



## About Act.Now

<b>Founded</b>	December 2015
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<b>Websites</b>	<a href="http://www.act-n-o-w.com">www.act-n-o-w.com</a> <a href="http://www.now-conference.org">www.now-conference.org</a>
<b>Line of business</b>	We initiate projects for a respectful and appreciative social coexistence internationally with a focus on international conferences.
<b>Who we are</b>	Act.Now is an enterprise based on the private initiative of the founders acting internationally and above party lines. Our office is located in Vienna.
<b>What we want</b>	We want to contribute to a respectful and appreciative coexistence in a time of profound social changes that result in challenges to democratic systems.
<b>What we do</b>	Act.Now supports people to take on more responsibility in their respective environment.  Act.Now connects people and initiatives to raise the effectiveness of projects aimed to strengthen social cohesion.  Act.Now provides information about social change and its impact on society to promote new solutions.  To achieve its objectives Act.Now employs processes that are both cognitively and emotionally effective.

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## NOW Conferences

- Vienna, January 2017** The 3rd NOW Conference is dedicated to children. Major challenges facing refugee children and children on the move are a.o. violence, exploitation, trauma and lack of access to education. Many of these challenges are also faced by local children and youth in our own societies. Act.Now believes that social cohesion, protection, safe spaces for discovery, personal development, real chances for experiencing community, access to quality education and health, concerns all children - those who came as refugees, as well as local children in our own countries. Our aim is to contribute to developing a holistic approach to address the needs, identify areas of interventions and share good practice solutions for a better future of all children. The conference is curated by Viola Raheb, educationalist, theologian, activist for peace, gender equality and assistant at the Institute for Religious Studies at the University of Vienna and curator of the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue.
- Athens, July 2016** The implementation of the EU-Turkey agreement to handle migration flows poses huge challenges for local communities in border regions. Mayors from affected municipalities in Greece, Turkey and Italy met at the second NOW-Conference to assess this agreement, together with representatives of NGOs, members of the European Parliament, experts and refugees. The conference was hosted by Hannes Swoboda, former MEP, and currently a board member of the Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue in Vienna.
- Vienna, January 2016** The first International Mayors' Conference NOW was held in January 2016 in Vienna. At that gathering, Mayors from local authorities along refugee routes (Middle East, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Austria, Germany), representatives of NGOs and people who had been forced to flee their homeland met for the first time to discuss practical solutions at local level.

For details see: [www.now-conference.org](http://www.now-conference.org)