

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 June 2017 16:08
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: briefing pack for Ms Hyslop's visit to Austria

PS/Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

Please find attached latest version of the briefing pack for Ms Hyslop's visit to Austria.

There have been a few changes in the programme:

- The Romanian delegation is no longer attending the Forum
- The Bulgarian delegation has agreed to meet us in principle but it has not yet been possible to identify a specific time-slot. We hope to hear back by close of play today.
- As the Romanian speaker has cancelled, Ms Hyslop will have a few more minutes for her talk
- Organisers have advised that a Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Sunday morning to commemorate Mr Alois Mock, former Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs (1987-1995), who passed away a few days ago. The Mass has been provisionally included in Ms Hyslop's programme. Grateful for feedback on this.

We are planning to send the final version of the programme tomorrow morning. Comms colleagues are currently working on possible interviews and a media plan.

Grateful if you could let us know whether Ms Hyslop intends to participate in one of the working groups scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

Also attached is the latest version of Ms Hyslop's speech.

[REDACTED] Scottish Government | Victoria Quay (2H-North) | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 June 2017 09:43
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED], dear [REDACTED],
Commissioner Hahn will only attend the morning session on Saturday. It is not clear yet at what time we are going to leave. Knowing the format and the informal character of the event the best would be to arrange on the spot. My mobile number is [REDACTED].

Best [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [Cabinet Member of Commissioner Johannes Hahn](#)
[Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations](#)
[BERL 11/262, Rue de la Loi, 200](#)
[B-1049 Bruxelles](#)
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 7:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

I have had confirmation that Commissioner Hahn will be able to see the Cabinet Secretary briefly in Austria.

[REDACTED] from his Private Office will be accompanying the Commissioner and it would be best if you could liaise with him directly regarding the arrangements.

With best regards,

[REDACTED]
European Commission
Office in Scotland
9 Alva St
Edinburgh EH2 4PH

Tel: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 12:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

I hope this finds you very well.

Ms Hyslop has accepted an invitation to attend and speak at the Europa Forum Wachau that will be held in Göttweig (Austria) on 10 and 11 June 2017. According to the list of confirmed speakers, Mr Johannes Hahn – Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations – has confirmed his attendance too.

We would like to set up a brief bilateral in the margins of the conference and we were wondering whether you would be so kind as to put us in touch with Mr Hahn's office to check his availability. Ms Hyslop will attend both days and her programme is currently quite flexible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further details.

[REDACTED] European Relations | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay (2H-North) | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 June 2017 16:37
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: AW: Media at Europa Forum - Scottish Government

Dear [REDACTED],

As I confirmed to [REDACTED], there will be a media presence, mainly Austrian or Central European. Please get in touch with [REDACTED], who is one of the main organisers of the Forum .

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

Von: [REDACTED]
Gesendet: Mittwoch, 07. Juni 2017 16:46
An: [REDACTED]
Betreff: Media at Europa Forum - Scottish Government

Afternoon [REDACTED],

I hope you are well.

I understand my colleague [REDACTED] has previously been in touch with you about Cabinet Secretary Fiona Hyslop's attendance at the Europa Forum this weekend. I work in her media and communications team and was wondering if any media are attending the Forum?

[REDACTED]

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,
Iona

[REDACTED]
Communications
Scottish Government, St Andrew's House
[REDACTED]
www.gov.scot | @ScotGov

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 June 2017 08:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Info

Hi [REDACTED],

Brandstetter has now requested to move the meeting to 1400 because of the post-plenary lunch. We've looked at timing and think this should be okay as long as you leave at 1445 very latest. Is 30min with Brandstetter long enough for the meeting? This would also give more opportunity post the plenary to catch the Romanian speaker and possibly the Bulgarian DPM if not already done so.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 June 2017 14:01
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Europa Forum Wachau Travel data

Dear [REDACTED],

It was good to talk to you earlier.

As I mentioned, [REDACTED] will be attending the Forum on Sunday. Please let me know if you need additional personal details for him. He will arrive in a Diplomatic car – [REDACTED]

Ms. Hyslop is unfortunately not able to attend the Memorial Mass on Sunday but will be able to meet at 1010 at Stiftshof.

We have organised a car on Friday evening to bring Ms Hyslop and colleagues to their hotel [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] will also be driving Ms Hyslop back to the airport from the Abbey on Sunday. Unfortunately we do not have a car free to accompany Ms Hyslop during the weekend. If there is any way that you are able to assist with transport needs (to and from hotel to Abbey and Dinner) this would be incredibly helpful.

