Customer notice regarding European Council meetings at the Austria Center Vienna

Ministerial conferences June to December 2018

From mid-June to mid-December the Austria Center Vienna will host around 20 ministerial conferences taking up a total of about 30 days, during Austria’s rotating presidency of the European Council. We will notify you of the precise dates as soon as they are officially confirmed. Due to the heightened security precautions in place on these days, participants, suppliers and employees will be unable to access the building via Aristides-de-Sousa-Mendes-Promenade or Bruno-Kreisky-Platz.

Instead, participants and employees will be redirected directly to Hall X5, along Carl-Auböck-Promenade to the left of the underground station, via a signposted route. Security checks with X-ray scanners will be in place in Hall X5. Measures such as staggering the arrival of participants and setting up a sufficient number of security control lanes will help to keep any disruption to an absolute minimum. However, participants will need to factor in additional time for passing through security.

A corridor or bridge over the square will lead participants from Halle X5 to the main building and conference spaces. People with restricted mobility will be accompanied across the square.
The on-site parking facilities will not be available on these days, or on the preceding day. Taxis and coaches will not be able to drive up to Bruno-Kreisky-Platz. We would be happy to coordinate alternative pick-up and drop-off locations for your participants with you. Deliveries are restricted to bay 4 from 6am on these days. Security checks will be conducted before any goods are allowed into the Austria Center Vienna. It will not be possible to take delivery of any consignments on these days at any other bay, or from IML freight-forwarding at bay 1. The west carpark (Parkplatz West) will also be closed on these days.

**Due to the restrictions cited above, event setup and breakdown days must be strictly coordinated to avoid delays. We are at your disposal to help ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible – your designated project manager will be able to answer any questions.**

### Rooms that are not available during Austria’s European Council presidency

In the second half of 2018 Austria will hold the rotating presidency of the European council for the third time, after 1998 and 2006. During this time, Austria will be a major European political hub. The majority of the meetings hosted by the Austria Center Vienna will take place from mid-June to mid-December 2018. They will take place on separate levels the Austria Center Vienna, away from the rest of the congresses at the venue. These levels will only be accessible to individuals with corresponding accreditation. Access to European Council Meetings will be restricted to two separate entrances on the side of the main building.

In addition to these parts of the building, a number of rooms on Level 0 (see map) will be unavailable between May 28 and December 31, 2018: This applies to business lounge 0.30 and rooms 0.11, 0.12, 0.31 and 0.32 (all marked red).

The hallways, escalators, stairwells and elevators marked orange will also be out of bounds during this period.

All other parts of the Austria Center Vienna will be available for regular event organisers and participants to use – we are making every effort to ensure that any disruption to events held in parallel is kept to an absolute minimum!