

# Small states in Europe

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Micro-states and small states have always been a feature of the international system. In times of European Integration, Globalization and EU-Enlargement, not only the number of small states has risen, but also their political and cultural importance. The challenges presented to small states appear to be particularly acute.

In order to provide a thorough international legal and economic as well as political account of the European micro- and small-states and to develop a novel approach to the problems of fragmentation, the European Forum Alpbach, the Herbert-Batliner-Europainstitut and the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe will hold a symposium about „Small states in Europe“ in Schloss Urstein. At this symposium high-ranking representatives of law and politics will examine the nature of small states' traditional dependence on international markets as well as their capacity to exploit the formal privileges of sovereignty.

For programme updates and registration please go to <http://www.alpbach.org>

*Thursday, January 22, 2009*

14.00  
to 14.15

Opening

**Erhard BUSEK**, President, European Forum Alpbach, Vienna

14.15  
to 14.45

*Statehood of small states in the international law*

**Karl ZEMANEK**, Professor emeritus for International Law and International Organisations, University of Vienna (tbc)

14.45  
to 16.15

*Can small states survive economically?*

**Vladimir GLIGOROV**, Senior Economist, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, Vienna

**Silja Bara OMARSDOTTIR**, Director, University of Iceland, Faculty of Business Administration and Economics, Reykjavik (tbc)

Chair

**Heinrich NEISSER**, Professor emeritus for Political Sciences, Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck

16.45  
to 18.45

*European small states within international organisations*

**Carl BAUDENBACHER**, President, EFTA Court, Luxembourg; Professor for Civil, Commercial, and Business Law, Faculty of Law, University of St. Gallen

**Maria-Pia KOTHBAUER-LIECHTENSTEIN**, Ambassador of the Principality of Liechtenstein to Austria, Vienna

**Antti TURUNEN**, Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE, Vienna (tbc)

**Nikolaus VON UND ZU LIECHTENSTEIN**, Ambassador of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Kingdom of Belgium and to the European Union (tbc)

Chair

**Gregor WOSCHNAGG**, Ambassador ret., Federation of Austrian Industry, Vienna

20.00

Dinner Speech

**Vaira VIKE-FREIBERGA**, Former President of the Republic of Latvia, Riga (tbc)

Friday, January 23, 2009

9.00  
to 10.30

*Newly generated small states: taking a stock*

**Gerhard HAFNER**, Head of Section, International Law and International Relations, Department of European, International and Comparative Law, University of Vienna

*Neu entstandene Staaten im Zuge des Zerfalls der SFR Jugoslawien*

**Jozef BATORA**, Institute for European Integration Research, Austrian Academy of Science, Vienna

**Magdalena VASARYOVA**, Member, National Council of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava  
*From Czechoslovakia to the Czech Republic and Slovakia*

11.00  
to 13.00

*Kosovo: Special case under international law*

**Joseph MARKO**, Director, Law School's Centre for South East European Studies, University of Graz

**Roy REEVE**, Head, European Union Planning Team for Kosovo - EUPT, Prishtina

Chair

**Friedl WEISS**, Professor of Law, Department of European, International and Comparative Law, University of Vienna

14.00  
to 15.30

*Small states in the European Neighbourhood Policy*

**Marc FÄHNDRICH**, Deputy Head, Representation of the European Commission to Austria, Vienna

**Marian LUPU**, Chairman, Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau

**Peter SEMNEBY**, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus, Council of the European Union, Brussels

Chair

**Erhard BUSEK**, President, European Forum Alpbach, Vienna

16.00  
to 18.15

*A new map in South Eastern Europe*

**Erhard BUSEK**, President, European Forum Alpbach, Vienna

**Lulzim BASHA**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, Tirana (tbc)

**Milan PAJEVIC**, G 17 Plus Group Party, Belgrade (tbc)

**Sonja PUNTSCHER-RIEKMANN**, Vice Rector for International Relations and Communications, Paris Lodron University Salzburg (tbc)

Chair

**Christian WEHRSCHÜTZ**, Correspondent, Austrian Broadcasting Association, Belgrad

18.15

Closing remarks