Thank you for your assistance. If there is any outstanding information you require from us please let me or [REDACTED] know.

Beste Grüße

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | British Embassy Vienna | Jaurèsgasse 12 | 1030 Vienna | Austria
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 June 2017 16:56
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Wachau Forum Bilaterals and admin

[REDACTED],

I hope this finds you well and you had a great weekend. Some updates on logistics.

- Our delegation will be made up of 3 people: CabSec Hyslop, [REDACTED] (Head of European Engagement) and myself
- We will spend both nights at the
- [REDACTED]
- I filled up the VIP form accordingly and sent it back to [REDACTED].

Can I give you a call tomorrow morning to discuss other pending issues (e.g. car, meeting on Friday, emergency contacts)?

Would be so kind as to send me [REDACTED] bio?

Cheers

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 02 June 2017 10:13

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Wachau Forum Bilaterals and admin

Dear [REDACTED]

A quick update on bi-lateral meetings:

- Dutch PSM will be at the dinner on Saturday and happy to 'brush past' then
- Bulgarian DPM – I have requested Sunday am meeting either at breakfast or pre-Plenary depending on where everyone is staying (TBA there is Holy Mass on Sunday – will Fiona attend this?)
- Commissioner Hahn – Office still confirming

It would be good to finalise some logistics too. Do you have hotels booked yet –will Fiona be staying in Vienna or Krems on Friday night?

Do you know who will be travelling with Fiona? I will look into how we can help with transport needs.

The embassy is closed for a bank holiday on Monday but we'll all be back on Tuesday to get things finalised!

Best regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | British Embassy Vienna | Jaurèsgasse 12 | 1030 Vienna | Austria

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 June 2017 17:20

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: AW: Phone call re Europa Forum

Dear [REDACTED],

concerning your question relating to the media, I can inform you that there won't be any promotion of the conference in the usual sense. There has been of course an information that the conference is taking place, but since the conference is not open to the public there is not much communication around it.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

Von: [REDACTED]
Gesendet: Mittwoch, 31. Mai 2017 16:00
An: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Betreff: RE: Phone call re Europa Forum

Hi [REDACTED],

Many thanks your kind help with this.

Ms Hyslop's Private Office has asked us to book the following flights:

- Friday 09 June: Jet2 LS851 from Edinburgh (15:05) to Vienna (18:50)
- Sunday 11 June: Brussels Airlines SN6006 from Vienna (17:30) to Edinburgh via Brussels

[REDACTED]

Re Comms, we were wondering whether the organisers were planning on issuing any statement or promoting any media activity in the run up to the conference. Our Comms Office would like to be hooked into it.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] European Relations | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay (2H-North) |
Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 June 2017 16:19
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: AW: Europa Forum Wachau - Meeting

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

I finally got an answer from Minister Merk's office. She will attend the conference only for a short period of time. In the end, she will give her speech, will attend the lunch and then will have to leave. Therefore, she will unfortunately not be able to have bilateral meetings. But she would be delighted to meet Mrs. Hyslop during the coffee break or the lunch.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Von[REDACTED]
Gesendet: Dienstag, 30. Mai 2017 17:28
An: [REDACTED]
Betreff: FW: Europa Forum Wachau - Meeting

Dear Mr [REDACTED],

Sorry to trouble you again. Just wondering whether you had received my email re a bilateral meeting in the margins of the Europa Forum Wachau. Please see below.

Thanks

[REDACTED] | European Relations | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay (2H-North) | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 May 2017 12:12
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Europa Forum Wachau - Meeting

Dear Mr [REDACTED],

I hope this email finds you very well.

Ms Fiona Hyslop - Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs - has accepted an invitation to attend and speak at the 22nd Europa Forum Wachau. It will take place in Göttweig (Austria) on 10th and 11th June 2017.

Based on the list of confirmed speakers, we understand that Ms Beate Merk - State Minister for European Affairs and Regional Relations - will be attending the conference too. I have been asked to contact you in order to assess the feasibility of setting up a bilateral meeting in the margins of the conference. I would be most grateful if you could advise on Ms Merk's availability. Particularly, it would be very helpful to know whether Ms Merk will be attending both days or leave after her speech.

Very happy to discuss, please let me know if you need any further details.

