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## New Vice Rectorate for Research has its Eye on Europe

At the beginning of October 2023, a new Rectorate was constituted at TU Graz – the former Vice Rector for Research Horst Bischof now heads TU Graz as Rector. His successor Andrea Höglinger has set herself the goal of making TU Graz more visible throughout Europe.

### RESEARCH-FOCUSED BIOGRAPHY

Vice Rector Andrea Höglinger is very well connected at EU level and in the European research landscape. Since 2011, she has headed the European and International Programmes (EIP) division of the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG), acted as the coordinating national contact point for Horizon Europe and been active in numerous EU programmes and initiatives.

Andrea Höglinger graduated in social and economic sciences from the University of Vienna. In the early 1990s, she was one of the founding members of the Centre for Social Innovation, a non-university research institution in Vienna, where she also served as chief financial officer. Since 2000, Andrea Höglinger has held various management positions at the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG). ■

### AREAS OF FOCUS

For her first term of office as Vice Rector, Andrea Höglinger finds herself, as she says, in a very good starting situation. In particular, the successful cooperation with business partners is a unique selling point of TU Graz. She would like to focus above all on securing basic research of excellence, making TU Graz visible as an attractive university in the European research area (especially at EU level), making greater use of existing cooperations (such as NAWI Graz, BioTechMed-Graz, TU Austria, ...) and the growing importance of knowledge and technology transfer (including support of start-ups and spin-offs).

## Science Day on the Production of the Future

Participants from science and industry discussed new worlds in production at the Science for Future science day at TU Graz. The keynote speeches and the panel discussion are available online for viewing.

What will the production facilities of the future look like? How can products be manufactured sustainably? What place do humans have in this? What place do digital systems and artificial intelligence have? And what are the opportunities for production in Europe? All these questions were posed by researchers and business people at the Science for Future Day at TU Graz. Answers were provided by two keynote lectures by production experts Matthias Weigold from TU Darmstadt and hydrogen systems researcher Merit Bodner from TU Graz, as well as a panel discussion and a rich programme of afternoon sessions. ■



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■ The morning programme is now available to watch on YouTube. The next science day will take place at the end of September 2024.