



Vienna: 50th Anniversary of the European Centre

Building bridges between science and politics

When it comes to overcoming geographical or social boundaries in the international community, the metaphor of building bridges is often chosen as a symbolic term for such initiatives. This autumn, an organisation that works closely with the United Nations and has "Building Bridges" as its main motto will celebrate its 50th birthday. The European Centre for Welfare Policy and Social Research in Vienna, founded in 1974 with the active support of the Republic of Austria, will host a ceremony at the Ministry of Social Affairs on 25 September. Social Affairs Minister Johannes Rauch stated, "We are very proud that the Republic of Austria, together with the United Nations, decided to establish the European Centre in Vienna in 1974. We benefit from the results of comparative research and the exchange between the member states through direct contact with experts in a common Europe that is constantly expanding."

On 26 and 27 September, an international conference (by invitation only) will be held in Vienna's UNO City with a prominent scientific and political line-up, whose forward-looking theme is "The Future of Welfare Policy and Social Research." For five decades, the European Centre has offered a unique platform for the exchange of knowledge in the field of social affairs between science and politics, as well as the European regions.

Deputy Director Anette Scoppetta added, "Learning together about the theory and practice of social policy on an equal footing between the West and the East is crucial for us to provide the best possible assistance for those affected. Partnerships

and synergies among diverse policy areas such as the economy, social affairs, and employment must be utilized more extensively.”

Anette Scoppetta is available for interviews already now. Please, find more information on the Bridge Building initiative at:

<https://www.euro.centre.org/domains/bridging-building>

The Future of Welfare Policy and Social Research

Ceremony: Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection; Stubenring 1, 1010 Wien. Date: **25 September 2024, 16:00**

Conference: The United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV), International Centre Vienna, Wagramer Straße 5, 1220 Wien. Dates: **26 and 27 September 2024**

Press releases: <https://www.euro.centre.org/webitem/5002>

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