

VIENNA DECLARATION

Time for Future

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Global tensions, the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the energy crisis and the climate debate pose massive challenges for business, politics and society. Despite all the crises and short-term need for action, we have to take our time again for the future and develop well-founded answers to the crucial questions. According to the findings of the Vienna Congress 2023, this applies in particular to the following areas:

Economy & security of supply

Inflation and supply crises massively jeopardize value creation and growth. Old and new dependencies put economic success to the test and endanger an economically, socially and ecologically successful energy transition. In addition to the targeted strengthening of competitiveness, the comprehensive security of supply of locations – from energy to raw materials to infrastructure and medicines – plays an increasingly important role for a secure future. Nation states are called upon to develop resilient governance structures and instruments and coordinate them at European level.

Democracy & Constitutional state

The model of democracy in the new system competition with China is not only required on a global level. Influencing democratic processes through hybrid attacks and fake news campaigns has also become an issue in numerous European countries. Cancel and wokeness cultures limit democratic discourse from within. Against this background, it is necessary to strengthen democratic and, in particular, constitutional structures and better education for democracy and the constitutional state.

Science

The role of science and research continues to increase. Science helps us to better understand and solve complex challenges. In many areas of the population, however, there is skepticism about science or a lack of interest in scientific findings. This requires targeted measures to popularize science and a clear distinction between science and activism to strengthen the credibility of science.

Innovation

More innovative power is indispensable for actively shaping the future and economic success. It needs bright minds and new technologies. The development of innovative talents and digital skills must be started as early as possible in the education system and further developed in a targeted manner.

Consulting & Composition

Resistance to advice and a lack of openness to new solutions go hand in hand in many areas. The challenges of a complex economy and society demand and promote the discipline of professional consultants. Their knowhow and experience are playing an increasingly important role in business, administration and politics and must be used in the best possible way for political and economic structuring. Professional, quality-oriented and transparent advice enables better decisions in politics and business.