Renewables: Wind Power, Photovoltaic (PV) and/or additional Sources (Bio-Energy)": N.N., Verbund AG (tbc.)

**3.** "Good News – Decarbonisation is THE opportunity to achieve energy security" – Oliver Elbling, Managing Partner, Wagner, Elbling & Company, Vienna