CRISES EVERYWHERE - LET’S SOLVE THEM TOGETHER

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Evolving Program
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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.

In 2021, the Festival is reshaped to ensure safety during the Covid-19 pandemic, avoiding big crowds, but connecting the right people, and being as inclusive as possible.

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 festival to European Young Innovators Festival 2021

- Be inspired by the Innovation Pitches by the 15 European Young Innovators 2021
  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 2021 during the award ceremony with high level attendees and contributors

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 2021
Part 1 | Join online on Wed, Nov 24th

Online Conference Tool: Airmeet

10:00-10:30
**Festival Opening 2021**

Peter A. Bruck, WSA chairman, Austria
Barbara Eibinger-Meidl, Regional Minister for Economy, Tourism, Europe, Science & Research, Austria
Leonore Gewessler, Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria
Gernot Blümel, Federal Minister for Finance, Austria
Alexander van der Bellen, Federal President of the Republic of Austria, Austria
Margrethe Vestager, Vice President European Commission, Europe Fit for the Digital Age, Denmark

10:30-12:00

**It’s the end of the world as we want it**

Shot Talks by
Alex Casson, University of Manchester, UK
Prof. Dr. Ilona Otto, Wegener Center for Climate and Global Change, University of Graz, Austria

12:30-13:30

**Healthtech entrepreneurship through a gender lens**

Panel Discussion in partnership with EIT Health Germany moderated by Dr. Sahar Nassirpour is the CEO and co-founder of MR Shim GmbH, Germany

Ivana Kostic, Co-Founder Health Tech Lab, Serbia
Erin Webb, Advosense, Germany
Emily Rose Jordan, Ancora.AI
Özge Karakas, HiD Imaging, Switzerland

13:30-14:00

**Connect 4 Impact** - Time to network and get ready for the Innovation Pitches

14:00-16:10

**Inspiration Boost INNOVATION PITCHES by the European Young Innovators 2021**

3 minutes per team to inspire the audience and convince the jury

hosted by Abdul Rahman AlAshraf, European Young Innovators alumni FreeCom, Syria/Germany

Akademi.al, Albania
#14toomany, Austria
Shayp, Belgium
CircuitMess, Croatia
We Solve, Better Together, Denmark
#Walk15, Lithuania
KPI of Vilnius City, Lithuania
Alfabetar, Romania

Bracelet Maker, Serbia
Sharemac, Germany
Userwill, Germany
Colibri Charity, Hungary
Snapstudy, Ireland
EnRoute, North Macedonia
CycleAI, Portugal

16:15

**European solidarity, green new deal, fit for the Digital Age?**

Wrap up and future planning with Peter A. Bruck, WSA chairman and members of the European Young Innovators Community

Tahereh Pazouki, Lead Manager MaGrid, Luxembourg
Dimitar Jovevski, Associate Professor University “Ss. Cyril and Methodius”, North Macedonia
Geena Whiteman, PhD Student Cardiff University, Consultant, UK

17:30

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE OVERALL EUROPEAN YOUNG INNOVATORS WINNERS**
European Young Innovators Festival 2021

Part 2 | Curation 4 Impact

Graz, May 3-4, Locally curated events

**POSTPONED BUT NOT CANCELLED**

Safety first!

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".

Join the European Young Innovators Festival from anywhere in the world - Online on Nov 24th!

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

- 15 European Young Innovators 2021 | 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
- **Skill set improvement** - diverse range of hands-on workshops
- **B2B Networking meetings**

MEET THE 15 EUROPEAN YOUNG INNOVATORS 2021
Preliminary Program Agenda

Monday, May 2nd

arrival of international guests to Graz

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

Hotel Wiesler

Tuesday, May 3rd

09:00-10:00 1:1 Mentoring Breakfast for European Young Innovators

@Hotel Weitzer (Location 1)

10:30-12:30

Ethical Entrepreneurship connecting people, ecology and economics

in partnership with Gründungsgarage and Social Business Hub Styria

moderation: Liisi Org, CEO Latitude 59, Estonia

Inspiration Talks by

- Uli Grabenwarter, Deputy Director of Equity Investments at the European Investment Fund, Luxembourg
- Ana Alvarez Monge, Migrapreneur, Costa Rica
- Paul Hughes, 10 Meters of Thinking, Ireland
- Adam Montandon, Co-Founder Academy of Imagination, UK

12:30-13:30

10 Meters of Thinking Workshop

Innovation, Creativity, Leadership

Paul Hughes, Ireland

13:30-14:30

Networking Lunch on site

14:30-15:30

Active mobility - how radical can we change our traffic systems?

