

**EMPA – Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Energy and Environment
Vienna/Güssing, 18 and 19 May 2009**

Programme

Sunday, 17 May 2009

Arrival of delegates

17:00 -19:00 Registration at Hotel de France, 1010 Vienna, Schottenring 3

Monday, 18 May 2009

Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee in the Austrian Parliament
1010 Vienna, Dr. Karl-Renner-Ring 3, Lokal VI

9:15 Departure from the hotel

9:30 Opening of the meeting by the Committee chair,
Stefan Schennach, member of the Austrian Federal Council

 Welcome by the President of the Federal Council,
Harald Reisenberger

10:00 Presentation by HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal of Jordan

 Discussion

11:00 Implementation of the Mediterranean Solar Plan

 Keynote Speeches:

- Director General for general environmental policy at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, the Environment and Water Management, Günter Liebel
- Deputy Head of Cabinet of the French Ministry of the Environment, Hélène Pelosse

 Discussion

12:55 Family photo in the historic meeting hall

13:00 Lunch in the *Abgeordnetensprechzimmer*

14:30 DESERTEC Concept "Clean power from deserts"

- Presentation by the DESERTEC Foundation
- Findings of studies carried out by the German Aerospace Center
- Solar thermal power plants and HVDC transmission
- Advantages for the MENA Region and for Europe
- Measures to implement the DESERTEC Concept "Clean power from deserts"

16:00 Selection of rapporteurs

- approx. 17:00 End of meeting
Return to hotel
- 18:30 Departure
- 19:00 Presentation by HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal of Jordan "West Asia – North Africa and the Euro-Atlantic: Finding Common Solutions to Shared Challenges" at the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue, 1190 Vienna, Armbrustergasse 15
- 20:30 Dinner at "Pfarrwirt", a traditional wine restaurant and tavern
1190 Vienna, Pfarrplatz 5
- 22:30 Return to the hotel

Tuesday, 19 May 2009

Visit of the European Centre for Renewable Energies
7540 Güssing, Europastrasse 1

- 9:00 Departure from hotel
- approx. 11:00 Arrival at the technology park Güssing
Presentation of the Güssing model
- 13:00 Visit of the biomass power plant Güssing and the biosyngas methanation
plant and research facilities
- 13:30 Departure
- 13:45 Lunch at the Güssing fortress restaurant
A-7540 Güssing, Battyánystrasse 10
- 15:30 Departure
- approx. 16:30 Arrival at Esterházy Palace
A-7000 Eisenstadt
- Visit of Esterházy Palace
- followed by Coffee break in the palace courtyard café
- 18:00 Departure
- approx. 19:00 Arrival in Vienna

Wednesday, 20 May 2009

Departure of delegates