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## **Environment Minister Berlakovich opens envietech 2010**

International Congress on 4 and 5 February at the Austria Center Vienna focussing on environmental information and climate change – moderated by Monika Langthaler

The countdown for envietech 2010, International Congress and Exhibition Environmental Innovations and Climate Change, is running. The event, which takes place against the background of environmental innovations and climate change, will make the Austria Center Vienna for two days, on 4-5 February, the turntable for most recent technologies and solutions in the fields of environmental protection and renewable energy. Apart from top speakers and experts from numerous nations, renowned personalities from Austrian politics and from the Austrian economy have promised to come.

The start-up of the large-scale event under the auspices of the Austrian Ministry of Life is the opening by Environment Minister Niki Berlakovich on 4 February at 9:30 a.m. The opening is followed by further opening speeches by prominent speakers such as Director of Urban Planning, Brigitte Jilka, and Vice President of the Federal Economic Chamber, Hans Jörg Schelling. With the speakers Ronald O. Loverage, Mayor of the Californian town Riverside and President of National League of Cities (U.S.A.), Pero Mičić, Chairman of the Future Management Group AG (Germany), and Robert Visser, Acting Director of the Directorate General for Environment of OECD, the international importance of envietech 2010 is underlined. The opening and the morning session will be moderated by Monika Langthaler, former MP for the Green Party, and now managing director of Brainbows.

Afterwards four forums on "Environmental Technology", "Renewable Energy", "Waste and Water Management" and "Financing if new sustainable technologies" where more than 35 international experts will give new impulses and show new opportunities, taking place at the same time, will start. Within the framework of the accompanying exhibition Austrian and international enterprises will present the most recent solutions. Another highlight of envietech 2010 is the award of the Austrian State Prize for Environmental and Energy Technology by Federal Minister Berlakovich in the evening of 4 February 2010.

For further information and registration please see: [www.envietech.at](http://www.envietech.at)





## About envietech 2010

Envietech 2010 is addressed to expert participants from communities, regions, NGOs and the financing sector. Due to the establishment of networks of experts from the economy, science and development, as well as of representatives of municipal and regional associations and international investors, Congress and Exhibition are supporting the search for sustainable solutions, the establishment of new partnerships, and the opening up of new markets.

Envietech 2010 is climate-neutral, and is jointly organised by the Ministry of Life, ACV, ECO World Styria, ÖGUT –Austrian Society for Environment and Technology, WKO; Umwelttechnik Cluster, ACT Austrian Clean Technology and the City of Vienna.

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