

**Welcoming address  
of the Minister President of Hessen Roland Koch  
at the Euro Finance Week 2009**

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The financial center of Frankfurt has experienced a dynamic development to one of the most important global finance centers. All those who are active here can be proud of the accomplished, which gives the necessary self-assurance to confidently approach the future in a time of crisis.

Credit institutions are currently experiencing a far-reaching change. Competition has intensified, not only in the finance sector but throughout the entire economy. This means that the financial center must be further developed and enhanced, so as not to endanger past successes. This also means that the regulatory framework must be adjusted to changed requirements. The Hessian State Government participates intensely in that.

An international finance center requires an appropriate environment. That includes for example the sciences. The players in the financial markets and the scientists, who are involved with financial market subjects, stand in a mutual exchange. Here in Frankfurt is the right place to discuss future tasks in detail, to exchange thoughts and experiences and to set new courses.

I wish the organizers of the Euro Finance Week good luck and much success. The participants I wish many interesting impressions and discussions.



Roland Koch  
Hessischer Ministerpräsident