

**36<sup>th</sup> Conference of  
Rectors and Presidents of  
European Universities of Technology**

**Internationalisation of Universities**

**September 15-16, 2017**

**Final Programme**

**2017 Conference Host:  
Rector Harald Kainz  
Graz University of Technology, Austria**

**Conference Venue:  
Graz University of Technology  
“Alte Technik”, Graz, Rechbauerstraße 12**

# **Invitation to the 2017 Conference at Graz University of Technology**

Dear colleague,

We cordially invite you to crp 2017, the 36<sup>th</sup> Conference of Rectors and Presidents of European Universities of Technology.

On the first day, keynote speakers will discuss the Conference topic from different perspectives. On the second day, university leaders will present the strategies and approaches their institutions are following addressing different views about and approaches towards internationalisation - using the opportunities for world-wide cooperation as well as coping with the challenges of global competition.

## **General background of the conference:**

Following a joint initiative of the rectors of Vienna University of Technology and RWTH Aachen University, this conference has been started in 1980 with the aim to establishing a forum for top representatives of leading science and engineering universities in Europe for

- discussing topics of major common concern, that are not discussed in other fora,
- identifying differences and commonalities of existing solutions to problems of common interest,
- developing new ideas and - if appropriate - preparing recommendations on specific topics, and
- forming a 'think tank' for the future development of the universities of technology in Europe.

As an informal grouping the conference has no formal international or European organisational structure.

## **Discussions at the 2017 Conference will address issues such as:**

The conference topic will give an opportunity to discuss different aspects of the international dimension of universities' strategies, initiatives and activities, such as:

- University strategies for internationalisation
  - Strategic partnerships
  - Mobility of Students and Faculty
  - Joint study programmes and research activities
- Choosing the right instruments
- The role of international university networks and associations
- Institutional management of international cooperation

We are looking forward meeting you at Graz University of Technology in September 2017.

**Rector Prof Harald Kainz**  
**2017 Conference Host**

**Prof. Manfred Horvat**  
**Conference Coordinator**

# Preliminary programme, Day 1

15 September 2017

- 9:30 **Bus Pick-up from Hotels for Campus Visit**
- 10:00 - 12:30 **Campus Tour**  
TU Graz - lead project: Dependable Internet of Things in Adverse Environments, Kay Roemer; Research Center Pharmaceutical Engineering GmbH, Johannes Khinast; Students' Workshops: TU Graz Racing Team and TERA Team
- 12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch and Registration**  
Accompanying persons' departure for afternoon programme
- 13:30 – 14:15 **Welcome by the host, Official Opening and Introduction**  
Harald Kainz, Rector, TU Graz, Austria  
Karin Schupp, Chairwoman of the University Council, TU Graz, Austria
- 13:30 – 13:45 **Official opening**  
Siegfried Nagl, Mayor of the City of Graz
- 13:45 – 13:55 **Introducing the Conference**  
Manfred Horvat, Conference Coordinator
- 13:55 – 14:15 **Internationalisation of TU Graz**  
Harald Kainz, Rector, TU Graz, Austria
- 14:15 - 15:45 **Keynote speeches 1**
- The strategic EU approach for international R&I cooperation**  
Marie-Cristina Russo, Director for International Cooperation, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- Globalisation of R&I and positioning of the European Union**  
Patries Boekholt, founder of Technopolis BV in Amsterdam (The Netherlands), Director of Technopolis Deutschland GmbH in Frankfurt/Main and Managing Director of the Technopolis Group, United Kingdom
- Internationalisation of Universities and the European Higher Education Area**  
Bernd Waechter, CEO, Academic Cooperation Association (ACA), Belgium
- 15:45 - 16:30 **Break** (coffee, tea, refreshments, biscuits)
- 16:30 - 17:45 **Keynote speeches 2**
- Austrian Strategies for Internationalisation of Higher Education, Research and Innovation**  
Barbara Weitgruber, Director General, Federal Ministry for Science, Research and Economy, Austria
- EU Member States joining forces for international R&I cooperation**  
Rozenn Marianne Saunier, Chairperson, Strategic Forum for International Cooperation (SFIC), Advisory Group of the Council and the European Commission
- Cooperation in Science and Technology – Opening to the world**  
Ángeles Rodríguez-Peña, President of COST (till June 2017)

