

# MEXICO IN AUSTRIA, SLOVAKIA AND SLOVENIA

Newsletter of the Embassy of Mexico and Permanent Mission to the International Organizations in Vienna

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## The new Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu presented Credentials



On May 22, 2016, the new Ambassador of Mexico, Alicia Buenrostro Massieu, presented Credentials to the Austrian President Heinz Fischer at the Hofburg Palace in Vienna. She acts as the Ambassador of Mexico in Austria, concurrent to Slovenia and Slovakia.

Ambassador Buenrostro Massieu is a career diplomat since 1990, and was promoted to the rank of Ambassador in 2012. From August 2011 to May 2016, she was the Consul General of Mexico in Hong Kong and Macau.

## Change of address of the Embassy's facilities



On April 1, 2016, the Embassy of Mexico and Permanent Mission to the International Organizations in Vienna, as well as the Consular Section, moved to the new facilities in the city centre of Vienna, near the Stock Exchange building and the Freyung.

The new address is **1010 Vienna, Rengasse 5/5+6**. The Embassy and the Permanent Mission are **on the left hand** and the Consular Section **on the right one, on the first floor of the building**.

Public transport:

Subway stations U2 Schottentor U1/U4 Schwedenplatz U3 Herrengasse

Bus 1A/2A/3A

Tram 1/2

## Mexican Cultural Institute in Vienna

### Ambassador Buenrostro Massieu attends the 30th anniversary of the Grazer Kunstverein



On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, the Grazer Kunstverein celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a series of events. The highlight of the festivities was the performance "A Quarter Past Shadow" by Mexican artists Mariana Castillo Deball and Carlos Sandoval, which consisted in a procession through the city centre of Graz, inspired by the Austrian tradition *Perchtenlauf*.

<http://www.grazerkunstverein.org/de/veranstaltungen.html>

A project of Mariana Castillo Deball and Carlos Sandoval with the support of the Embassy of Mexico in Austria.

### Exchange project of the orchestra Makochi Dulcemelos from Querétaro for preservation of the dulcimer music



The children and youth orchestra Makochi Dulcemelos, under the direction of Alejandra Barrientos and Héctor Larios, visited Austria in company of the Mexican composer Horacio Rico. The orchestra presented two concerts in Vienna, on July 17, at the House of the Music and on July 20, at the Amtshaus Wieden. The next stop was the Anton-Bruckner University in Linz, Upper Austria, on July 21.

This project offers Mexican children and adolescents the opportunity of musical education without any cost and is dedicated mainly to preserving the Mexican version of the dulcimer *Salterio*.

<http://www.dulcemelos.org.mx/makochi.html>

The concerts in Austria were an exchange programme between Mexico, Austria and Slovakia, with the support of the Embassy of Mexico in Austria.

### Concert of the Symphonic Orchestra Cedros-Universidad Panamericana on July 25, 2016



The Symphonic Orchestra Cedros-Universidad Panamericana, whose musicians are students from 8 to 20 years, visits Vienna and offers a concert at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna on July 25, 2016:

Joseph-Haydn-Saal  
Anton-von-Webern-Platz 1  
1030 Vienna

**Free entry!**

Conductor: Dr. Gabriel Pliego  
Piano: Santiago Piñeirúa  
Music from Arturo Márquez, José de Jesús Martínez, Silvestre Revueltas, Manuel M. Ponce, Leonard Bernstein, etc.

### Merit Awards and Special Programmes for International Students granted by the Mexican government 2017



The call for Merit Awards for International Students granted by the Mexican government 2017 will be available on-line until September 23, 2016: <http://www.gob.mx/amexcid/acciones-y-programas/becas-para-extranjeros-29785>

The deadline for reception of applications of Austrian, Slovakian and Slovenian candidates at the Embassy of Mexico ends on September 28, 2016. The results will be disclosed by November 22, 2016.

The call for the Special Programmes 2017 will be available on-line until September 15, 2016:

<http://www.gob.mx/amexcid/acciones-y-programas/becas-para-extranjeros-30133>

## Economy

Mexico is the second most important destination of Austrian exports.



In the first quarter of 2016, Austrian exports to Mexico increased by 55 percent to a total of 242 million euros, exceeding notably exports to Canada and Brazil, according to the Austrian Chamber of Commerce (WKÖ): <https://www.wko.at/Content.Node/service/aussenwirtschaft/mx/Oesterreichs-Export-nach-Mexiko-im-ersten-Quartal-auf-Rek.html>

This means Mexico has become the second most important destination for Austrian exports in the Americas, preceded only by the United States. The strongest impulse came from the machine production sector, responding to the boost of the automobile industry in Mexico.

This represents a continuity of last year's trend: In 2015, Mexico was the country with the highest increase for Austrian exports worldwide (+28 percent): [http://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS\\_20160222\\_OTS0137/leitl-export-bleibt-tragende-saeule-des-oesterreichischen-wohlstandes](http://www.ots.at/presseaussendung/OTS_20160222_OTS0137/leitl-export-bleibt-tragende-saeule-des-oesterreichischen-wohlstandes)

Commercial delegation from Jalisco visits Slovakia



On June 8, 2016, a commercial delegation of the Ministry of Economic Development of Jalisco (SEDECO) attended a seminar in Bratislava, organized by the Slovak Investment and Trade Development Agency (SARIO) in cooperation with the Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs of Slovakia and the Embassy of Mexico.

