

Environmental Conference of the Regions of Europe

12th Ministers' Conference
23rd September 2016

Regions taking Action – Alliances on
Climate Change and Green Economy



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Registration until 1st July 2016

Pörtschach, Carinthia

12th ENCORE Conference of the Regions of Europe

“Regions taking Action – Alliances on Climate Change and Green Economy” – the motto of the 12th ENCORE Conference shows that Climate Change is currently the most important environmental challenge and therefore the regions of Europe have to cooperate closely in order to initiate and implement effective solutions.

The aim of the Paris Agreement in context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial level to reduce the risks and impacts of climate change. To face this formidable challenge is a major duty for both, states and regions.



Therefore green energy technologies as a rising segment of Green Economy will help to solve the environmental problems and create new “green jobs”. Carinthia has already an over 52 percentage of renewable energy. Within the regional energy policy according to the “energy masterplan” the Carinthian aim is to become fully independent from fossil energy regarding electricity until 2020 and mobility until 2035. In order to exchange best practice examples and establish close cooperation among regions the 12th ENCORE Conference is hosted by Carinthia in 2016.

Because of the importance of youth engagement for Climate Protection the second ENCORE youth conference – YouthCORE 2016 – involving young people from European regions will be held from 18th- 23rd of September 2016 in Cap Wörth/Wörthersee.

Looking forward to meet you in Carinthia for ENCORE 2016!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Holub', written in a cursive style.

Rolf Holub

*Minister for Environment, Energy,
Sustainability and Public Transport, Carinthia*

Programme:

Venue: Parkhotel, Pörtschach am Wörthersee

Thursday, 22nd September 2016

01:00-05:00 pm	Optional scientific Pre-Conference “Climate Change & Green Economy in Carinthia”, Parkhotel Pörtschach
08:00 pm	Official Opening of the ENCORE Conference and dinner in Hotel Werzer´s – Pörtschach

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Friday, 23rd September 2016

	Chair: Maruxa Cardama
09:00 – 10:30 am	Session 1 Welcome and Opening of the ENCORE Conference <i>Rolf Holub, Minister for Environment, Energy, Sustainability and Public Transport, Carinthia</i> <i>Ulrike Scharf, State Minister for Environment and Consumer Protection, Bavaria</i> Speeches <i>Andrä Rupprechter, Federal Minister for Environment, Austria</i> <i>Ingmar Höbarth, Climate and Energy Fund, Vienna</i>
10:30 – 11:00 am	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30 pm	Session 2 Presentations and Key Notes “Looking Back for the Sake of the Future” <i>Verena Winiwarter, Professor of Environmental History, Alpen-Adria- University Klagenfurt</i>

“The Paris Agreement and the role of regional and local actors”
Dina Selina, European Commission Climate Action DG, Brussels

"Cooperation in the field of Green Economy: policy framework and financing opportunities for European regions"
Giacomo Luciani, European Commission DG Environment, Brussels

“Supporting the Regions: The contribution of the Climate and Energy Fund to regional excellence”
Gernot Wörther, Climate and Energy Fund, Vienna

12:30 – 02:00 pm

Lunch

02:00 – 04:20 pm

Session 3

“Presenting the results of the YouthCORE”
Delegation of YouthCORE

Conference format “Market Place”
Chair: Katharina Novy

All ministers are especially invited to get actively involved in our thematically focused market place to enlarge existing and even create new ENCORE alliances.

04:20 – 04:50 pm

Break

04:50 – 05:50 pm

Session 4

Chair: Maruxa Cardama

Presenting the Carinthian Declaration
Rolf Holub

Signing the Carinthian Declaration
all Ministers

Signing the Valencia Charter – Welcome to new ENCORE members

Handover ENCORE presidency

07:30 pm

Dinner at Parkhotel

Saturday, 24th September 2016

10:00 – 13:30 pm

Excursion to the Pyramid Lookout Tower and boat trip on the lake Wörthersee

Scientific Pre-Conference (optional)

Climate Change & Green Economy in Carinthia

Thursday, 22nd September 2016 01:00 - 05:00 pm

Pörtschach am Wörthersee, Parkhotel

01:00-01:15 pm	Welcome and Opening <i>LR Rolf Holub, Minister for Environment, Energy, Sustainability and Public Transport, Carinthia</i> <i>Christian Salmhofer, CEO Climate Alliance, Carinthia</i>
01:15-01:45 pm	"Climate Change: Global Challenge of the 21 st Century" <i>Jill Jäger, Alumni IIASA, Wuppertal-Institute, Stockholm Environment Institute</i>
01:45-02:15 pm	"Climate Change in the Alpine Space - Possible impacts and options for taking action within international context" <i>Lučka Kajfež-Bogataj, Professor for Climatology, University of Ljubljana</i>
02:15-02:45 pm	Coffee break
02:45-03:15 pm	"Experience more: Southern Line in Austria" <i>Franz Hammerschmid, Business Unit Manager Market Management and Communication, ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG, Vienna</i>
03:15-03:45 pm	"The house of the future - how will we live in 2050?" <i>Christof Müller, CEO Weissenseer – building intelligent skills, Carinthia</i>
03:45-04:15 pm	"Solar heat - the energy of the future!" <i>Martin Fasold, sales manager GREENoneTEC, Carinthia</i>
04:15-05:00 pm	Award ceremony for (pre-) scientific papers and theses of the young generation regarding Climate Protection
08:00 pm	Official Opening of the ENCORE Conference and dinner together with YouthCORE participants, Hotel Werzer's – Pörtschach

Registration

Registration for the 12th ENCORE Conference is open **until 01.07.2016** on

www.enoreweb.eu

or

<https://app.lilandit.com/iventcloud/app/emapps/registration/event/9754605/client/ki-umwelt/lang/en>

Register online for the ENCORE Conference (23rd September), book your room at Parkhotel Pörtschach and get optionally registered for the Pre-Conference on Thursday (22nd September) and/or the excursion on Saturday (24th September).

Transport

To travel to Carinthia the best way is to go by train (www.oebb.at) to Pörtschach or Velden am Wörthersee or by flight to Ljubljana/Slovenia. The busses of the AlpeAdria Line will take you from the Airport Ljubljana to Klagenfurt bus station (www.alpeadrialine.com). Shuttle taxis will bring you from there to the hotel. Please note, that the Airport Klagenfurt is closed for repairs in autumn.

If you are travelling by car or air you can think about CO₂ compensation: www.eecaustria.at or www.atmosfair.de

Contact

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For your further information

The conference hotel will have a ministers´ lounge to facilitate political exchange and communication during the conference.

We are organising the event according to the criteria of the Austrian Eco-label for Green Meetings.

Conference language is English.

Photographers will be present at the event. Taken photos will be published via press and social media. If you don´t agree to appear in them, please contact the conference staff!

