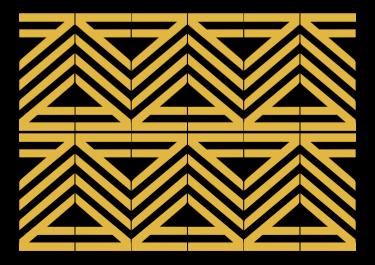
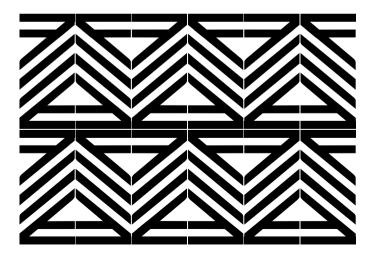


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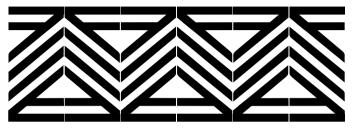
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Saturday, March 12th to Tuesday, March 15th **Daily, thematic business breakfasts** including keynotes by top-class experts such as:

KEYNOTE SPEAKER | DAVID BATSTONE



David Batstone is a catalyst for driving positive change across the world, working with entrepreneurs and investors to create forward-thinking companies that return dignity to people and planet. A sought-after speaker and investor to businesses and non-profits alike, David has developed a unique model for supporting successful enterprises that create opportunity for everyone. Just a

few days ago, David has been appointed CEO of Blackstone Technology Holding AG, a company active in the battery technology and battery metals market that offers direct exposure to the battery technology revolution.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER | DOMHNAILL HERNON



Domhnaill Hernon is an award-winning technology, innovation and creativity executive. Domhnaill is the global lead and co-founder of a new initiative at EY to create the cognitive human enterprise. This is a pioneering new approach combining multidisciplinary collaboration and full-spectrum diversity to maximize organizational cognitive flexibility. Prior to that he founded a new initiative to

fuse art and engineering/science to develop solutions that humanize technology while at Nokia Bell Labs.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER | FLORIAN KRUEGER



Florian Krueger is an experienced manager in software project management and systems engineering from Graz. His career began at the traditional automotive OEM Audi, transitioned into the world of autonomous driving at the Google spin-off Waymo and includes the electronics, software and services giant Apple. His responsibilities have included strategy development,

software test and release processes, safety validation, requirements and test definition, as well as executive reporting and escalations.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER | FRANK LEYHAUSEN



Frank Leyhausen is an expert on global aging. His focus lies on the implications of longevity on marketing and HR. Frank rejects the segmentation of markets and workforces based solely on the chronological age. It's rather the life stages that define needs. As managing partner of Medcom international, a longevity thinktank, Frank consults companies and public administrations. Since 2018

he is the chairman of the SENovation Award, the only startup award for age-friendly solutions in the GSA region.



The Austria Night @ SXSW 2022, hosted by ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA and Trailblazer, will beam us into a new reality. By means of a projection installation by the Austrian art collective OMAi, we will envision the city of the future in a luminescent collaborative artwork. Guests will be able to contribute with spontaneous drawings and animations of emerging technologies and futuristic scenarios and thus shed light on the human perspectives and expectations behind the buzz. As another special highlight, the audience will also enjoy two special music showcases by the Austrian artists CID RIM and James Hersey.

0MAi

OMAi focuses on interactive light projections as an experiential and transformational medium. Their work comprises interventions in public space, as well as stage performances and art installations. In search for new ways to tell visual stories live on the theatre stage, the team behind OMAi developed Tagtool, a visual live instrument which facilitates new forms of public art and education and has spawned an active worldwide user community. OMAi collaborates with partners from culture, technology, science, music and performing arts to create unique and unforgettable experiences.

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CID RIM



CID RIM, also known as Clemens Bacher, is an acclaimed Austrian drummer based in London. Bacher grew up in Vienna alongside Dorian Concept and friends, who led the city's burgeoning art and music scene, fusing DIY jazz and electronics. With little regard for classification, their party was the stuff of legend. His ambition took Clemens to writing rooms in LA, Paris and NY. A participant in Da-

mon Albarn's "African Express", Clemens travelled to South Africa with Brian Eno and Idris Alba to collaborate with local musicians. He released his second album "Songs of Vienna" in October 2021, followed by a brand-new EP this March.

