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Invitation to the International Expert-Conference on Human Rights of older Persons (ICHROP 2018) 12-13 November 2018 in Vienna

Dear Colleagues!

It is a particular pleasure for the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection to invite you to the International Expert-Conference on Human Rights of older Persons in Vienna on 12 and 13 November 2018 held in the context of new challenges and opportunities due to the technological development, especially with regards to “robotics & automation” and “digitalization & education”.

Austria has always attached great importance to its elderly citizens and supports new measurements and standards to improve the social, economic and legal situation for this growing group. In particular the fast progression of technology offers new ways of an active social and economic participation. It also shows new possibilities.

To fully use the high potential of technological developments Austria supports discussions on adequate steps for older people as well as aid for programs that develop new technologies, which facilitate the active participation of older people in their societies. Questions about the support of the elderly through new technologies will therefore be the focus at the conference.

Around 80-100 national and international experts from individual member states of the United Nations, experts of the United Nations, representatives of domestic and foreign senior-citizens' organizations, as well as representatives from politics, public administration and science will attend the conference.

After the official opening of the conference participants will have the opportunity to discuss questions and solutions related to “Robotics & Automation – Implications for Human Rights” and “A lifelong learning process – Digitalization & Education” in two panels.

All participants are cordially invited to attend a traditional “Heurigen-Dinner” on 12 November 2018 at 7 p.m. in Vienna's hilly area.

Please find attached the conference program, more detailed information about the panels and general information concerning your travel and accommodation arrangements in Vienna.

Participants are requested to register online at www.ageing.at until **29 October 2018**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at christoph.angster@sozialministerium.at.

I look forward to welcoming you to Vienna.

Yours sincerely

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Director-General

Attachments

- Conference Programme
- General Information
- Information about the Panels