Regards

[REDACTED] | European Relations | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay (2H-North) | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 June 2017 14:00
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: AW: Phone call re Europa Forum

Dear [REDACTED],

unfortunately I am not in a position to give you more information at this point in time. As already mentioned, Mr. Karl-Heinz Lambertz (Vice-president of the committee of the regions) and the president of the European Forum Wachau Ms. Barbara Schwarz will definitely attend, but for the rest of the speakers we don't have any information.

Personally I guess, that the speakers will rather drive back to Vienna after the lunch and that it will more be a meeting of people taking part in the working groups and coming from the economy, public institutions and civil society, [REDACTED]
I hope this information is helpful to you.

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

Von: [REDACTED]
Gesendet: Donnerstag, 01. Juni 2017 12:26
An: [REDACTED]
Betreff: RE: Phone call re Europa Forum

Dear [REDACTED],

We are still in the process of pulling a programme together for Ms Hyslop's visit. I know you mentioned that it might be tricky to find out who will be attending the heurigen on the Saturday evening but I was wondering whether you had received more details since we last spoke.

[REDACTED] European Relations | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay (2H-North) |
Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 May 2017 16:51
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: AW: Phone call re Europa Forum

Dear [REDACTED],

one precision concerning the working group 4. There will be a short introductory statement and afterwards the participants, spilt up in teams of 2 adults and 1 student, will have to do some investigation on the topic migration. If Mrs. Hyslop would like to participate, it won't be a problem, but I guess she will have other commitments.

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 June 2017 10:21
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Engagements and points of discussion

[REDACTED]

As you know, [REDACTED] and I have jointly taken over the baton on this. Please copy both of us into future exchanges.

[REDACTED]

Yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | British Embassy Vienna | Jaurèsgasse 12, 1030 Vienna, Austria | FTN: 310 2220 |
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 May 2017 20:20
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Engagements and points of discussion

Thanks [REDACTED]. Apologies, CCing them now.

Also, just to let you know, the Bulgarian DPM will *only* be at the Forum on Sunday. Given flight timings, do you think Ms Hyslop would be interested/available to see her before the plenary event?

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | British Embassy | Jaurèsgasse 12, 1030 VIENNA, Austria |
[✉ email](#)[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 May 2017 17:44
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Engagements and points of discussion

Thanks [REDACTED], can I just ask to send me your colleagues' email addresses as they were not copied in.

Safe travels

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | European Relations | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay (2H-North) |
Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 May 2017 16:42
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Engagements and points of discussion

[REDACTED],

Thanks for all this and glad your call with [REDACTED] was somewhat useful.

Just to let you know that I am actually heading to Canada tomorrow and won't be back until the weekend of the Forum itself. I leave you in the capable hands of my colleagues (CC'd). [REDACTED]

In the meantime, any more information you have about the delegation would be useful for us as well (for car planning) as would an indication of where the party will be staying overnight (Vienna v Krems on Friday). Thanks for sending the Brandstetter topics of conversation through. I've forwarded them on but have not yet had a response.

On our side, I can provide you the following updates

Friday evening: [REDACTED] and our team are exploring options for engaging any local Scots in Austria for that evening.

Regarding the bilaterals, this is the state of play:

- Mr Kurz (*ok over lunch*)
- Mr Brandstetter (*provisionally scheduled for 13:00 on Sunday*)
- Ms Beate Merk (Bavaria). *You are taking care of this directly.*
- Mr Johannes Hahn (EU Commissioner) - *We have contacted the Commission's office and they are taking it forward and will get back to us ASAP.*
- Ms Ekaterina Zaharieva (Bulgaria) – *We have contacted the Embassy who are taking it forward, but optimistic a meeting should be possible on the Saturday.*
- Mr George Ciamba (Romania) – *We have not been able to get through to them yet, but will keep trying*
- Ms Carola Van Rijnsoever (Dutch PermRep to the EU Political and Security Committee) – *NL Embassy are looking into it (they were unaware she was coming (!))*

All of the people we have spoken to have asked for a list of potential conversation topics.

Apologies to leave halfway through, but [REDACTED] are all in the loop on this visit and have all the relevant files. Best of luck and I hope everything goes well.

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Second Secretary - Economic, EU | British Embassy | Jaurèsgasse 12, 1030
VIENNA, Austria |
✉ email [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 May 2017 13:07
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Engagements and points of discussion

Dear [REDACTED],

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | European Relations | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay (2H-North) |
Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
Sent: 31 May 2017 14:43
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Ms Hyslop's attendance at Europa Forum Wachau

Hi [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] Also there will not be anyone from Private Office it will just be a senior official attending.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Office of Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 May 2017 16:39
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: AW: Phone call re Europa Forum

Dear [REDACTED],

Please find my answers bellow in red.