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JAMES HERSEY



James Hersey's alternative pop sensibility has led him down many paths over the years. Support tours for Honne, Metric, Milky Chance, and Jeremy Loops reveal James' indie heart as a frontman, while his hit-songs register over half a billion streams worldwide. "Miss You", written and co-produced by James, is certified Gold in Canada and Italy, while Kygo & Dillon Francis' rework of his

iconic bedroom hit "Coming Over" is certified Gold in the U.S. James is currently working on his sophomore album, an exciting showcase of his musical journey from hometown garage bands to closing Coachella.

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Styrian Economic Chamber JOSEF HERK President Sectors: Representation of Interests, Service, Education

Josef Herk is a Styrian entrepreneur. He has been closely associated with the Economic Chamber for over 30 years. Since 2011 he is the President of the Styrian Economic Chamber. In addition to promoting entrepreneurship, he is strongly committed to education and the fostering of young talent. He brought the European Vocational Championship EUROSKILLS 2020 to Austria and implemented the project "TALENTCENTER", which received many awards for excellent development in the area of youth education and training.

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Mariana Kühnel is Deputy Secretary General of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber. Her priorities include not only European and international affairs and especially ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA as the trade promotion organization, but also future-oriented issues of education policy, innovation, and digitalization. From 2010 to 2018 she worked as Executive Director "Group Board Support and Stakeholder Management" at Erste Group Bank as well as Deputy Secretary General, Head of Group Board and other positions supporting the Executive Board. She brought in her European expertise and experience in her positions as Head of European Affairs at Erste Group Bank AG and as Chief Economic and Financial Policy Advisor for Austrian MEP Othmar Karas in the European Parliament in Brussels. Mariana Kühnel holds a Master's degree in European and International Relations and Diplomacy at the College of Europe as well as a Master of Business Administration.

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The Austrian Trade Commissioner to the U.S. Sectors: Foreign Trade Promotion, Innovation

Volker Ammann took his position as Austrian Trade Commissioner to the U.S. in January 2021. In his prior position he served as advisor and link to the President's office with the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber in Vienna. He also served as Austrian Trade

Commissioner to Singapore and Denmark after other postings in New York, Hong Kong, South China and Iran. His expertise earned him the position of visiting professor at the Department for International Management at the Austrian business school FH Joanneum in Graz. Volker graduated with a Master's degree in Economics & Business Administration and holds a Bachelor's degree in Tourism Management.

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The Deputy Austrian Trade Commissioner to the U.S. Sectors: Energy (Renewable, Conversion, Storage), ICT, Optoelectronics, Photonics, Semiconductors

Tony Emsenhuber, an electronics engineer, economist and lawyer by education, has held industry and government positions. He joined the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber in 1986 and was posted in Tokyo

as Deputy Trade Commissioner, where he was responsible for science and technology for five years. After a two-year stint as director of exports of an Austrian high-tech company, he rejoined the Chamber and was posted in Los Angeles in 1993. Here he oversees science and technology as well as legal matters. Tony is also qualified to practice law in California and functions as general counsel for all U.S.-based ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA offices.

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Reanne Leuning is responsible for the internationalization programs for the Austrian Creative Industries at ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA, the Austrian trade promotion and innovation agency with more than 100

offices in 70 countries. Through consulting, financial support and the organization of exhibitions, showcases and B2B matchmaking events as well as conferences and economic missions, the main aim is to generate more international business opportunities for Austrian designers and manufacturers, the music industry, fashion labels, filmmakers and other entrepreneurs from the creative industries.

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Victoria Liedl gathered working experience at major Austrian and international banks before coming to New York in 2019 to work at a startup in the field of multilingual meetings. Victoria is part of the ADVAN-

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Head of Innovation Sectors: Foreign Trade Promotion, Innovation

Guenther Schabhuettl took his position as Head of Innovation at ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA in 2020. He and his team focus their activities on connecting the brightest Austrian minds with international thought leaders and vice versa. Before that he was posted in Tel Aviv

and had the chance to gain experience in various fields of technology and innovation. 2022 is Guenther's first time at SXSW and he is pretty sure it will not be the last time.

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After receiving his Master's degree in Business Administration, Daniel Zawarczynski worked in various locations in Europe before joining ADVANTAGE AUST-RIA in 2015. His first posting brought him to Thailand as Deputy Trade Commissioner at ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA



in Bangkok. In 2019 he switched twelve time zones and was posted in New York where he stayed until August 2021. Currently, he is the Austrian Trade Commissioner and Co-Director of Open Austria in San Francisco. He is interested in the disruptive effects of new technologies, sustainable smart city solutions and building up strong and recognizable brands. As a passionate photographer and traveler, he spends his free time exploring new places.

