

R20 AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT & Climate Kirtag

“More action” is the key message of this year’s climate conference taking place on the 28th of May in the Vienna Hofburg. 150 speakers from 30 countries will take part in the third R20 AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT – including initiator Arnold Schwarzenegger, climate activist Greta Thunberg and UN Secretary-General António Guterres. The first Climate Kirtag at Heldenplatz will include artists like Conchita Wurst, Pizzera & Jaus and Hubert von Goisern.

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The third R20 AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT will take place on May 28th at the Vienna Hofburg. The great response in the run-up to the conference showed that the climate conference has made a name for itself as an international platform for important players in the climate field. Among the 1,000 participants are climate activist Greta Thunberg, UN Secretary-General António Guterres, as well as presidents and ministers from all over the world. The former NASA astronaut Scott Kelly will come as well as the former Norwegian ski racer Aksel Lund Svindal. As in the past two years, Federal President Alexander van der Bellen will be the patronage of the conference.

Wake-up call

Greta Thunberg's speech, which she will address to the auditorium at the beginning of the R20 AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT, is awaited with excitement. In addition, Arnold Schwarzenegger and António Guterres will hold keynotes before the conference goes "in medias res" with many experts and specialists in four focus blocks.

On the one hand, the R20 AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT sees itself as a platform for exchange that brings together decisive "players". At the same time, best practice examples will be brought before the curtain and, finally, with the help of personalities from a wide variety of fields, awareness of rapid action in climate protection will be achieved.

Under the motto "less talk, more action", politicians and business representatives invited to the stage will answer two questions in particular: What successes can they report in terms of climate protection and what further concrete steps do they want to take in the future?

Premiere: Climate Kirtag

The interest is enormous not only among experts and decision-makers, but also among all those who are concerned about climate change, demand determined action from politicians worldwide and a more conscious use of our resources. For this reason, in addition to the conference, there will also be a Climate Kirtag on May 28th on the Heldenplatz. The Kirtag is free and will begin at 3pm. At the Kirtag stands, for example, you can check how climate-friendly your own lifestyle is with just a few clicks, test the latest e-bikes or ask questions to experts. For the little ones, the ÖBB is setting up the

Cindy Cityjet bouncy castle train and the MA48 of the City of Vienna is presenting its new e-waste truck. In culinary terms, 12 food trucks will provide visitors with everything their hearts desire, from vegetarian wraps and speedy potatoes to frozen yoghurt.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Greta Thunberg, Aksel Lund Svindal and musicians such as Conchita Wurst, Pizzera & Jaus and Hubert von Goisern can be seen live on stage from 5 p.m. onwards. Under the motto "Five Continents" there will be a colourful entertainment programme until 9 p.m., moderated by Barbara Meier.

On May 29th, the day after the conference, ten breakout sessions will also be organised at various locations in Vienna and in Graz, with in-depth panel discussions on main topics.

This year's R20 AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT will be supported by the Hallmann Corporate Group as main sponsor, among others. Gold partners are the international Allianz Group, ING Austria and SodaStream.

Background:

In 2017, Arnold Schwarzenegger launched the R20 AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT, under the direction of R20 Austria&EU Director Monika Langthaler and under the patronage of Federal President Alexander Van der Bellen, in order to build up an international platform bringing together leading politicians, companies, representatives of civil society, start-ups, actors from regions and cities as well as experts. On the basis of this initiative, a major international climate conference is held once a year in the Vienna Hofburg.

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