

# Environmental Conference of the Regions of Europe

12<sup>th</sup> Ministers' Conference  
23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

Regions taking Action – Alliances on  
Climate Change and Green Economy



# ENCORE

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Registration until 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016

**Pörtschach, Carinthia**

# 12<sup>th</sup> ENCORE Conference of the Regions of Europe

**“Regions taking Action – Alliances on Climate Change and Green Economy”** – the motto of the 12<sup>th</sup> ENCORE Conference shows that Climate Change is currently the most important environmental challenge and therefore the regions of Europe have to cooperate closely in order to initiate and implement effective solutions.

The aim of the Paris Agreement in context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial level to reduce the risks and impacts of climate change. To face this formidable challenge is a major duty for both, states and regions.



Therefore green energy technologies as a rising segment of Green Economy will help to solve the environmental problems and create new “green jobs”. Carinthia has already an over 52 percentage of renewable energy. Within the regional energy policy according to the “energy masterplan” the Carinthian aim is to become fully independent from fossil energy regarding electricity until 2020 and mobility until 2035. In order to exchange best practice examples and create close cooperation among regions the 12<sup>th</sup> ENCORE Conference is hosted by Carinthia in 2016.

The second ENCORE youth conference – YouthCORE 2016 – involving young people from European regions will be held in the run-up to the ENCORE Conference from 18<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> of September in Cap Wörth/Wörthersee.

Looking forward to meet you in Carinthia for ENCORE 2016!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Holub', written in a cursive style.

Rolf Holub

*Minister for Environment, Energy,  
Sustainability and Public Transport, Carinthia*

# Programme:

Venue: Parkhotel, Pörtschach am Wörthersee

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016**

<b>01:00-05:00 pm</b>	<b>Optional scientific Pre-Conference</b> “Climate Change & Green Economy in Carinthia”, Parkhotel Pörtschach
<b>08:00 pm</b>	<b>Official Opening of the ENCORE Conference and dinner</b> in Hotel Werzer´s – Pörtschach

## ENCORE Conference

**Regions taking action  
– Alliances on Climate Change and Green Economy**

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016**

	Chair: Maruxa Cardama
<b>09:00 – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Session 1</b> <b>Welcome and Opening of the ENCORE Conference</b> <i>Rolf Holub, Minister for Environment, Energy, Sustainability and Public Transport, Carinthia</i> <i>Ulrike Scharf, State Minister for the Environment and Consumer Protection, Bavaria</i> <b>Speeches</b> <i>Andrä Rupprechter, Federal Minister for Environment, Austria</i> <i>Ingmar Höbarth, Climate and Energy Fund, Vienna</i>
<b>10:30 – 11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Session 2</b> <b>Presentations and Key Notes</b> “Looking Back for the Sake of the Future” <i>Verena Winiwarter, Professor of Environmental History at Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt</i>

“Supporting the Regions: The contribution of the Climate and Energy Fund to regional excellence”

*Mag. Gernot Wörther, Climate and Energy Fund, Vienna*

“Presenting the results of the YouthCORE”

*Delegation of YouthCORE*

**12:30 – 02:00 pm**

**Lunch**

**02:00 – 04:00 pm**

**Session 3**

Conference format “Market Place”

Chair: Katharina Novy

**All ministers are especially invited to get actively involved in our thematically focused market place to enlarge existing and even create new ENCORE alliances.**

**04:00 – 04:30 pm**

**Break**

**04:30 – 05:30 pm**

**Session 4**

Chair: Maruxa Cardama

Presenting the Carinthian Declaration

*Rolf Holub*

Signing of the Carinthian Declaration

*all Ministers*

Signing of the Valencia Charter – Welcome to new ENCORE members

Handover ENCORE presidency

**07:30 pm**

**Dinner at Parkhotel**

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**10:00 – 13:30 pm**

Excursion to the Pyramid Lookout Tower and boat trip on the lake Wörthersee

Scientific Pre-Conference (optional)

## Climate Change & Green Economy in Carinthia

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 01:00 - 05:00 pm

Pörtschach am Wörthersee, Parkhotel

<b>01:00-01:15 pm</b>	Minister for Environment, Energy, Sustainability and Public Transport, Carinthia , <i>LR Rolf Holub</i>  <i>Climate Alliance, Christian Salmhofer</i>
<b>01:15-01:45 pm</b>	<b>"Climate Change: Global Challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"</b> <i>Dr. Jill Jäger, Alumni IIASA, Wuppertal-Institute, Stockholm Environment Institute</i>
<b>01:45-02:15 pm</b>	<b>"Climate Change in the Alpine Space - Possible impacts and options for taking action within international context"</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Lučka Kajfež-Bogataj, Professor for Climatology at the University of Ljubljana</i>
<b>02:15-02:45 pm</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>02:45-03:15 pm</b>	<b>"Experience more: Southern Line in Austria"</b> <i>Mag. Franz Hammerschmid, ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG</i>
<b>03:15-03:45 pm</b>	<b>"The house of the future - how will we live in 2050?"</b> <i>Christof Müller, CEO Weissenseer – building intelligent skills</i>
<b>03:45-04:15 pm</b>	<b>"Solar heat - the energy of the future!"</b> <i>Martin Fasold, sales manager GREENoneTEC</i>
<b>04:15-05:00 pm</b>	<b>Award ceremony for (pre-) scientific papers and theses of the young generation regarding climate protection</b>
<b>08:00 pm</b>	<b>Official Opening of the ENCORE Conference and dinner together with YouthCORE participants,</b> <i>Hotel Werzer´s – Pörtschach</i>

## Registration

Registration for the 12<sup>th</sup> ENCORE Conference is easy and open **until 01.07.2016**.

Simply visit:

[www.encoreweb.eu](http://www.encoreweb.eu)

or

<https://app.lilandit.com/iventcloud/app/emapps/registration/event/9754605/client/kl-umwelt/lang/en>

Here you can register online for the ENCORE Conference (23<sup>rd</sup> September), book your room at Parkhotel Pörtschach and get optionally registered for the Pre-Conference on Thursday (22<sup>nd</sup> September) and/or the excursion on Saturday (24<sup>th</sup> September).

## Transport

To get to Carinthia the best way will be either to go by train ([www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at)) to Velden am Wörthersee or by flight to Ljubljana/Slovenia. The busses of the AlpeAdria Line will take you from the Airport Ljubljana to Klagenfurt. ([www.alpeadrialine.com](http://www.alpeadrialine.com)). Shuttle taxis will bring you from there to the hotel. Please note, that the Airport Klagenfurt is closed for repairs in autumn.

If you are travelling by car or air you can think about CO<sub>2</sub> compensation: [www.eecaustria.at](http://www.eecaustria.at) or [www.atmosfair.de](http://www.atmosfair.de)

## Contact

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Parkhotel Pörtschach: +43 (0)4272 26210  
[office@parkhotel-poertschach.at](mailto:office@parkhotel-poertschach.at)

## For your further information

The conference hotel will have a ministers´ lounge to facilitate political exchange and communication.

We aim at organising the event according to the criteria of the Austrian Eco-label for Green Meetings.

Conference language is English.

Photographers will be present at the event. Taken photos will be published via press and social media. If you don´t agree to appear in them, please contact the conference staff!