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ce startup. The primary goal is to shape transparency across businesses and provide the client with valuable insights into their data. Augmented analytics is one of the latest approaches to provide AI-driven solutions. The client can profit from these visualisations, real-time insights, and consultancy to drive business decisions more efficiently. Martin offers solutions that will help companies reach their full potential.

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Sergiu Ardelean is a serial entrepreneur from Austria who built a successful Augmented Reality agency in Vienna, which served clients such as Volkswagen and Audi in 42 countries. Now Sergiu is working on a startup that envisions the combination of haptic and

digital art through augmented reality. Artivive has offices in Europe, the U.S. and China and is applied by 150,000 artists in 120 countries. Cooperations with world-famous museums and galleries in Vienna, Munich, San Francisco, Seoul, and Shanghai show that the art scene is ready for the new dimensions augmented art can bring.

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Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (Trailblazer) RÉKA ARTNER

Lead Global Innovation Community Sectors: Innovation, Digitalization

Réka Artner is leading Trailblazer - a global innovation community. In her previous role as head of business development at World Data Lab, Réka made data about the world understandable to many. She studied Economic Psychology at the University of

Vienna where she also founded the local AIESEC committee and represented the Austrian student enterprises in Brussels as a board member of JADE. Next to her eight years of leading TEDxVienna and building an international community, Réka has facilitated several ideation workshops to help people identify and develop their ideas. Réka is an advocate for diversity and female empowerment and a mentor in several organizations.

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CID RIM CLEMENS BACHER

Artist, Musician & Plug-in Developer Sectors: Music, Software

Clemens Bacher is an artist and musician from Vienna. He is living between London and Vienna and is releasing music under the alias CID RIM. Clemens has just released his second studio album on the British label LuckyMe and followed up with the "Songs for

Vienna" EP in March. He has recently teamed up with the Austrian plug-in developer GS DSP to realize his idea of a program that helps having any kind of music studio activity remotely via the internet. It is called "Remote Music Collaboration"

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The Austrian Economic Chamber system represents the interests of the Austrian business community on the regional, national, and international level. It provides information and advisory service to its more than 517,000 member companies. As the voice of Aus-

trian business, the organization is committed to forward-looking policies which benefit the economy. The Austrian Federal Economic Chamber is a modern service provider that offers fast expert advice on topics from labour laws to customs information. Through its educational facilities it contributes to improving the competitive ability of domestic companies.

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Since 2004, Jost Bernasch is managing director of the VIRTUAL VEHICLE Research GmbH in Graz. In that time, VIRTUAL VEHICLE became the largest research center for virtual vehicle technology in Europe with currently

over 300 employees and a turnover of 26 million Euros. Research priority is the linking of numerical simulations, software-defined functions, and hardware testing. Following this focus on industry-related research, VIRTUAL VEHICLE is an innovation catalyst for future vehicle technologies. The international partner network of VIRTUAL VEHICLE consists of 150+ national and international industrial partners as well as 30+ scientific institutions.

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Robert Brugger holds a doctorate in business administration. Before joining ICS, for many years he worked as a managing director and board member for international logistics companies in various

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communities. Hannes Buchhauser took over the family company in 2011 at the age of 27. Since 2019 he is elected president of the Junior Chamber Styria, representing 23,000 young Styrian entrepreneurs. He is also member of the council of his hometown Voitsberg.

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capito is one of Austria's leading social enterprises and market leader in the field of comprehensible information in the German-speaking countries. Being the first Styrian company in the Accelerator program

of the European Innovation Council, capito is currently developing an AI-based software for automated language simplification. As Co-Founder and former CEO, Klaus Candussi is currently responsible for the internationalization of capito. In addition, he works as a university lecturer for impact-oriented management. In 2014, he was accepted as a Fellow in the transnational Ashoka network for social entrepreneurship.

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mental education, and advertising. The company was founded in 2016 by Axel and Gabs, a parentpreneur couple in love with tech. Gabs is also the founder of the XRVienna XR community, the Ambassador of Women in Immersive Tech EU in Austria, and one of Forbes's 2018 top 20 EU Women Founders.

