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Dialogue Forum Vienna Airport
An Introduction to the Association

Dialogue Forum –

Balance of interests through consensus solutions

“The purpose of the association is to address and discuss issues and conflicts which arise in connection with air traffic at and around Vienna Airport as well as the implementation of the arrangements in the final agreement of the mediation process viemediation.at”

Dialogue Forum statutes, § 2 Purpose of the Association

The discussions and negotiations in the Vienna Airport Dialogue Forum Association focus on air traffic and its impact. The volunteer members work constructively, fairly and openly to balance the legitimate and sometimes diverging interests of the aviation industry and the region.

» *It is a particular concern of the Mayors of the neighbouring communities that the Vienna Airport region can make the best possible use of growth opportunities, without the citizens having to do without a high quality of life and environmental quality.«*

Leopold Winkler (Image bottom left)
Chairman of the Dialogue Forum Association,
Mayor of the community of Kleinneusiedl

» *The Dialogue Forum is an internationally recognised conflict handling platform, which continually works to balance the economic interests of the aviation industry and the legitimate needs of the citizens to preserve the quality of life and environmental quality of the Vienna Airport region.«*

DI Wolfgang Hesina, MSc (Image bottom right)
Managing Director of the Vienna Airport Dialogue Forum Association



Let's discuss – Work with Dialogue Forum

Do you feel burdened by the impacts of air traffic? Do you want to play a part and bring about changes which keep the burdens on the residents and the environment due to air traffic as low as possible today and in the future?

The discussions and negotiations in the Dialogue Forum focus on the impact of air traffic on the region. As part of the Dialogue Forum committees, not only can you discuss issues, you can also participate in decisions regarding measures. Whether in district conferences or by members in the Dialogue Forum, all proposals and requests for change are handled fairly, openly and transparently. The aim of the Dialogue Forum is to achieve an optimal regional balance of interests by consensus between economic interests and the concerns of the population.

» *Flughafen Wien AG shall stand by the arrangements from the mediation agreement and the work of the Dialogue Forum and will continue the dialogue with the neighbouring communities and population in the future. Flughafen Wien AG shall implement measures which achieve consensus in the Dialogue Forum.«*

Dr. Günther Ofner, Mag. Julian Jäger (Image bottom left)
Directors of Flughafen Wien AG



Neighbouring communities –

Working together for quality of life and prosperity

During the many years of work in the mediation process and Dialogue Forum Vienna Airport, several measures against flight noise exposure, e.g. night flight regulation, noise protection programme, flight route changes, etc., were agreed between the aviation industry, neighbouring communities and the population. Many measures have already been implemented and a level of protection for the people in the Vienna Airport region has been reached, which is far better than the minimum requirements defined in legislation.

The Dialogue Forum checks compliance with the agreements and further measures are developed to keep flight noise exposure to a minimum, without hindering the dynamic development of the airport region.

» *Vienna Airport is an infrastructure facility of international importance. The representatives of the neighbouring communities work in the Dialogue Forum to keep the burdens for the population affected by the impact of air traffic to a minimum.«*

Ernst Schüller (Image bottom left)
Mayor Rauchenwarth

» *Vienna is growing and the 22nd district is growing particularly strongly. The exposure of as few Viennese citizens as possible to flight noise is of particular concern for urban policy and myself as a District Representative.«*

Ernst Nevrivy (Image bottom right)
District Representative Vienna Donaustadt



Working group against flight noise – We work for environmental quality and against flight noise exposure

As part of the Dialogue Forum, more than two million people from around 130 communities and three provinces have the opportunity to speak with the provinces, communities and the aviation industry through representatives. Many fellow campaigners for needs, issues and concerns can be found in the working group against flight noise, a group of currently 14 citizens' initiatives and residents' associations, which are active in the Dialogue Forum.

The most diverse interests are negotiated on equal terms in the Dialogue Forum. The working group against flight noise is aware of peoples' concerns and concerns about the quality of life and environmental quality in the airport region and administers to their needs with regard to the impact of air traffic.

Together with air traffic experts, the working group against flight noise analyses and evaluates the impact of air traffic on people and the environment and continually negotiates further concrete measures against flight noise exposure.

» *We have already been able to implement several measures with neighbouring communities to keep flight noise exposure a minimum. As the aviation sector is a very dynamic industry, which is continually evolving, the agreed results of the mediation process in the partial agreement cannot be the end point, but rather an important and significant interim result which must also be further developed.«*

Dr. Manfred Peter (Image bottom left)
Chairman of ARGE against flight noise



Aviation Industry – Global task and regional responsibility

The aircraft is the most important means of transport for covering large distances quickly. The air traffic links use a lot of people, but they also result in additional burdens in the same way as motorways and railway links. A dense air traffic network is important for Austria, but intensive efforts are required to keep the burdens for the directly affected residents to a minimum. The Dialogue Forum has faced this task of balancing interests for years and will do so in the future.

» *An objective and fair dialogue is the key to sustainable solutions which can equally support the economy and the population. Austro Control has faced this discussion with the citizens for years and will continue to do so in the future in the Dialogue Forum.«*

Dr. Heinz Sommerbauer (Image bottom left)
CEO Austro Control, Management Spokesman

» *As one of the premium network airlines of the Lufthansa Group, Austrian Airlines flies millions of customers to around 130 destinations worldwide via Vienna. We attach great importance to the quality of life and environmental quality in the Vienna Airport region. Thus, we have applied ourselves constructively since the Dialogue Forum began and we will continue to do so.«*

Kay Kratky (Image bottom right)
CEO Austrian Airlines AG



Vienna Airport Region – Looking to the Future

The «Vienna Airport mediation process» and the Dialogue Forum have attracted a great deal of international attention due to the participative dialogue and negotiation process as well as the civil law agreements and they are considered a best practice example in citizen participation matters. The greatest challenge has always been to organise air traffic, despite the dynamic development, so that peak loads affect less people in the general public interest and simultaneously as few people as possible are burdened.

» *Mediation and Dialogue Forum at Vienna Airport are recognised as best practices across Europe. More importantly, they are viewed positively by most residents.«*

Erich Valentin (Image bottom left)
Member of Parliament and Municipal Council,
Chairman of the Vienna Environmental Committee

» *Air traffic is essential for our economy. As part of the Dialogue Forum, we must do everything for the people who are affected by the negative impact of air traffic to protect and continue to improve the quality of life and environmental quality in the Vienna airport region for the good of the population.«*

Dipl. Ing. Christian Popp (Image bottom right)
Representative of the province of Lower Austria in the Dialogue Forum



Members –

We are the Dialogue Forum

Flughafen Wien AG

Austrian Airlines Österreichische Luftverkehrs AG

Austro Control Österreichische Gesellschaft

für Zivilluftfahrt mbH (ACG)

Communities

Enzersdorf an der Fischa, Fischamend, Groß-Enzersdorf, Himberg, Kleinneusiedl, Rauchenwarth, Schwadorf, Schwechat, Wien, Zwölfaxing

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