

## EDF DAYS 2023

BRINGING TOGETHER AUSTRIA'S DEFENCE R&D COMMUNITY

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**DATE/TIME:** September 19, 2023 – September 20, 2023  
03.00 a.m. – 06.00 p.m. and 09.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Austrian Federal Economic Chamber  
Wiedner Hauptstraße 63, 1045 Vienna  
Julius Raab Saal and Christoph Leitl Lounge

**NOTE:** The event will be held in German and English.

### TUESDAY, 19. 09. 2023

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**03.00 p.m.** **WELCOME AND KEYNOTE TALKS** (Julius Raab Saal)

Welcome by WKO | Reinhard Marak, WKO  
Welcome by FFG | Margit Noll, FFG

European Defence in a New Geopolitical Environment | Sven Biscop, Ghent University  
EDF basics and Austrian participation | Thomas Zergoi, FFG  
The Ministry of Defence as an end-user | Rudolf Zauner, BMLV  
Austrian security & defence research programmes | Ralph Hammer, BMF

EDF players & priorities | Pitches from EDF National Focal Points from Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Czech Republic and other countries (tbc)

**06.00 p.m.** **NETWORKING RECEPTION** (Christoph Leitl Lounge)

Austria's economy in the defence sector | Wolfgang Hesoun, Vice-President, WKO  
European defence policy | Lukas Mandl, Member of the European Parliament  
Welcome address by the National Director of Armament | Harald Vodosek, BMLV

### WEDNESDAY, 20. 09. 2023

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**09.00 a.m.** **WELCOME AND OPENING**

The EDF's political context | Sylvia Kainz-Huber, DG DEFIS, European Commission  
Successful EDF projects TDRIC | Reinhard Puffing, Pegasus  
The hub for European defence innovation | Federica Valente, EDA  
EU synergy programmes: Horizon, Digital Europe | Max Arends, FFG  
Panel Discussion: EDF – the learnings so far | Sylvia Kainz-Huber, DG DEFIS  
| Reinhard Marak, WKO  
| Federica Valente, EDA  
| Lukas Mandl, European Parliament  
| Reinhard Puffing, Pegasus

**12.00 p.m.** **CLOSING & NETWORKING LUNCH**