Your Excellency,

Dear Ambassador Potman,

EUROPE DIRECT is a Europe-wide network of the European Commission. The EUROPE DIRECT centre in Vienna was recently opened at Vienna City Hall in cooperation with the City of Vienna.

We are pleased to jointly present a new initiative of EUROPE DIRECT Vienna, which aims to strengthen the sense of belonging among EU citizens living in Vienna. The initiative will be launched with an event on **9 December 2026 at 6 pm at Vienna City Hall**, to which we warmly invite you and your citizens as joint hosts.

The programme will include success stories of EU citizens living in Vienna, a short panel discussion and cultural contributions from the various communities. The reception following the programme will provide an opportunity to exchange with representatives of the City of Vienna, the European Commission and other European communities. In the long term, the initiative aims to establish a platform connecting EU citizens living in Vienna with the City of Vienna.

To support the successful implementation of this initiative, we kindly ask you to inform your citizens living in Vienna about the event through your existing communication channels. Interested participants can register directly via the following link: https://ticket.wien.gv.at/STS/kudmc/

As the number of participants is limited, the available places have been allocated proportionally based on the number of EU citizens from each Member State living in Vienna. Based on the registration, the City of Vienna will send all registered guests an official invitation to the event.

Should you know of any artistic groups within your communities that would be interested in contributing to the event with a cultural performance, we would also be very pleased to receive their contact details.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We sincerely thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Dr Michael Ludwig
Mayor of Vienna

Patrick Lobis
Head of EU-Commission in Austria