

PRESS INFORMATION

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ARRIVAL

Welcome Desk at Vienna International Airport:

The welcome desk of the Austrian Presidency in the baggage reclaim hall of Vienna Airport offers initial information and assistance as well as the possibility to make last minute hotel bookings.

Opening hours	9.5.2006:	6.00 - 23.30
	10.5.2006:	6.00 - 23.30
	11.5.2006:	6.00 - 23.30
	12.5.2006:	6.00 - 11.00

Contact Telephone: +43-664-841 50 89 (during opening hours only)

Airport-Shuttle-Service:

The City Airport Train (CAT) takes only 16 minutes from Vienna Airport to the city centre (Wien Mitte Station). City Airport Train Betriebs GmbH is offering media representatives attending this event tickets at a reduced price of € 5 single and € 10 return (normal price € 9 and € 16 respectively). These tickets can be purchased at the welcome desk located in the baggage reclaim hall of Vienna Airport on presentation of the accreditation confirmation, press card or letter of confirmation from the media organisation.

www.cityairporttrain.at

Public transport (Wiener Linien):

The City of Vienna is offering all accredited media representatives free tickets for travel on "Wiener Linien" services. These tickets entitle media representatives to use all public transport in Vienna free of charge on the days on which the official events take place. The tickets will be issued at the accreditation desk.

www.wienerlinien.at

EVENT LOCATION: REED MESSE WIEN

The IV Summit of the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean will be held at the Reed Messe Wien (address: Messestraße, Tor 1, A-1021 Wien, www.messe.at).

Shuttle to/from the press centre in the Reed Messe Wien:

There will be a shuttle service between Vienna city centre/Schwedenplatz and the Reed Messe Wien/entrance Foyer D from 11.5. to 13.5.2006.

Taxis:

There will be a taxi stand in the immediate vicinity of the entrance to the press centre, on the corner of the streets Vorgartenstraße / Trabrennstraße.

ACCREDITATION

Attendance of the press events organised as part of the programme and use of the press centre are restricted to accredited media representatives.

Applications for accreditation can be made via the Presidency website www.eu2006.at. Please note that the deadline for registration is 4.5.2006!

Accreditation desk:

Badges, which give access to all press events, which will be organised as part of the programme as well as to the press centre, will be issued at the accreditation desk in the

Reed Messe Wien, Foyer Hall D
Vienna, 2nd district, entrance via Trabrennstraße

Please note that you have to present the accreditation confirmation and a valid press card or the original letter of confirmation from your media organisation in order to collect your badge. Furthermore, an official document with a photograph (identity card, passport, driving licence) must be produced.

<u>Opening hours of the accreditation desk:</u>	10.5.2006:	8.00 - 21.00
	11.5.2006:	8.00 - 21.00
	12.5.2006:	7.00 - 18.00
	13.5.2006:	7.00 - 13.00

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Fax:	+43-1-726 34 63 hours only)

Media representatives can also collect their badge on 8. and 9.5.2006 between 9.00 and 17.00 at the **EU2006 Media Accreditation Office** of the Federal Press Service (Vienna, 1st district, Innerer Burghof).

The badge is non-transferable and must always be worn visibly during the event. In addition, you must be able to prove your identity at all times by means of an official picture ID. The potential loss of the badge must be reported to the accreditation desk immediately.

Contact accreditation: Marianne Kirchmayr and Irene Kaufmann
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E-mail: mediaaccreditation@eu2006.at

HOTEL RESERVATION

The congress travel agency AIMS International, on behalf of the Austrian Presidency, has made a block reservation of rooms on special terms for media representatives in selected hotels in Vienna. You can book your room via the Presidency website www.eu2006.at, follow the link Media Service.

Contact:

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PRESS CENTRE

The press centre is housed in the Reed Messe Wien. The entrance is at Trabrennstraße. Accredited media representatives and delegates will be admitted.

Opening times:

Wednesday, 10 May 2006	8.00 - 22.00
Thursday, 11 May 2006	8.00 - 24.00
Friday, 12 May 2006	00.00 - 24.00
Saturday, 13 May 2006	00.00 - 21.00

Equipment:

The press centre is equipped with workstations, telephones, fax machines, PCs with Internet access (MS Windows XP and MS Word software), printers (b/w), photocopiers, electricity connections (220 V), TVs, cloakrooms, lockers, two cafeterias and a restaurant. Internationally standardised LAN, ISDN and analogue access points are available for Internet and data links for users' own portable devices. A W-LAN network has also been set up.

Fax numbers in the press centre: +43-1-726 34 84 and +43-1-726 34 86
(during opening hours only)

Radio and TV booths:

A limited number of booths are available free of charge for radio and TV broadcasters. The Austrian Presidency is providing standard equipment including one basic ISDN access point, one LAN access point, one analogue access point with telephone, one TV monitor, 230V electricity supply, 2 desks and 3 chairs. The booths and any additional equipment required can be booked from the Austrian Presidency's host broadcaster. The requesting stations will have to bear the costs of any such additional equipment.