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs
Minoritenplatz 8 | 1014 Vienna
[REDACTED]
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Von: [REDACTED]
Gesendet: Dienstag, 30. Mai 2017 16:40
An [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Betreff: Phone call re Europa Forum

Dear Mr [REDACTED],

Many thanks for taking the time to speak with me earlier this afternoon. It was extremely useful indeed. As I mentioned during my call, please find below some bullet points summarising what we discussed. I am copying the most helpful [REDACTED] in this email so that we all are on the same page.

- Any transport and transfer will be arranged for through the British Embassy in Vienna;
 - [REDACTED]
 - The ~~lunch~~ dinner on the Friday is organised by a private company. It is not yet possible to know who is going to attend. **The same applies for the heurigen on Saturday evening.**
 - Ms Hyslop is invited to attend the lunch hosted by the Mr Kurz on the Saturday at about 12:30. She will be seated at the Ministerial table. **(It is foreseen that...)** Mr Kurz will be leaving straight after lunch;
 - Media will be present, mainly Austrian. They might ask questions in the margins but there will be no press conferences **Correct. As far as we know, no journalist from the UK has been accredited. Prof. Lendvai invited some journalists from Switzerland, Spain, Ukraine and Hungary. So most journalist will come from central Europe. Journalist will be present during the plenary, but as far as I have been told, it is unusual that they ask for interviews.**
- The dinner on the Saturday is hosted by the Government of Lower Austria. We expect Ms Barbara Schwarz and Mr Lambertz to attend.
- Ms Hyslop is expected to speak for no longer than 15 minutes. There will be no Q&A
 - German-English translation will be provided
 - There will be a lunch on Sunday straight after the plenary

Info I would be grateful if you could provide:

- Name of the restaurant where the dinner will be held on the Saturday **It should take place at the Heurigen Knoll (<http://www.loibnerhof.at/>) in the nearby town of Dürnstein (King Richard Lionhart was kept imprisoned in Dürnstein).**
- Running order for the speeches on Sunday. Ms Hyslop will go third but who will she be introduced by? **Prof. Lendvai will introduce all the speakers.**
 - Will there be a lectern? Will Ms Hyslop speak from a stage? **Yes and yes (you can find a picture of the lectern on: <https://europaforum.at/archiv/european-forum-wachau-2014/>)**
- Is there any dress code for lunch/dinner? **Dress code for the lunch would be normal business and for the heurigen, business casual. In fact there is no strict dress code.**
- My Communication colleagues have asked whether they could be provided with contact details for the organisers' media office. **I am still working on that, but since there is no real press corner, it is difficult to find a contact. Maybe you could send me there questions and I will try to answer.**

Concerning the working group 4, this working group is already complete (around 40 people). In fact, it is not foreseen that speakers take part in any working group, but if they wish to do so, we will of course do our best to enable them the participation. Usually less people attend the working group than have registered. I would therefore propose to wait the end of the lunch on Saturday and then to decide whether to participate or not.

I will get back to you asap with info on our plans in terms of flights, accommodation, dinners and names of the people who will accompany our Cabinet Secretary.

Thanks again for your very kind help. Let me know if any of the above details is not accurate and whether you need any other info from me.

All the best
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | European Relations | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay (2H-North) |
Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 May 2017 12:55
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Europa-Forum Wachau 2017, 10-11 June 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

Many thanks for your help and your kind email. I will pass this information to Ms Hyslop's Private Office.

The only direct flight on Saturday morning lands in Vienna at 10:30. I understand that opting for this flight would prevent Ms Hyslop from attending the plenary. I would be grateful if someone could advise us on what this would entail and the extent to which missing the plenary session would affect Ms Hyslop's chances to engage with other high-profile guests. It is crucial for us to know whether the attendees whose speech is scheduled for the Saturday morning will be around in the afternoon or for dinner as well. We very much see the conference as an opportunity to engage with other European stakeholders and our choices in terms of collateral activities will be strictly dependent on this.

Is a more detailed copy of the programme – providing information on each of the proposed activities – available? Also, how long is Ms Hyslop invited to speak for?

