

PRESS INFORMATION

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ARRIVAL:

Airport-Shuttle-Service:

The City Airport Train (CAT) takes only 16 minutes from Vienna Airport to the city centre (Wien Mitte Station). City Airport Train Betriebs GmbH is offering media representatives attending this event tickets at a reduced price of €5 single and €10 return (normal price €9 and €16 respectively). These tickets can be purchased in the train on presentation of the accreditation confirmation, press card or letter of confirmation from the media organisation.

www.cityairporttrain.at

ACCREDITATION:

Attendance of the press events organised as part of the programme and use of the press centre are restricted to accredited media representatives.

Applications for accreditation can be made via the Presidency website www.eu2006.at. Please note that the **deadline for registration is 14.6.2006!**

Accreditation desk:

Badges giving access to all press events organised as part of the programme and to the press centre will be issued at the accreditation desk in the **EU2006 Media Accreditation Office of the Federal Press Service (Vienna, 1st district, Innerer Burghof)**. Please note that you have to present the accreditation confirmation and a valid press card or the original letter of confirmation from your media organisation in order to collect your badge. Furthermore, an official document with a photograph (identity card, passport, driving licence) must be produced.

Opening hours of the accreditation desk:	16.6.2006:	9.00 - 17.00
	19.6.2006:	9.00 - 20.00
	20.6.2006:	9.00 - 20.00

The badge is non-transferable and must always be worn visibly during the event. In addition, you must be able to prove your identity at all times by means of an official ID with photograph. The loss of any badge must be reported to the accreditation desk immediately.

Contact accreditation: Marianne Kirchmayr and Irene Kaufmann
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E-mail: mediaaccreditation@eu2006.at

HOTEL RESERVATION:

The congress travel agency AIMS International, on behalf of the Austrian Presidency, has made a block reservation of rooms on special terms for media representatives in selected hotels in Vienna. You can book your room via the Presidency website www.eu2006.at, follow the link Media Service.

Contact AIMS International Congress Services GmbH:

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PRESS CENTRE:

The press centre is housed in the Hofburg. The entrance is at Heldenplatz. Access is reserved to accredited media representatives and delegates.

Opening times: 20.6.2006: 9.00 - 24.00
 21.6.2006: 7.00 - 22.00

Equipment:

The press centre is equipped with workstations, telephones, fax machines, PCs with Internet access (MS Windows XP and MS Word software), printers (b/w), photocopiers, electricity connections (220 V), TVs, a cloakroom, lockers, a cafeteria and a restaurant. Internationally standardised LAN, ISDN and analogue access points are available for Internet and data links for users' own portable devices. A W-LAN network has also been set up.

Work area for news agencies

News agencies may reserve workplaces with standard equipment. Reservation and booking of any extra equipment required may be made through the Federal Press Service. The requesting news agencies will have to bear the costs of any such additional equipment.

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Radio and TV booths:

A limited number of booths are available free of charge for radio and TV broadcasters. The Austrian Presidency is providing standard equipment including one basic ISDN access point, one LAN access point, one analogue access point with telephone, one TV monitor, 220V electricity supply, 2 desks and 3 chairs. The booths and any additional equipment required can be booked from the Austrian Presidency's host broadcaster. The requesting stations will have to bear the costs of any such additional equipment.

Contact office of the host broadcaster (ORF) in the press centre:

TV: Telephone: +43-1-532 50 53

Radio: Telephone: +43-1-532 50 38

Stand-up Positions:

A limited number of live stand-up positions are available and can be hired from the EBU (European Broadcasting Union).

Contact with the EBU in the press centre:

Telephone: +43-1-532 50 47

Information desk:

Please contact the general information desk in the press centre for information and assistance.

News system - closed circuit TV:

The latest information on events will be displayed on screens and TV monitors throughout the press centre. The Presidency press conference will be broadcast live.

Food and drink:

Drinks and snacks are available in the cafeteria during the opening hours of the press centre.

A buffet lunch will be provided in the press restaurant on 21.6.2006 between 12.00 and 14.30.

Meals in the cafeteria and press restaurant are provided free of charge.

Smoking:

Smoking is not permitted in the press work area.

POOL SESSIONS:

All press events relating to this programme are subject to a pool system (limited number of participants) owing to space constraints. Film and photo material from the press events will be provided free by the Austrian Presidency's host broadcaster and host photographer.

National and international media representatives have the possibility to register with the Federal Press Service by **16.6.2006** for the pool events 1 and 2 and by **19.6.2006** for the pool events 3 and 4. As a general rule, one registration only per medium will be accepted. Participation is guaranteed only on receipt of a positive confirmation and following collection of a pool card. The pool cards will be issued at the information desk in the press centre.

Please note that pool participants must always be accompanied by pool assistants when travelling to and from the pool events. The pool meeting point is at the general information desk in the press centre. For security reasons, pool participants must arrive at the pool meeting point in good time before the pool event. The times in question will be announced in the press centre via Closed Circuit TV. Participation cannot be guaranteed in the event of late arrival.

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PARKING SPACES FOR BROADCAST TRUCKS (SNGS):

Parking spaces for broadcast trucks (SNGs) will be allocated by the host broadcaster (ORF). NB: arrival of SNG trucks possible only on **19.6.2006 until 18.00!**

SERVICE HOST BROADCASTER (ORF) AND EUROPEAN BROADCASTING UNION (EBU), SERVICE HOST PHOTOGRAPHER:

Service for TV stations will be provided by the Presidency host broadcaster (ORF) in cooperation with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU).

Service for radio stations will be provided exclusively by the host broadcaster (ORF).

The Austrian Presidency's host broadcaster and host photographer will attend all press events.

The host broadcaster will provide audiovisual material free of charge and offer technical assistance to radio and television broadcasters.

Digital photos can be downloaded in printing quality from the Presidency website www.eu2006.at.

Contacts for the host broadcaster (ORF) of the Austrian Presidency:**Television:**

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