The Mexican delegation met with the representatives of Slovakian companies, like Pavol Machovic (*PPA Controll*), Lubomir Slauka (*Kinex Bearings*), Alexandra Marquez (*International BEZ Group spol. s.r.o.*), Pavol Harcek (*Kerametal*), Pavel Bohác (*Ses Tlmace*) and Vladimir Grznar (*Grznár & Co*). At the seminar, the delegation presented the excellent business opportunities in the State of Jalisco.

Within the framework of this event, the Minister of Economic Development of Jalisco, José Palacios Jiménez, also visited Austrian companies in Tyrol and Lower Austria in order to intensify the commercial relationship between Mexico and Austria.

## Permanent Mission of Mexico to the International Organizations in Vienna

Mexico renews its commitment to the Montreal Protocol



On July 22 and 23, 2016, the Third Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer took place in Vienna, Austria. Mexico participated at the events with a high-level delegation led by **Mexican Minister of Environment, Rafael Pacchiano Alamán**.

The Montreal Protocol is a multilateral agreement aimed at avoiding and reducing substances that deplete the ozone layer.

Mexico ratified the Montreal Protocol on March 31, 1988, and is strongly committed to its implementation.

Mexico and the IAEA against the Zika virus



Mexico is working with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to find a way of sterilizing mosquitoes in order to fight the Zika virus.

Scientists are trying to sterilize male mosquitoes by radioactive radiation and contribute to eliminating plagues like Zika, dengue and yellow fever.

**For more information:**

<https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/iaea-organize-expert-meeting-fighting-%E2%80%98zika%E2%80%99-mosquitoes>

## News from Mexico

### President Peña Nieto signs decree to recognize LGBT rights in Constitution



On May 18, 2016, the Mexican President signed a decree to amend the Mexican Constitution in order to recognize the equal treatment of homosexual partnerships, following the decision of the Supreme Cort.

“Each Mexican, regardless of his social position, religion, ethnic group and sexual orientation, has the right to be happy and fully self-actualize himself”, according to Peña Nieto. The President also gave instructions to set up a national campaign against homophobia and include homosexuality as a topic in school curricula.

Furthermore, Mr. Peña Nieto participated as the first President in the history of Mexico on the occasion of the National Day against Homophobia.

[https://embamex2.sre.gob.mx/austria/images/Stories/Varios/omsoc/Documentos/Sinhomofobia\\_A.pdf](https://embamex2.sre.gob.mx/austria/images/Stories/Varios/omsoc/Documentos/Sinhomofobia_A.pdf)

### The new National Anti-Corruption-System is introduced



On July 18, 2016, President Peña Nieto signed seven legal packages approved by the Congress to implement the constitutional reform initiated in May 2015 with the objective of introducing the new National Anti-Corruption-System.

The National Anti-Corruption-System includes a coordinating committee of independent experts, an anti-corruption prosecutor's office, and special departments in public institutions, such as the Administrative Court and the Audit Court. The introduction of the Anti-Corruption-System reflects Mexico's effort to guarantee more transparency and accountability.

Information in Spanish:

<https://embamex2.sre.gob.mx/austria/images/Stories/ONUDD/PDF/SNA2.pdf>

Information in English:

<https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/articulos/enactment-of-national-anticorruption-system-laws>

## ¡Viva Mexico!

### Mexico is a great destination for de-luxe tourism



In the first quarter of 2016, Mexico is the first on the Top Ten list of the international travel agency for de-luxe holidays, *Virtuoso*.

The most popular destinations for de-luxe holidays are Cancun, Ixtapa, Los Cabos, Loreto, Huatulco and Nayarit. Not only because of its beautiful seaside, but also for the impressive colonial cities, such as San Miguel de Allende, Oaxaca and Mexico City, where you can enjoy your holiday de-luxe.

[https://embamex2.sre.gob.mx/austria/images/Stories/Varios/omsoc/Documentos/hi-turilujo\\_ale.pdf](https://embamex2.sre.gob.mx/austria/images/Stories/Varios/omsoc/Documentos/hi-turilujo_ale.pdf)

### Gastronomic programme Ven a Comer



The Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs initiated the gastronomic programme "Ven a Comer" with the objective of promoting Mexican cuisine worldwide.

Mexican chefs and restaurant managers were appointed as "culinary ambassadors" and will cooperate with the Mexican Embassies and Consulates in projects and programmes destined to present Mexico's exquisite cuisine to the world.

<https://www.gob.mx/sre/articulos/conoce-a-los-embajadores-culinarios-de-la-gastronomiamx?idiom=es>



## Consular Section

Reading tip

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**México en Movimiento**  
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<https://embamex2.sre.gob.mx/austria/index.php/es/temas-de-interes/68-mexico-en-movimiento>

Recommendation for every Mexican citizen in  
Austria, Slovakia and Slovenia



The Register of Mexican Citizens Abroad (SIRME) improves the contact between the Mexican authorities and the Mexican citizens living abroad. This system offers information and assistance with topics regarding the visit, stay and residence in other countries.

<https://sirme.sre.gob.mx/>

Free brochure for Mexican  
au-pairs in Austria



<https://embamex2.sre.gob.mx/austria/images/Stories/CONSULAR/Documentos/au pair 2016.pdf>

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