Experts Roundtable 1

moderated by Peter A. Bruck

with: Helena Guggenbichler, Doppler, AT

Michael Cik, Invenium, AT, Nikolas Neubert, AIT, AT, (tbc), Martijn Kiers, FH Joanneum, AT

19:30-22:00

B2B Networking Event

Location: Murinsel
by invitation only

There is No Planet B. Green Tech for Climate

in partnership with Green Tech Cluster

moderation: Peter A. Bruck, WSA Chairman

Interactive Fishbowl Discussion with

- Johannes Naimer-Stach, EIT Climate KIC
- Thomas Strohmeyer, Biobringer, AT
- Jan Pannenbäcker, Schrott 24, AT
- Matthias Di Felice, Compuritas, AT
- Petra Busswald, akaryon, AT
- Prof. Dr. Ilona Otto, Wegener Center for Climate and Global Change, University of Graz, Austria
- Lisa Duschek, Codefactory, Austria
- Jonas Herzing, GIZ, Germany
- Moses Acquah, Afrolynk, Ghana

Networking Lunch on site

Strategy Raising Funding: How to leverage investor relations in the right way for startups and social businesses

Carolina Rossi, Chile

Founders Pizza Dates for European Young Innovators and local entrepreneurs

Location: Don Camillo, Neue Welt Gasse 3
by invitation only.

European Young Innovators Festival, Graz 2021 Evolving Program
Wednesday, May 4th

09:00-10:00  **1:1 Mentoring Breakfast** for European Young Innovators
(€Hotel Weitzer (Location 1)

10:30-12:30

**UNICORN**

Creating Impact
Stefanie Beßler, Social Impact Award
for Grüngungsgarage and Social Business Hub members

**UNICORN**

Design Sprint
Rudolf Greger, Managementdesigner & Design-Philosoph, Austria
In partnership with CIS

**LENDHAFEN**

Impact Measurement
Connor Sattely

**UNICORN**

Think outside your box
Adam Montandon, UK, Denmark

**UNICORN**

Sustainability & Innovation
Georg Nistl, Next Incubator Member, Austria
In partnership with NEXT Incubator

**LENDHAFEN**

Storytelling
Nelly Cornejo

12:30-13:30

**Networking Lunch** at Unicorn and Lendhafen

14:00-15:30

**UNICORN**

Modern Aging and Demographic Change
Experts Roundtable 2
moderated by Bernhard Weber, Uni Graz
with Maria Fellner, CED 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
Michael Pichler, Human Technology Cluster, AT,
Lorenz Inou, Fit für Immer, GER

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 Stryck, Institute of Interactive Systems and Data Science, TU Graz, AT,
Christoph Wolf-Brenner, Data Innovation, Know Center, AT,
Hristina Veljanova, Karl Franzens University, AT

18:30-22:00

**EUROPEAN YOUNG INNOVATORS AWARD CEREMONY**

hosted by the City of Graz at Kunsthau
with MCs Adam Montandon & Odeta Iseviciute, DJ Ivory Parker
by invitation only

Thursday, May 5th

throughout the day

**1:1 Mentoring Sessions for European Young Innovators at and by Science Park Graz**
Explore & connect with Graz and its ecosystem

European Young Innovators Festival LOCATIONS

1. Hotel Weitzer
2. Kunsthaus Graz
3. Lendhafen
4. Murinsel
5. UNIcorn, Graz University
6. Science Park, Technical University Graz
7. Don Camillo

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