

05 – 07 November 2008
Hotel Loipersdorf Spa & Conference Styria
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Dear Sir or Madam,

we would like to invite you to our annual conference

Common Challenge 08 "Shaping a Changing Europe"

05 – 07 November 2008 in Loipersdorf/Styria/Austria. ([Map...](#))

The conference aims at defining clear common strategies and working plans, strengthening interregional project development, networking and lobbying and fostering the dialogue between regional, national and international stakeholders from public and private organisations, covering different fields of business, education, research and technology.

This year's conference will be a meeting point of high level experts and representatives from more than 10 countries, focussing on the topics *water*, *energy* and *innovation*. *The main objectives are:* Sharing competencies and experiences, preparing common plans for future co-operation-activities in the current EC term 2007-2013 and generating transferable solutions for follow-up-activities.

Within the frame of this conference, the FP6 project "REACT - Regional Empowerment in Actions and Concepts for Policy Development and Technology Transfer" will be finalised with the aim to grasp the key policy lessons from the project and to explore the new roads for intra- and interregional cooperation for knowledge exchange in the field of *micro- and nanotechnology*.

We would appreciate your participation and your contributions to the topics of the conference.

Best regards from Graz

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Programme

05 November 2008

20:00 Welcome Dinner
at the Hotel Loipersdorf Spa & Conference Styria

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09:30 - 10:00 **Registration....**

10:00 - 11:00 Welcome Addresses & Plenary Session

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:00 From Good Practice to Future Excellence:
Successful European Projects

12:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 15:00 Parallel Workshops

(1) WATER / ENERGY

(2) REACT Final Conference

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break & Networking

15:30 - 16:30 Parallel Round Tables

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17:00 - 18:30 On-site visit: Zotter Chocolate Manufacture, Riegersburg

20:00 Traditional Styrian Evening Reception & Dinner

07 November 2008

09:00 - 12:00 Parallel Programme

(1) REACT Final Conference - on-site visit:

Joanneum Research, Graz & Sightseeing Tour Graz

(2) Round Table "INNOVATION"

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12:00 - 13:00 Lunch & Farewell

You are invited to bring in your ideas, share your knowledge and experience and – most important of all – build the foundation of future cooperation projects.

To participate in this conference, you can now register via the enclosed registration form by e-mail or fax.

Registration deadline: Monday, 20 October 2008

For further details please refer to the enclosed programme and not hesitate to contact us. (**Programme in detail...** and **additional information....**)

We are looking forward to meeting you in Loipersdorf!

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