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The European Young Innovators Festival in Graz - inclusive, purpose driven, secure also during Covid-19

Every November for the last 17 years, Graz has turned into a hub for social innovation, entrepreneurship and European youth exchange.

The festival 2021 was planned in 2 phases - Online on November 24th and an in-person event in November in Graz, which in the end has to be moved to May 2022.

Together with the WSA community, we discuss the most challenging topics of our time - climate change, gender equality, youth employment, migration, education, democracy and fake news. Bold, multi-stakeholder and international experts, thoughtleaders, government representatives, academics and young entrepreneurs meet on a level playing field.

But enough of Corona - and off to a festival where you will learn, connect and become a shaper!

Join the European Young Innovators Festival in Graz - May 3-4 2022

- **Be inspired by the Innovation Pitches** by the 15 European Young Innovators Digital solutions for the UN SDGs by young European social entrepreneurs
- Gain new skills in engaging workshops
- Connect with the entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystem in Graz and Styria
- **Discuss** in a multi-stakeholder process, how you can contribute to a united Europe, showing solidarity and learning from each other
- Act on the world's most pressing issues and learn how digital content can make a difference
- Work with international students from all across Europe
- Celebrate the European Young Innovators during the award ceremony with high level attendees and contributors

Get directly to the program on May 3rd Get directly to the program on May 4th

European Young Innovators 3 Phases for Impact

Already happened in 2021

April-Oct 2021 Call for Applications & Jury Evaluation European
Young Innovators
Festival Part 1
Online
Nov 24 2021

European Young Innovators Festival Part 2 Onsite Graz May 3-4 2022

Jun-Oct 2022 European Young Innovators Impact Journey



Welcome to the European Young Innovators Festival in Graz!

The past 1,5 years showed us how fragile our society, our comfort, our way of living are - Covid19 was not only a health crisis, but also a huge challenge for the economy, education, gender equality and employment.

This summer the climate reminded us again that we need to change our way of living, and that we must act.

The European Young Innovators Festival offers a platform for bold and honest discussions among all stakeholders but, most importantly, allows us to listen to and learn from young digital entrepreneurs across Europe, who don't accept the status quo but are already coming up with innovative solutions for societal challenges. I am very much looking forward to meeting you online and in Graz.

Let's Connect & Act for Impact.

Peter A. Bruck, WSA Chairman, Austria



European Young Innovators Festival

Part 2 | Curation 4 Impact

Graz, May 3-4, Locally curated events

Curated meetings - by invitation

In this phase of the pandemic, WSA decided to curate a relatively small festival - providing the winning teams with facilitated meetings and discussions that will support their entrepreneurial journey.

WSA always aims to be as inclusive as possible - but this year, due to the pandemic, the events in Graz are "by invitation only". The first online part already happened Online on Nov 24th 2021. **SEE THE RECORDING OF ALL PITCHES HERE**

European. Purpose Driven. Youth - who will come to Graz?

- 15 European Young Innovators | Meet the young founders of the best digital solutions improving European societies
- International speakers, mentors, thought-leaders and ecosystem shakers from the European WSA community
- International students from the Youth for Innovation program

Green Tech Valley | Startup Mark - The Ecosystem in Graz - Connect 4 Impact

Graz as the city of design, city of human rights, a startup city, agreen tech and university city is the ideal location for the European Young Innovators Festival. The international delegates will meet and connect with the local ecosystem in diverse formats.

Objectives & Formats

- Connect 4 Impact Matchmaking sessions between the international WSA community & the local ecosystem
- Supporting social entrepreneurs & young founders Mentoring sessions for European Young Innovators & local startups
- **Digital solutions for the UN SDGs multi-stakeholder curated mini-events**, bringing the right people together to discuss **Europe's most pressing issues**
- Entrepreneurship for students Youth for Innovation program, matchmaking and pitches international student teams analyse the European Young Innovators
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 Skill set improvement diverse range of hands-on workshops

 B2B Networking meetings

 WSA / World Summit Award

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Evolving Program Agenda



Monday, May 2nd

arrival of international guests to Graz

19:00 Get2Gether and Welcome reception for international guests (by invitation only)

Hotel Weitzer Breakfast Area

Tuesday, May 3rd

12:30

09:00-**1:1 Mentoring Breakfast** for European Young Innovators

10:00 a Hotel Weitzer (Location 1)

PARALLEL PROGRAM

LOCATION UNICORN (5)

Meet the European Young Innovators

Inspiration Shot Talks by 10:30-

KPI of Vilnius City, Lithuania

- **Akademi.al**, Albania
- #14toomany (impactors), Austria
- **Userwill**, Germany
- Snapstudy, Ireland
- GirlBot, Serbia

Ethical Entrepreneurship connecting people, ecology and economics

in partnership with Gründungsgarage & Social Business Hub Styria

moderation: Nelly Cornejo, President Taal Project, Mexico, Netherlands

Interactive Discussion with

- **Uli Grabenwarter**, Deputy Director of Equity Investments, European Investment Fund, Luxem-
- Ana Alvarez Monge, Migrapreneur, Germany Clara Tripodi, SPEAK social, Portugal
- Connor Sattely, Social Entrepreneur and Consultant, USA
- **Abdulrahman Alashraf**, Founder Freecom, Germany/Syria

12:30-**Networking Lunch on site** 13:30

Workshop 13:30-

14:30

19:30-

22:00

Impact Measurement for Entrepreneurs

Connor Sattely, USA

15:00-Roundtable & Sharing of Best Practices Fundraising & Entrepreneurial Success Stories 16:00

moderated by Ana Alvarez Monge

LOCATION LENDHAFEN (3)

