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INVITATION
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF MOUNTAIN AGRICULTURE IN THE ALPS
A cordial invitation to the

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF MOUNTAIN AGRICULTURE IN THE ALPS

Under the Austrian Presidency of the Alpine Convention, the „International Conference on the Future of Mountain Agriculture in the Alps“ will take place on 13–14 September 2017 in St. Johann im Pongau, Salzburg.

During the conference, expectations regarding mountain agriculture will be formulated with respect to the future developments of CAP 2020. Participants from the entire Alpine region will discuss future challenges and opportunities for farms and forestry enterprises in the Alpine area.

TIMES:
13 September 2017, 1:00 pm–10:00 pm
14 September 2017, 8:00 am–1:00 pm

VENUE:
Kultur- und Kongresshaus am Dom
Leo-Neumayer-Platz 1, 5600 St. Johann im Pongau

Please register for the event by 8. September 2017 at the following link:
https://www.zukunftsraumland.at/enrole/9487

ATTENTION: Limited availability of places. Only registered participants can attend the event.

Participation is free of charge!

AGENDA

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2017
12:00 Registration – Lunch and Networking

Session 1: Opening and Welcome
13:00 Opening and Welcome
Franz Eßl, President of the Chamber of Agriculture, Salzburg
Markus Reiterer, Secretary General, Alpine Convention

Session 2: Scientific Panel
13:25 Keynote I: “Development of Landscape Structures and Land Use in the Alps”
Dr. Erich Tasser / EURAC Bozen

Keynote II: “Mountain Agriculture – Challenges and Perspectives”
Prof. Dr. Alois Heissenhuber / TU Munich – Weihenstephan

Keynote III: “Effects of the CAP on Mountain Agriculture – The Austrian Example”
Dr. Franz Sinabell / WIFO

Keynote IV: “What are the Expectations of Society from Mountain Agriculture?”
Prof. Dr. Werner Beutelmeyer / Market Institut

15:00 Coffee Break
**Session 3: Political Panel**

15:30  Presentation by the Federal Minister

„Perspectives for Mountain Agriculture - Future Development of the European Agricultural Policy after 2020 for our Family Farms“

Federal Minister Andrä Rupprechter

Statement by the Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture (Germany)

Federal Minister Christian Schmidt

Followed by a panel discussion with

--- Federal Minister Andrä Rupprechter
--- Federal Minister Christian Schmidt
--- Speaker

17:00  End of the first day

Return to Hotel

**Session 4: Evening Reception**

19:00  Departure

19:30  Evening Reception hosted by the Federal Minister Andrá Rupprechter and Regional Minister Josef Schwaiger

Oberforsthofalm, Alpendorf 12, 5600 St. Johann/Pongau

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**Session 6: Political Segment / Representatives of the Alpine Regions**

10:45  Opening and Welcome

Franz Eßl, President of the Chamber of Agriculture, Salzburg

Presentation of Commission Representative

“Developments of CAP 2020 – Focus on Mountain Agriculture”

Director Georg Häusler / EC – Directorate General Agriculture

Video Messages from the Representatives of the European Parliament

MP Elisabeth Köstinger

MP Herbert Dorfmann

Statements from the Mountain and Alpine Pasture Region of Salzburg

Regional Minister Josef Schwaiger

Presentation of the Representative of Euromontana and Civil dialogue group on rural development

Dominique Fayel, Président

12:00  Statements by representatives of the Alpine Regions

Followed by a panel discussion

**Session 7: End of Meeting**

Adoption of Memorandum “Mountain Agriculture”

End of Meeting

13:00  Lunch

Chairperson: Patti Basler

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**DAY 2: THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Session 5: Excursion to Mountain Farms**

08:00  Departure

Visit to typical mountain farms

10:30  Return
CONFERENCE LANGUAGES:

German is the conference language. Simultaneous translation into three Alpine languages (French, Italian and Slovenian) will be provided.

ORGANIZERS AND PARTNERS:

--- BMLFUW
--- Alpine Convention
--- Austrian Chamber of Agriculture
--- Netzwerk Zukunftsraum Land LE 14-20

HOW TO GET THERE:

By car:
Autobahn A10 towards Villach, exit Knoten Pongau. In St. Johann follow the green signs to the Kultur- und Kongresshaus am Dom, right next to the cathedral.

By train:
St. Johann/Pongau train station (connection with Bus or Taxi).

By airplane:
The nearest airports are Salzburg and Munich.

ACCOMMODATION:

Please book and pay for your accommodation independently. Rooms have been pre-reserved and can be booked through the Tourist Office of St. Johann/Pongau using the keyword “International Conference Mountain Agriculture”, which you can reach at info@sanktjohann.com or +43 6412 6036.

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