# EUREKA AUSTRIAN CHAIRMANSHIP

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HOSTED BY FFG

Welcome to the Austrian Eureka Chairmanship

From past achievements to a new vision of cooperation for global innovation.

Austria was one of the founding members of Eureka in 1985, and it is an honour and pleasure for me to announce the Austrian Chairmanship of the world’s largest intergovernmental innovation cooperation network in 2020, when it will celebrate its 35th anniversary.

Since its foundation, Eureka has stimulated 7,500 international collaborative projects, resulting in a total public-private investment of more than 48 billion euro.

After a long and successful history, the concept of Eureka is more relevant than ever in a setting where global framework conditions have fundamentally changed. The key social, political and economic challenges of today’s world like the COVID-19 pandemic can only be addressed on a global level, and these challenges need innovative solutions to be developed in a fast and satisfactory way through international cooperation.

During the Austrian Chairmanship, the Eureka programmes will be renewed to provide the optimal toolbox for member states and our global partners to support a new generation of innovative solutions for the pressing issues we face today and in the future.

NEW Eureka shall form a leading platform to connect our industries, SMEs and knowledge institutions and to fulfil our common vision and mission.

Statement from the Austrian HLG Chairperson

New approaches for dealing with current and future challenges.

Today, Eureka member countries face a historically unique challenge: the COVID-19 crisis. It heavily affects our society and economy and fast and determined action is needed in response. At the same time, Eureka enters a new era.

The Austrian Chairmanship team will prepare and implement the launch of the new Eurostars programme in partnership with the European Union under its framework programme Horizon Europe. We will also implement the new Clusters programme designed by the Netherlands Chair, and the new Strategic Roadmap 2021-2027 will set the priorities of our network in the coming years.

NEW Eureka shall achieve: firstly, by promoting our renewed toolbox of instruments; secondly, by ensuring and extending our outreach and encouraging intensified global cooperation; and thirdly, by advancing collaboration within the network to shape the future of NEW Eureka.

Let us work together to fulfil our vision of Eureka being “the world’s leading intergovernmental network for research and innovation cooperation, through aligned national priorities and funding with the aim of generating socio-economic benefits across the Eureka countries”.

Margarete Schramböck, Austrian Federal Minister for Digital and Economic Affairs

Ulrich Schuh, Eureka Chairperson (2020/21)
Eureka’s Austrian Chairmanship is held by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG), the national contact point for the Eureka programme.

In 1985, Austria was one of the founding members of Eureka, and this year we celebrate the 35th anniversary of the network. We would like to use this introduction to explore past achievements and successes, but also to discuss the future.

The Austrian Chairmanship will prioritise the issues of the further development of the programmes, as well as the unique selling point of Eureka.

New programmes
Advancing Eureka

New beginnings

- Increase the visibility and value of Eureka by celebrating its 35th anniversary
- Ensure the successful launch and promotion of new programmes and calls
New forms of cooperation

Cooperative Eureka

Improving networking and services

- Advance cooperation activities within Eureka’s network and shape the future of a NEW Eureka
- Enhance synergies with national and EU R&D&I instruments
- Continue the necessary ESE restructuring

New global collaborations

Open Eureka

Encouraging cooperation worldwide

- Ensure Eureka’s global outreach and encourage worldwide cooperation
35 years of Eureka
A story of Cooperation and Success

With its member countries and well-established programmes, Eureka offers a unique and flexible framework for international R&D cooperation.

Eureka is...
- a leading platform for international cooperation
- an inter-governmental network
- supporting market-oriented R&D projects
- facilitating access to funding

Eureka believes in...
- market-oriented R&D
- innovative products, processes and services
- international collaborations
- a bottom-up approach

Eureka key facts
- 47 member countries
- 48.4 billion euro public-private funding invested
- 7,496 projects launched since 1985
- more than 14,900 SMEs and 8,800 large companies supported
The event will celebrate 35 years of Eureka and will be held at the imperial palace in Vienna together with the Austrian kick-off event for Horizon Europe (2021-2027). The morning session will be dedicated to high-level political statements and the presentation of Eureka and Horizon Europe developments. It offers a good opportunity:

- to present NEW Eureka within the EU’s scientific and technological landscape,
- to show how Eureka complements and adds to existing R&D&I programmes and
- to increase the awareness and visibility of Eureka at policy level.

In the afternoon, the audience will split into parallel thematic sessions. One will explore past achievements and discuss Eureka’s future strategies and priorities.

The Eureka Global Innovation Summit and the Styrian Future day will merge to form the Global Innovation Summit in 2021. The major discussion topics are the green and digital transformation. In addition, reconstructing economies and international cooperation after the coronavirus crisis will play a central role.

The Innovation Summit 2021 offers a unique possibility for businesses, international funders and researchers to network, exchange ideas and develop new business opportunities.
Eureka Austrian Chairmanship
Events 2020/21

The Austrian Chairmanship will take participants all across Austria.

**KREMS / LOWER AUSTRIA**
Fachhochschule Krems
14 - 17 Jun 2021

**VIENNA**
Hofburg Vienna
22 Mar 2021

**LINZ / UPPER AUSTRIA**
Palais Kaufmännischer Verein
2 - 5 Nov 2020

**INNSBRUCK / TYROL**
Congress Innsbruck
22 - 25 Feb 2021

**GRAZ / STYRIA**
Congress Graz
18 - 20 May 2021
The Austrian Chairmanship Team

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