I am afraid I will have many more questions in the run-up to the conference (e.g. seating plans, attendee lists, addresses and transport, dress codes, media presence, lecterns, running orders etc.). Can you please let me know who is best-placed to provide us with these details and who our first port of call is? Should we liaise with you, organisers or our Embassy in Vienna? With little more than two weeks to go we are very keen to give Ms Hyslop as detailed a picture of her programme as possible.

Very happy to discuss. Please give me a call if that's easier.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay (2H-North) | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 24 May 2017 11:59

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: WG: Europa-Forum Wachau 2017, 10-11 June 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

I have spoken to the organizers and can provide you with the following information:

Friday: There will be a dinner Friday evening at Hotel Steigenberger (where most participants are staying), which Ms Hyslop is invited to attend if she would like to. She would be a guest of honour there. It is mostly attended by participants on expert level. But if she like, she is very welcome.

Saturday: My Hyslop is invited to attend the plenary, followed by a lunch. There will be a table reserved for honorary guests like her. The working groups in the afternoon are usually on expert level. If however, she would like to attend one, she would be invited to give a short statement/comment on the respective topic. It would be great if you could let me know in advance if that is the case, so I can inform the organizers.

There will also be a touristic program which is being organized for the afternoon and which she could take part in, should she wish so.

In the evening there will be a traditional Austrian dinner at a "Heuriger".

Sunday: This is the day when Ms Hyslop was asked to give her statement (<https://europaforum.at/program/>)

Regarding **transport**, I believe you are already in touch with [REDACTED], who I also copied in this email.

Regarding **accommodation**, most high level participants only stay during the day or for a night only, that's why the organisation of their accommodation is left to their respective Embassies. If Ms Hyslop wishes, rooms can be reserved in Hotel Steigenberger in Krems, where most participants stay (this is the hotel: <https://www.steigenberger.com/hotels/alle-hotels/oesterreich/krems/steigenberger-hotel-and-spa>). If she would like to stay there, I should ask the organizers as quickly as possible to make sure, rooms are reserved.

[REDACTED]

As well as all participants listed in the program: <https://europaforum.at/program/>

Let me know if you need anything else.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] Austrian Embassy London

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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 24 May 2017 10:50

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Europa-Forum Wachau 2017; 10. - 11. Juni 2017; Datenerfassung durch das BMEIA-Protokoll

Hi [REDACTED],

Having spoken to the Austrian Embassy ([REDACTED]), I think they've finally had a bit more luck getting information and will be in touch soon.

[REDACTED] Until there is a programme, it may be harder to confirm timings, but I can express the interest in setting up a meeting. I understand politicians sometimes do not stay very long for the forum, but hopefully we can get as many of these in as possible. If that approach sounds ok to you, just let me know and I can go ahead.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

| British Embassy | Jaurèsgasse 12, 1030 VIENNA, Austria |

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 May 2017 17:57

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Europa-Forum Wachau 2017; 10. - 11. Juni 2017; Datenerfassung durch das BMEIA-Protokoll

Hi [REDACTED],

I was wondering whether you had received any news on the conference programme or the event logistics. [REDACTED]

I saw that a provisional lists of speakers has been published on the conference website (see [here](#)). If nothing else, this allows us to start working on setting up bilaterals in the margins. [REDACTED]

Very happy to discuss and thanks for your help
Best
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | European Relations | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay (2H-North) |
Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2017 10:40
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Europa-Forum Wachau 2017; 10. - 11. Juni 2017; Datenerfassung durch das BMEIA-
Protokoll

Hi [REDACTED],

We've just had the attached files through from the Austrian Foreign Ministry [REDACTED]
No sign yet of a programme on my side, I'm afraid, but will keep you posted.

Best,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] British Embassy | Jaurèsgasse 12, 1030 VIENNA, Austria |
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2017 11:52
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Europa-Forum Wachau 2017, 10-11 June 2017

Dear [REDACTED],
further to our conversation on the phone, I would like to forward to you the advance
copy of the official invitation letter from the Governor of Lower Austria, Mrs. Johanna
Mikl-Leitner, addressed to H.E. Cabinet Secretary Fiona Hyslop.
I also enclose the Verbal Note which was sent to your Embassy in Vienna today.

I will contact you over the next days with an update of the speakers' list.

With my best regards,
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2017 14:53
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Europa Forum Wachau - Contacts in Vienna

Dear [REDACTED],

Many thanks for your email. We look forward to the visit and will start planning ahead. Would you have some time to talk through what she would like to do beyond the Forum itself and how many people might be coming in the party?

