

VIENNA DECLARATION

for sustainable upturn

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The international advisory board of the Vienna Congress com.sult passed the following approaches for sustainable upturn and a stable social development, based on empiric results and international experts of science and economy.

UPSWING

The sustainable overcoming of the global Covid-19 pandemic is the precondition for sustainable economic growth. If digital infrastructures (e. g. broadband, 5G), relevantly trained workforce and the support for small and medium-sized enterprises with the digital transformation is assured, innovation and digital transformation can open up sustainable added value and potential for job creation. Europe faces a challenge in the global competition with the USA and China, to improve its innovation performance and, in particular, its digital economy.

HEALTH

The current covid crisis can be sustainably overcome with the vaccination with the authorized and, if necessary, updated vaccines. Different vaccination coverage in different countries reflect, amongst others, the respective availability of vaccines, the approach towards science and medicine, the level of information of the population and the awareness-raising activities by politics, media and institutions. The necessary vaccination coverage needs the regional implementation of effective strategies. The experiences with the Covid-19 crisis emphasize the necessities of the targeted expansion of a stable health care system, the provision of medical capacities and increased investments in medical research and development.

DEMOCRACY

The restrictions of fundamental rights and freedom of many countries' citizens to fight the Covid-19 pandemic represent a challenge for democracy and the constitutional state as well as for the social understanding of solidarity. Also handling Covid deniers and members of the anti-vaccine movement remains a challenge in terms of democratic politics for the months and years to come. Urgent socio-political tendencies for division must be overcome primarily with means of constructive dialogue and evidence-based information. Social cohesion requires a willingness on all sides to take steps towards one another.

CLIMATE

The results of the UN climate conference in Glasgow show that the need for political action for sustainable climate protection is and will remain significant. To pursue ambitious climate policy goals, the further mobilization of science and industry for climate protection is crucial. The targeted increase in climate-friendly innovative strength and the strategic promotion of key technologies such as hydrogen are indispensable in order to ensure economic and ecological success for the future. Environmental technologies from Europe have great potential to support countries around the world in their climate protection efforts. Their commitment and their further development are of benefit to the climate and locations.

REGIONS

The competitiveness of locations is based on economically strong and resilient regions. Modern structural and infrastructure policies must therefore meet the needs of the regions and focus on their requirements. In addition to traffic infrastructures, digital infrastructures are playing an increasingly important role in the success of regions. They attract rural regions as residential and business locations and create more fairness in comparison to the development of (sub)urban regions. Against this background, cross-border cooperation between regions should also be promoted.