



## The benefits of global economic cooperation and rules-based trade: the Australia – EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA)

Join us for perspectives on the FTA at this closed-door discussion at the  
Austrian Central Bank (OeNB) on  
Tuesday, 28 April 2026 from 11:30 to 14:30

### *Speakers include:*

- Prof. Martin Kocher, Governor, Austrian Central Bank (OeNB)
- H.E. Ian Biggs, Australia's Ambassador to Austria
- Dr Severin Gruber, Secretary General, Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism (BMWET)
- Mr Patrick Lobis, Head of Representation, European Commission in Austria
- Prof. Gabriel Felbermayr, Director, Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO)
- Mr Lachlan Crews, Assistant Secretary, Services, Competition and Intellectual Property Branch, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

### *Panellists include:*

- Mr Tim Joris Kaiser, Economic Counsellor, European Commission in Austria
- Mr David Brightling, Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy Brussels
- Dr Eva Liebmann, Deputy Secretary General, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO)
- DI Andreas Thurner, Head of the EU and International Relations Division, Austrian Chamber of Agriculture

If you are interested in attending this event, please register your interest by 21 April at [events.vienna.embassy@dfat.gov.au](mailto:events.vienna.embassy@dfat.gov.au) (with name, position, organisation and email).

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