Meet the European Young Innovators

Inspiration Shot Talks

- Colibri Charity, Hungary
- **Sharemac**, Germany
- We Solve, Better Together, Denmark
- Cycle AI, Portugal
- CircuitMess, Croatia

There is No Planet B. Green Tech for Climate

in partnership with Green Tech Cluster

moderation: Peter A. Bruck, WSA Chairman

Interactive Fishbowl Discussion withh

- Christine Röhrer, EIT Climate KIC, AT
- Thomas Strohmeier, Biobringer, AT
- Jan Pannenbäcker, METALOOP, AT
- Matthias Di Felice, Compuritas, AT
- Prof. Dr. Ilona Otto, Wegener Center for Climate and Global Change, University of Graz, Austria
- Gorian Jovanovski, Founder AirCare, North Macedonia
- Moses Acquah, Afrolunk, Ghana
- Mathias Haas, Supersocial, AT
- Ana Brigovic, ACT Group, Croatia
- Jonas Herzing, GIZ, Germany

Networking Lunch on site

Roundtable & Sharing of Best Practices Fundraising & Entrepreneurial Success Stories

moderated by Mathias Haas, Supersocial, AT

Innovation and Ecosystems 4 Impact Interactive Discussion Round

moderated by Moses Acquah and Ana Brigovic

CITYTOUR - Explore Graz 17:00-City of Design | City of Human Rights | City of Culture | City of Students | Startup City | 18:30

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Impact & Ecosystem Movers & Shakers for local and international partners

Location: Murinsel

by invitation only - get in touch to attend

Founders Pizza Dates for European Young Innovators and local entrepreneurs

Location: Don Camillo, Neue Welt Gasse 3 by invitation only - get in touch to attend

Wednesday, May 4th



09:00-1:1 Mentoring Breakfast for European Young Innovators 10.00

Youth for Innovation Breakfast

(a) Hotel Weitzer (Location 1)

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PARALLEL WORKSHOP PROGRAM

UNICORN UNICORN **LENDHAFEN** 10:30-Storytelling for **Creating Impact Design Sprint** 12.30 Stefanie Beßler, Social Impact Rudolf Greger, **Social Entrepreneurs** Managementdesigner Mathias Haas, Austria & Design-Philosoph, Austria for Gründungsgarage and Social In partnership with CIS Business Hub members **LENDHAFEN** UNICORN UNICORN (5th floor) Blockchain, Crypto & Web 3 Think outside your box Sustainability & Innovation for Social Impact Adam Montandon, UK, Denmark Gernot Schröck, Next Incubator Member, Austria Carolina Rossi, Chile

12:30-Networking Lunch at Unicorn and Lendhafen 13:30

PARALLEL PROGRAM

In partnership with NEXT Incubator

UNICORN

Modern Aging and Demographic Change 14:00-

Experts Roundtable 2

15:30

18:30-

22:00

moderated by: **Bernhard Weber**, Uni Graz with: Maria Fellner, CEO digitAAL Life GmbH, AT

Eva-Maria Trinkaus, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and Care, AT

Kerstin Löffler, Albert Schweitzer Institut für Geriatrie und Gerontologie, AT,

Lorenz Inou Tchatchoua and Benjamin Naurath

Fit für Immer, Germany

Ethics & Data | Data for Good

Experts Roundtable 3, in partnership with DIO, SFG moderated by: Nina Popanton, DIO, AT with: Maria Eichlseder,

assistant professor of Cryptography, TU Graz, AT Sarah Stryeck Institute of Interactive Systems and Data Science, TU Graz, AT

Harald Friedl, Ethics & Data Specialist, FH Joanneum, AT Hristina Veljanova, Karl Franzens University, AT

Carolina Rossi, CMO dcSpark, Chile

Robert Ginthör, CTO & Head of Data Innovation,

Know-Center, AT

LENDHAFEN

Open Space Discussion | Connect 4 Impact facilitated by **Connor Sattely**

after two days of inspiration, after meeting the European Young Innovators, gaining new skills and insights -

What do we need to discuss? What's our joint call to action? How can we learn from each other and support young digital social entrepreneurs?

This session is created by its attendees

EUROPEAN YOUNG INNOVATORS AWARD CEREMONY

hosted by the City of Graz at Kunsthaus, spaceOl with MCs Julia Schadinger & Adam Montandon DJ Ivory Parker

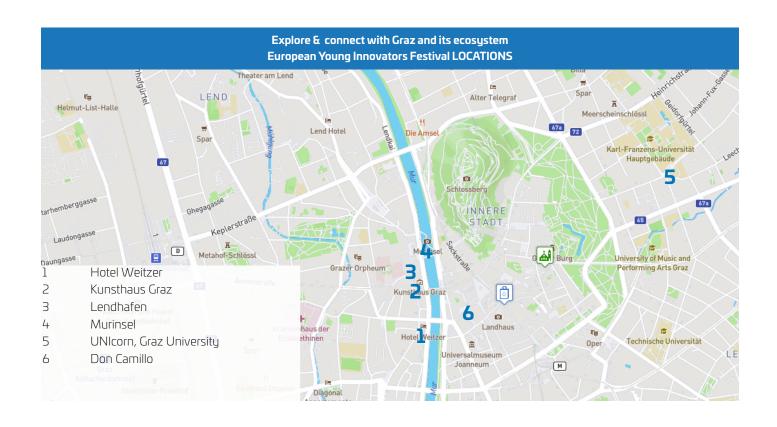
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Daniela Schlüsselberger, member of the city council, City of Graz

Dr. Günter Riegler, City Councillor City of Graz

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