Looking forward to working together.

Best regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] British Embassy | Jaurèsgasse 12, 1030 VIENNA, Austria |
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2017 14:06
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Europa Forum Wachau - Contacts in Vienna

Dear [REDACTED],

I hope this email finds you well.

As I mentioned below, Ms Hyslop will be attending the Europa Forum Wachau on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 June 2017.

The Austrian Ambassador in London, who sent the invitation on behalf of the conference organisers, has advised that organisational arrangements are made via the Embassies in Vienna. I would be grateful for your help with pulling this visit together. I have asked to be sent a copy of the programme and expected speakers in order to look into flights and possible engagements in the margins of the conference.

Any question, please let me know.

Cheers
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2017 12:52
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Europa Forum Wachau - Contacts in Vienna

Hi [REDACTED]– copying in [REDACTED]in Vienna as well as his details below. [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2017 12:41
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Europa Forum Wachau - Contacts in Vienna

Hi [REDACTED],

Please see below email originally sent to [REDACTED].

Best

[REDACTED]European Relations | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay (2H-North) |
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2017 12:40
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Europa Forum Wachau - Contacts in Vienna

Dear [REDACTED]and [REDACTED],

I hope this finds you very well.

Cabinet Secretary Fiona Hyslop has accepted an invitation to attend and speak at the Europa Forum Wachau, which is taking place in Gottweig (Austria) on 10-11 June 2017. I am working on the organisation of this visit.

I would be most grateful if you could put me in touch with the British Embassy in Vienna so that I discuss with them logistic details and possible engagements.

Very happy to discuss.

All the best
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 May 2017 17:03
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Europa Forum Wachau, 10-11 June 2017

Thanks [REDACTED],

I look forward to receiving more details and beginning to organise Ms Hyslop's visit. Would it be possible to be sent a copy of the provisional programme and a list of expected speakers as well?

Thanks
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 May 2017 16:50
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Europa Forum Wachau, 10-11 June 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

I just wanted to inform you that Cabinet Secretary Fiona Hyslop will receive the official invitation, with details shortly.

She will be scheduled to hold her keynote speech on Sunday, 11 June, in the morning.

The organizational arrangements for the high-level guests are handled via the bilateral Embassies in Vienna.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 May 2017 13:54
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: AW: Europa Forum Wachau 10-11 June 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail and the excellent news.
We will forward it to Vienna and you will be contacted shortly with the details as well as an official invitation.
With best wishes

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Von: [REDACTED]
Gesendet: Dienstag, 02. Mai 2017 12:44
An: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Betreff: RE: Europa Forum Wachau 10-11 June 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

I hope this finds you very well.

Ms Hyslop is delighted to accept your kind invitation to attend and deliver a key note speech at the Europa Forum Wachau on 10 and 11 June 2017.

I would be most grateful if you could refer me to the conference organisers or anyone who is well-placed to assist with logistics and provide information around accommodation, running order, programme etc.

Please let me know if you need any other information. Happy to discuss.

Best
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]**Sent:** 25 April 2017 17:10
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: AW: Europa Forum Wachau 10-11 June 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

Yes, the Cabinet Secretary is also invited to give one of the keynote speeches.

With best wishes

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Von: [REDACTED]
Gesendet: Dienstag, 25. April 2017 13:39
An: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Betreff: RE: Europa Forum Wachau 10-11 June 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

Many thanks for your kind email. Ms Hyslop's private office has asked me to confirm that the Cabinet Secretary is also invited to give a keynote speech as indicated in the letter originally addressed to the First Minister (attached). Grateful for your advice.

Cheers

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 April 2017 13:17
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Europa Forum Wachau 10-11 June 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

We would like to ask you whether you already know if Cabinet Secretary Fiona Hyslop will be able to attend the Europa Forum Wachau on 10-11 June?

With many thanks and best wishes

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 March 2017 16:37
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Europa-Forum, Fiona Hyslop

Dear [REDACTED],

I hope you are well and also having nice weather in Edinburgh like we currently have in London - 19°C . ☺

[REDACTED]

With kind regards
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 March 2017 14:26
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: WG: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED],

thank you very much. [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] had contacted the Europa Forum the same day we received your e-mail and inquired about the programme and speakers, however we have not received a reply from them yet,

but there will be high ranking political representatives participating. I will get in touch with as soon as we have more information about the event.

With kind regards

[REDACTED]

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