

Press Release

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#IDSF22: GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON RESPONSIBLE APPROACH TO DIGITALIZATION

2nd International Digital Security Forum (IDSF) from 31 May to 2 June at the MuseumsQuartier Vienna

Vienna (AIT) - The development of digital technologies is proceeding so rapidly that it is difficult to really deal with their bright and dark sides. As a result, adaptation of the social and legal framework often lags behind the market launch. This discussion is at the heart of the second **International Digital Security Forum (IDSF)**, which will take place **from May 31 to June 2, 2022, at** Vienna's Museumsquartier under the motto "**Secure digitalization for a safe, green and sustainable future.**"

Global dialogue on common challenges

The IDSF brings together international players from research, business and the public sector to initiate a discourse on the responsible use of digitization and thus address important framework conditions for digitization in the service of a secure and sustainable future. The three days of the forum will each be dedicated to a thematic focus: Day 1 will highlight the topic of "**Countering Malicious Activities in Cyber Space.**" Forum Day 2 is dedicated to the topic of "**Protecting Digital National & International Critical Infrastructure.**" Forum Day 3 will focus on the following topics

"**Security and International Relations.**" In addition, on the second day, organized by IDSF program partner Vienna Centre for Societal Security (VICESSE), a separate conference of **the** social sciences will be held under the title "**Understanding the Challenges of Digital Societies.**"

International guests and top-class speakers

As part of the multi-faceted program, numerous top national and international representatives from research, business and politics will present their views on the use of new digital tools and explain the framework conditions, rules and obligations for developers and manufacturers, users and companies, as well as legislators.

The IDSF will be opened by Federal Chancellor **Karl Nehammer** and **Raffi Gregorian**, Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General and Director, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), as well as IDSF initiator **Helmut Leopold**, Head of Center for Digital Safety & Security at AIT, and **Josef Hauk**, President of ARGE Sicherheit und Wirtschaft (ASW) of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber. The international dimension of the forum will be emphasized by the introductory statements of the ambassadors Faouzia Mebarki (Algeria), Tadeusz Chomicki (Poland) and Rasa Ostrauskaite (EU/OSCE) on the one hand and by the presence of numerous representatives of the European Commission on the other hand.

Experts from the field of international peace and conflict management, including the Head of the EU Advisory Mission to Ukraine, **Antti Hartikainen**, and the Head of the OSCE's Conflict Prevention Center, **Tuula Yrjölä**, underlined the importance of the event. The program impresses with top-class keynotes and lectures: Among the discussants and speakers are **Franziska Brantner** (State Secretary of the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Protection), **Gerhard Krennmair** (Head of Manufacturing, msg Plaut AG), **Achim Kaspar** (COO Verbund AG), **Wolfgang Schwabl** (CSO, A1 Telekom Austria AG) and **Rafal Jaczynski** (CSO, Huawei CEE & Nordic Region) and as a follow-up speaker, **Lukas Mandl**, MEP, Vice President of the Subcommittee on Security and Defense.

Austria at the center of the digital world

After the first edition of the IDSF in December 2020 had to take place purely virtually due to Corona, the second edition is now focusing on a hybrid event with an emphasis on personal presence. The forum is organized by the AIT Austrian Institute of Technology in partnership with the ARGE Sicherheit und Wirtschaft (ASW) of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, and with the support of the Federal Chancellery, the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, the Federal Ministry of the Interior, the Federal Ministry of Defense, the Federal Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, the Federal Ministry for Digitization and Business Location, and the Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Regions and Tourism - responsible for the Austrian security research program KIRAS - as well as in cooperation with national partner organizations such as the KSÖ Competence Center Safe Austria and the Cyber Security Platform Austria (CSP). IDSF is particularly enriched by the support of global organizations such as the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and the World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS).

Helmut Leopold, Head of AIT Center for Digital Safety & Security and initiator of the IDSF: "The IDSF is not a detailed technical conference that only addresses various specialists. It is an exciting dialog forum where international researchers meet with representatives from industry and public authorities in an open atmosphere on an equal footing to exchange their respective points of view and perspectives and to discuss fundamental problems together from different perspectives."

Accompanying exhibition of innovative companies

The IDSF is accompanied by an exhibition that provides an international stage for innovative Austrian SMEs as well as globally active companies in this field. Among others, ARGE Sicherheit und Wirtschaft (ASW) of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, KSÖ Kompetenzzentrum Sicheres Österreich, Verbund, IKARUS Security Software, X-Net Services, Kapsch Businesscom, Cybertrap, Lieber Software and Sparx Services Central Europe, Softprom, fragmentiX, W&H Dentalwerk, Danube University Krems, SBA Research, DFV Digital

Factory Vorarlberg, FH Salzburg, Silkroad 4.0, Vienna Cyber Security and Privacy Research Cluster (VISP), and Vienna Business Agency.

Other interested companies also still have the opportunity to present their solutions on site and digitally to an international audience. Information on this can be found at <https://idsf.io/service-offerings/>.

The IDSF is also supported by A1, Huawei, msg Plaut Austria, Verbund, World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS) as well as by the DigitalCity.Wien Initiative, the Vienna Business Agency in cooperation with the ViennaUp Initiative and promoted by the Vienna Convention Bureau within the framework of the Vienna Meeting Fund.

IDSF is designed as a Green Event

In line with the conference motto " Secure digitalisation for a safe, green and sustainable future", the organizers have also set themselves the goal of organizing #IDSF22 in accordance with the Austrian Eco-label for Green Events and making the event as sustainable as possible, through numerous measures ranging from the selection of regional suppliers to the conservation of resources at the venue.

Program and further information: <https://idsf.io/>

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