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Maciej Chmara's strong interest in the kitchen as a design object and cooking as an aesthetic practice has led to a research focus on ecological food technologies and their influence on the kitchen of the future. Within the framework of his doctoral project,

precisely these topics are combined and elaborated with the means of speculative design. Maciej conducts research, teaches at the UdK Berlin, holds guest professorships at various universities and runs a design office in the field of object and spatial design in Vienna and Berlin.

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mental education, and advertising. The company was founded in 2016 by Axel and Gabs, a parentpreneur couple in love with tech. Axel has worked in the film and advertising industry in Austria, Germany, and Spain since 2002, adding VR in 2013. The Wiener Prater, the Red Cross, and the theatre group Les Enfants Terribles are some names that trusted his expertise.

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The mobility cluster ACstyria represents a network of over 300 companies in the areas of automotive, aerospace and rail systems with more than 70,000 employees and total sales of more than 17 billion

euros. The core service of the cluster is the networking and support of Styrian companies along the entire value chain. It sees itself as a link between business, industry, research, and public institutions. ACstyria's strategy and direction reflect the key issues and challenges faced by its partner companies. Consequently, its projects and actions are geared to benefit these businesses and exploit the region's strategic opportunities.

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Verena Eugster is the founder of W2 Event & Concept AG in Switzerland and W3 Marketing GmbH in Austria. Both companies design and organize major events in Austria, Switzerland and Germany, mainly in the sports, congress and business sector. Amongst

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Bernhard Famler is very passionate about thinking outside the box and building digital products. He has 20 years of professional experience in software development and telecommunications. He is the

co-founder of seeqnc GmbH, an internet company based in Austria and Germany offering cloud services for the technology, music and media industries. The platform collects global music data and analytics for music creators, labels, technology platforms, and collecting societies. The company empowers the music industry to unlock the potential of realtime data and audience engagement in the era of hybrid music events.

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Eight years ago, Manuel was 25kg heavier and couldn't run a single kilometer. 28 years old today, he is keen to empower the whole world to live better and healthier lives and to connect deeper with their

friends than ever before. An engaged volunteer and a trained venture builder and strategy consultant, Manuel was employed as Head of Operations at AustrianStartups when he founded Sparcs. Besides envisioning the product, luring top-talents, and exciting investors, one can usually find him globetrotting, scuba diving, mountaineering, or networking at high-potential events.

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EET - Efficient Energy Technology GmbH CHRISTOPH GRIMMER CEO

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Christoph Grimmer is the founder and CEO of the Austrian startup EET. EET's main product is a plug-in energy storage system that can be installed by the consumer by simply plugging it in. Christoph has a background in chemical engineering and economics

and is responsible for finance, marketing and sales at EET. After the successful go-to-market of SolMate in Austria and Germany, the company EET is now at the beginning of the scaleup and expansion phase. The market for energy storage is at an early stage and will show significant growth rates in the upcoming years. SolMate is focused on small households in urban and suburban areas and currently does not face strong competition.

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He is based in Berlin and is the co-founder of seeqnc GmbH, an internet company based in Austria and Germany. seeqnc is offering cloud services for the technology, music and media industries. The platform collects global music data and analytics for music creators, labels, technology platforms, and collecting societies. The company empowers the music industry to unlock the potential of real-time data and audience engagement.

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Findustrial MARTIN GRUBER CFO/COO & Founder Sectors: Industry, Production, Fintech

As a founder of Findustrial, Martin Gruber is responsible for the Findustrial platform development and IOT connectivity. As acting CFO of the company, he is also in charge of the funding rounds. To Martin, the best thing of being an entrepreneur is having the chance to

make a huge impact on the development, as well as the freedom to decide where your business goes and which goals are pursued. The goal of Findustrial is to create sustainable and future-proof business models for the industry. Hence, the company supports manufacturers as an "enabler for pay-per-use" from one-off sales towards predictable and recurring revenues and by offering them flexible financing options for their customers.

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The ICS is the export service organization of the Styrian economy and was established in 2005 as a joint initiative of the Styrian Economic Chamber, the province of Styria and the Federation of Styrian

Industries. Styria, which is also known as the "green heart of Austria", is the second largest federal state of Austria and has a population of 1,2 million. Styria boasts a vibrant economic environment with a mix of large multinational companies as well as innovative SMEs in the mobility, green tech, health tech and creative sector. Interested in Styria and its companies? Please feel free to reach out at any time.

