



**BRIEFING NOTE: Johannes HAHN**

<b>Name</b>	Johannes HAHN 
<b>First time Commissioner?</b>	Yes
<b>Date of Hearing</b>	Thursday 14 January 16.30-19.30
<b>Country</b>	Austria
<b>Political Party</b>	Österreichische Volkspartei (EPP)
<b>Previous Austrian Commissioner</b>	Benita Ferrero-Waldner
<b>Portfolio</b>	Regional policy
<b>Services</b>	DG Regional Policy (REGIO)
<b>Personal details</b>	Austrian Born December 2, 1957 in Vienna, Austria Married with one son
<b>Current duties</b>	Since January 2007: Federal Minister for Science and Research
<b>Political career</b>	December 2008-January 2009: acting Federal Minister for Justice Since 2005-2009: Chairman of the Austrian People's Party Vienna 2003-2007: Member of the Regional Government of Vienna 1996-2003: Member of Regional Parliament of Vienna
<b>Professional career</b>	1997-2003: Board Member, later CEO of Novomatic AG 1992-1997: Executive Director of the Austrian's People Party Vienna 1989-1992: Managerial functions in different areas of Austrian industry 1987-1989: Secretary General of the Austrian Managers Association (Wirtschaftsforum der Führungskräfte) 1985.1987: Employee of the Federation of Austrian Industries
<b>Education</b>	1987: Graduated with a Doctorate in philosophy (University of Vienna)

	1975: Graduated from high school
<b>Languages</b>	German: mother tongue English: thorough knowledge
<b>FYI....</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Managed the gambling company Novomatic until 2003.</li> <li>▪ In 2005, he was the front-runner in Austria's regional elections, during which his party became the second largest party in the country.</li> <li>▪ Johannes Hahn's academic background is in Philosophy. Two years ago, there was an exhaustive debate in Austria regarding his dissertation, with the media scientist Stephan Weber accusing him of plagiarism. This accusation has been confirmed in a research report from the University of Vienna but the university has refrained from taking official action on this.</li> </ul>

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