Contact host broadcaster (ORF) TV:

Anita Eder: Telephone: +43-1-87878-1255 or -12556
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Booths for news agencies:

A limited number of booths are available free of charge for news agencies. The Austrian Presidency is providing standard equipment including one basic ISDN access point, 12 LAN access points, 2 analogue access points with telephone, one network printer, one TV monitor, 220V electricity supply, 10 desks and 20 chairs. Bookings for the booths and any additional equipment required can be made with the Federal Press Service. The requesting news agencies will have to bear the costs of any such additional equipment.

Contact Federal Press Service:

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Stand-up positions:

A limited number of live stand-up positions are available at the first floor of Hall D and can be hired from the EBU (European Broadcasting Union).

Contact with the EBU in the press centre:

Telephone: +43-1-726 34 80

Information desk:

Please contact the general information desk in the press centre (Foyer, Hall D) for information and assistance.

Telephone: +43-1-726 34 71
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The City of Vienna, the Sigmund Freud Museum, the congress travel agency AIMS International, Mirabell and DHL operate an information desk in the press centre (Foyer, Hall D).

News system - closed circuit TV:

The latest information on events will be displayed on screens and TV monitors throughout the press centre.

Food and drink:

During opening times, drinks and snacks are available in the cafeterias at the Foyer, Hall D and Hall C.

Opening times of the cafeteria at the Foyer, Hall D:

Wednesday, 10 May 2006	8.00 - 22.00
Thursday, 11 May 2006	8.00 - 24.00
Friday, 12 May 2006	00.00 - 24.00
Saturday, 13 May 2006	00.00 - 21.00

Opening times of the cafeteria at Hall C:

Wednesday, 10 May 2006	10.00 - 18.00
Thursday, 11 May 2006	10.00 - 18.00
Friday, 12 May 2006	8.00 - 21.00
Saturday, 13 May 2006	10.00 - 18.00

Buffets will be available in the media restaurant on 11, 12 and 13 May 2006.

Restaurant hours:

Thursday, 11 May 2006	12.30 - 15.30
Friday, 12 May 2006	12.30 - 15.30 and 19.00 - 21.00
Saturday, 13 May 2006	12.30 - 15.30

Meals in the cafeterias and the media restaurant are for free.

Accredited media representatives are cordially invited to an evening reception and dinner at the Wiener Rathaus on Thursday, 11 May 2006.

Smoking:

Smoking is not permitted in the press work area.

POOL SESSIONS

Attendance at the pool sessions Pool 1 to Pool 5 indicated in the press programme is reserved to photographers and camera crews in possession of a corresponding pool card owing to space constraints.

The Austrian EU Presidency is making a number of pool cards available to the EU Member States and accession countries as well as to the States of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Pool cards will be distributed to the respective national media.

Furthermore, the host broadcaster and host photographer of the Austrian Presidency will offer picture and photo material from the pool sessions for free.

Pool participants will be escorted to the pool sessions by pool assistants. The pool meeting point is next to the press centre's information desk (Foyer, Hall D).

Departure for pool members 45 minutes before the event from the meeting point in foyer D, otherwise participation in the programme points cannot be guaranteed.

INTERVIEW AND BRIEFING ROOMS

Interview and briefing rooms (Hall C) are available for interviews and briefings.

Delegation members can book briefing and interview rooms at the general information desk in the press centre (Hall C).

Telephone (booking requests): +43-1-726 34 74

Briefing sessions will be announced through the internal news system (CCTV).

PARKING SPACES FOR VEHICLES AND BROADCASTTRUCKS (SNGS)

A limited number of parking spaces will be available for accredited media representatives in car park D in the Reed Messe Wien (access Trabrennstraße). Access is possible on presentation of the badge, a valid press card or the confirmation of accreditation.

Parking spaces for broadcast trucks (SNGs) will be allocated by the host broadcaster (ORF). NB: arrival of SNG trucks possible on 10.5.2006 until 18.00!

SERVICE HOST BROADCASTER (ORF) AND EUROPEAN BROADCASTING UNION (EBU), SERVICE HOST PHOTOGRAPHER

Service for TV stations will be provided by the Presidency host broadcaster (ORF) in cooperation with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU).

Service for radio stations will be provided exclusively by the host broadcaster (ORF).

The Austrian Presidency's host broadcaster and host photographer will attend all press events.

The host broadcaster will provide audiovisual material for free and offer technical assistance to radio and television broadcasters.

Digital photos can be downloaded in printing quality from the Presidency website www.eu2006.at.

GENERAL CONTACTS

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