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Jonathan Gutschi's heart beats for empowering people to have more fun while traveling or commuting, whilst saving time and money all along. As a computer scientist, he has a strong academic foundation, and at the same time, he can look back on over 20

years of experience as an architect in the telecom and finance industry. Three years ago he founded Greendrive and they have come a long way, proudly counting some of Austrian's largest organizations as customers, who in turn make thousands of their employees happy Greendrivers. Corona changed our work environment and with it how we approach mobility. Agile startups like Greendrive facilitate this rapid change.

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With degrees in mechanical engineering (ETH Zurich), Benjamin Hahn works as a machine learning engineer for a startup in Zurich, Switzerland. Having always been fascinated by the possibilities of technology, he studied robotics, focusing on artificial intelligence and computer vision. Some of his past work

includes building a system allowing drones to automatically detect and map plastic waste on beaches, researching machine learning methods for better localization for autonomous cars, and developing algorithms for augmented reality. For Caelum Development he will attend SXSW to investigate new models of spatial production for both users and producers of space.

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With a degree in architecture and after ten years of experience in architectural offices. Robert Hahn sidestepped to a career as a project developer primarily for a large Austrian developer, but also on a freelance basis. In 2013, Caelum Development GmbH

was founded as a developer of innovative projects in all sectors. Working independently since 2019, the company focuses on conceptually innovative real estate projects on both the level of urban design and individual buildings. The use of new, digital as well as virtual methods of spatial production and the development of innovative use models are important research goals for future projects.

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Before founding Findustrial, Guenter Hehenfelder worked in different positions in the automotive supplier industry for more than 20 years. The insights from the industrial sector made him realize that we are facing more and more volatile and uncertain markets in near-

ly every industry. Guenter experienced how difficult it is to convince people to invest in machinery and equipment. Pay-per-use solutions, whether it is a flexible usage-based financing product or an as-a-service business model, are perfect solutions to lower the risk for industrial companies. And that is what Findustrial is about: enabling flexible pay-per-use solutions and creating sustainable business models for the industry.

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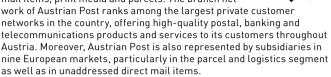




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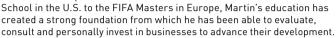
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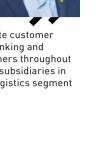
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The Internationalisation Center Styria (ICS) is the export service organization of the Styrian economy and was established in 2005 as a joint initiative of the Styrian Economic Chamber, the province of Styria and the Federation of Styrian Industries. Styria, which is also known as the green heart of Austria, is the second largest federal state of Austria and has a population of 1,2 million. Styria boasts a vibrant economic environment with a mix of large multinational companies as well as innovative SMEs in the mobility, green tech, health tech and creative sector.

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THE STYRIAN ECONOMIC CHAMBER

The Styrian Economic Chamber is part of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber and represents almost 80,000 active members. As the voice of Styrian businesses, the Economic Chamber is committed to forward-looking policies which benefit the economy. As such, it is a strong advocate for tax relief, the reduction of excessive bureaucracy and an improved accessibility to subsidies. It is a modern service provider that offers swift and efficient expert advice on topics ranging from labour law to customs regulations and aims at strengthening the competitiveness of Styrian companies.

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The United States of America are the second most important export market for Styria and I'm convinced that there is a lot of potential for further business cooperation. Therefore, I am very pleased to visit the SXSW festival, the creative and innovative hotspot in Texas, with a delegation of Styrian entrepreneurs. Although our region is already well-known for its R&D expertise and innovative prowess, we are certain that there is still more to learn about digitalization and various other future topics to further strengthen the location of Styria and its businesses.



JOSEF HERK President of the Styrian Economic Chamber

INNOVATION BRIDGE EUROPE (IBE)

Innovation Bridge Europe (IBE) is a collaborative network of innovators focusing on fostering innovation across disciplines and borders by creating opportunities for knowledge exchange and the exploration of synergies. The goal: strengthening the European innovator and creative community and their connection to the world. By building meaningful and sustainable relationships, IBE seeks to foster and facilitate the international transdisciplinary discourse on human-centered and social impact tech, necessary to effectively address the global challenges. While we adapt to the realities of global (digital) interconnectivity, IBE provides a platform for curated, highly specialized and interactive formats across all industries, connecting entrepreneurs, policy makers and other stakeholders.

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LOOKAUT is a new media channel initiated and developed by the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber. The LOOKAUT team will bring stories to your doorstep about worldwide economic developments and business opportunities. At least twice a day you will get an update about what is happening in the world and in which way this might be relevant for your business. Check out the YouTube page and subscribe to learn more and be inspired:

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