# Preliminary programme, Day 2

16 September 2017

## Internationalisation of Universities: Examples and experiences 1

**Pick-up at hotels** (information about time to be provided at registration)

09:00 – 10:00 **Session 1:**

09:00 - 09:15 **Sarah M. Springman, Rector, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETHZ), Switzerland**

09:15 - 09:30 **Petr Konvalinka, Rector, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech Republic**

09:30 - 09:45 **Discussion**

09:45 – 10:30 **Session 2:**

09:45 - 10:00 **Stefano Ronchi, Rector's Delegate, Politecnico di Milano, Italy**

10:00 - 10:15 **Philippe Courtier, President, Compiegne University of Technology, France**

10:15 - 10:30 **Discussion**

10:30 - 11:00 **Break** (coffee, tea, refreshments, biscuits)

**Sessions 3 and 4: next page**

# **Preliminary programme, Day 2 (continued)**

**16 September 2017**

## **Internationalisation of Universities: Examples and experiences 2**

**11:00 – 11:45 Session 3:**

11:00 - 11:15 **Thomas Stephenson, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and Innovation, Cranfield University, United Kingdom**

11:15 - 11:30 **Ivan Svetlik, Rector, Ljubljana University, Slovenia**

11:30 - 11:45 **Discussion**

**11:45 – 12:30 Session 4:**

11:45 - 12:00 **Hans Jürgen Prömel, President, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany**

12:00 - 12:15 **Guillermo Cisneros Pérez. Rector, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain**

12:15 - 12:30 **Discussion**

**12:30 - 12:45 Final general discussion and conference conclusions**

**12:45 - 13:00 Outlook to the 37<sup>th</sup> Conference in 2018**

- Sir Jim McDonald, Principal, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom (confirmed)
- Manfred Horvat, Conference Coordinator

**13:00 - 13:15 Conference closing**

- Harald Kainz, Rector, Graz University of Technology, Austria

**13:15 -14:00 Light buffet lunch**

**Bus Pick-up to social programme: Excursion and informal farewell dinner** (details see page 6)

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**Locations of the Conference Sessions**

**September 15 and 16, 2017**

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**Social Programme on September 15-16, 2017**

**September 15, 2017**

**Morning Programme:**

9:30 Bus Pick-up from Hotel

10:00 - 12:30: Campus tour, Graz University of Technology

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**Accompanying persons' afternoon programme:**

14:00: Departure by bus from the Conference site

Guided tour through Eggenberg Castle and the historic city center.

**Conference Dinner for**

**Conference participants and accompanying persons**

**Invitation by Hermann Schützenhöfer, Governor of the Province of Styria**

19:00: Pick up at the hotel

19:15: Short City Tour: “Stadtkrone”

20:00: Conference Dinner at the “Alte Universität”

22:00: Optional: Night Walk through the city center

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**Post-Conference Excursion for**

**Conference participants and accompanying persons:**

14:30: Departure from Conference site

South Styrian wine country

Castle of Seggau (wine tasting)

**Afterwards:**

17:00 Shuttle bus to airport Graz Thalerhof, **OR**

Informal farewell dinner at a typical Styrian “Buschenschank”

Departure to Graz: 21:00

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### Registration

On-line registration via the conference website:

<http://www.crp-eut.org/>

### Hotels in Graz

The Conference Organizer has pre-booked rooms in the following hotel in Graz:

**Parkhotel, Gollner, Weitzer, Wiesler, Star Inn Petersgasse**

to be contacted for room reservation via the link Graz Tourismus:

[https://www.graztourismus.at/kongress/en/36th-conference-of-rectors-and-presidents-of-european-universities-of-technology\\_kongressformular-6902](https://www.graztourismus.at/kongress/en/36th-conference-of-rectors-and-presidents-of-european-universities-of-technology_kongressformular-6902)

Participants are asked to reserve their rooms by themselves via that link.

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