



# Scientific IRE-Symposium

## **“Regionalisation – Strengthening or Subversion of the National State?”**

Tuesday, 15 September 2009 in Salzburg

Wirtschaftskammer Salzburg, Main Building, Plenarsaal,  
Julius-Raab-Platz 1, 5020 Salzburg, AUSTRIA

8.45 - 14.00 hrs



*Distinguished Participants of the Symposium on “Regionalisation – Strengthening or Subversion of the National State”!*

*As Austrian Federal Minister for Science and Research it is my pleasure to welcome you on the occasion of this conference which is dedicated to the most interesting and most challenging topic of regionalisation. This term also is closely connected with nationalisation, internationalisation and globalisation, not to forget centralism and separatism, and it is mainly the interaction between these fields which makes us “tick” in politics, economy, culture etc.*

*The Agenda of this conference opens a large field for discussion and for exchange of opinions and experiences, many of them deriving from the ongoing engagement of the European Union for its regions and their welfare which should ideally be based on the principles of subsidiarity, proximity and partnership as has been set out by the Committee of the Regions thus to encourage greater participation from the European citizens.*

*Since Europe still is “more” than the European Union I appreciate very much that also regions outside the EU will be dealt with and I want especially to extend my greetings to all participants from abroad who will add their practical experience to the academic theories about the relationship between regionalisation and the National State.*

*I wish you best success, with my warmest greetings*

**Johannes Hahn**

Federal Minister for Science and Research

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# PROGRAMME

08.45     **Registration**

09:00     **Opening Address by Franz Schausberger**, Professor of Contemporary History, Chairman of the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE), Member of the Committee of the Regions, Austria

09:10     **Welcome Address by Richard Kühnel**, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Austria, Vienna

09:20                     **Panell I:  
"Regionalisation and Separatism – The fundamental difference from the scientific point of view"**

**Elisabeth Alber**, Researcher, Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism, EURAC research, Bolzano, Italy

**Peter Bußjäger**, Director of the Institute of Federalism, Innsbruck, Austria

**Jürgen Dieringer**, Associate Professor, Chair for Political Science, Andrassy University Budapest, Hungary

11:00                     **Coffee break**

11:30                     **Panell II:  
"Situation in selected Countries"**

## **Belgium:**

**Kris Deschouwer**, Professor of Politics, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium (requested)

## **Bosnia and Herzegovina:**

**Jens Woelk**, Senior Lecturer of Comparative Constitutional Law, University of Trento, Italy

## **Serbia / Vojvodina:**

**Tamas Korhecz**, Provincial Minister for Regulations, Administration and National Minorities, Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Novi Sad, Serbia

## **Moldova / Transnistria:**

Representative of the European Union

## **Finland / Åland:**

**Lauri Hannikainen**, Professor of International Law, University of Turku, Autonomy of the Åland Islands, Finland

## **Spain / Basque Region:**

**Angela Bourne**, Lecturer in European Union Politics and European Comparative Politics, University of Dundee, United Kingdom

13:45     **Summary by Franz Schausberger**, Chairman of the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE), Salzburg

14:00                     **Lunch**



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