

## Subsidiarity as a building principle of the European Union

Conference at the Festspielhaus Bregenz  
15 to 16 November 2018



### Thursday, 15 November 2018

2.00 p.m. –  
2.30 p.m.

#### Opening by

- Markus WALLNER, Governor of Vorarlberg
- Sebastian KURZ, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria

2.30 p.m. –  
4.00 p.m.

#### Panel 1: Why subsidiarity?

##### Short presentations

- Christian CALLIESS, Professor for Public Law and European Law at the Freie Universität Berlin, legal adviser at the European Policy Centre
- Christian KASTROP, Director of the Bertelsmann Foundation

##### Moderated discussion with

- Christian BUCHMANN, Chair of the EU Committee of the Austrian Federal Council
- Kathy RIKLIN, Member of the National Council of Switzerland
- Benno ELBS, Bishop of Feldkirch

##### Panel discussion with Q&A from the audience

4.00 p.m. –  
4.30 p.m.

#### Coffee break

4.30 p.m. –  
6.00 p.m.

#### Panel 2: The subsidiarity principle in practice

**Short presentation** “Works of the Task Force and their impact on national parliaments” given by

- Reinhold LOPATKA, Chair of the EU Sub-Committee of the Austrian National Council and Member of the Task Force on Subsidiarity and Proportionality and “Doing Less More Efficiently”

**Moderated discussion with**

- Ulrike RABMER-KOLLER, President of the European Association of craft, small and medium-sized enterprises UEAPME, Vice-President of the Austrian Economic Chambers
- Alfred RIEDL, President of the Austrian Association of Municipalities
- Viviane REDING, former Vice-President of the European Commission
- Franz SCHAUSBERGER, Chair of the Institute of the Regions of Europe

**Panel discussion with Q&A from the audience**

7.30 p.m.

**Dinner** given by Markus WALLNER, Governor of Vorarlberg

**Friday, 16 November 2018**

09.30 a.m. –  
11.30 a.m.

**Welcome to the political segment by**

- Gernot BLÜMEL, Federal Minister for the EU, Arts, Culture and Media of the Republic of Austria

**Keynote speech** given by

- Frans TIMMERMANS, First Vice-President of the European Commission and Chairman of the Task Force on Subsidiarity and Proportionality and “Doing Less More Efficiently”

**Moderated interview with**

- Mairead McGUINNESS, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- Frans TIMMERMANS, First Vice-President of the European Commission and Chairman of the Task Force
- Victor NEGRESCU, Minister Delegate for European Affairs of Romania
- Karl-Heinz LAMBERTZ, President of the European Committee of the Regions and Member of the Task Force
- Markus WALLNER, Governor of Vorarlberg

**Closing remarks** given by

- Gernot BLÜMEL, Federal Minister for the EU, Arts, Culture and Media of the Republic of Austria

11.30 a.m.

**Press conference**

12.00 a.m.

**Lunch** given by Gernot BLÜMEL, Federal Minister for the EU, Arts, Culture and Media of the Republic of Austria