

EuroSkills: Chancellor visits the “City of Skills”

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Graz (OTS) - During a visit to Styria’s capital, Chancellor Sebastian Kurz met a delegation of representatives from the European Skills Championships, due to start on Wednesday, 22 September. At this meeting, the Chancellor declared himself a fan of the Young Professionals. “I would like to send all competitors my very best wishes. It’s a great competition, which shows how highly trained our young, skilled workers are, and how much potential they have in them,” he said, and went on to emphasise: “This is crucial for our economy.” Supervisory Chairman of EuroSkills, Josef Herk, expressed his great delight about this visit: “I would like to thank Sebastian Kurz for supporting us in organising the European Skills Championships in Graz, which is extremely important for raising the status of vocational education in the long term.” Mayor Siegfried Nagl emphasises: “The pictures from the European Skills Championships in Graz will be seen around the world. Equally important, however, is to signal to all young people in Graz and all over Austria that enthusiasm for skills and trades pays off, because these skills are needed urgently in our society,” says the Mayor. That’s why a number of clearly visible signs have been placed at public locations in Graz. For example, a photo point has been set up at “Eisernes Tor”, a famous square in Graz located between Opernring and the Herrengasse main square. And the clock tower will also shine in the colours of the European Skills Championships from this coming Tuesday, 21st September.

Graz as the heart of the European Skills Championships

The City of Graz is also hosting the EuroSkills opening ceremony on Wednesday 22 September (starting at 7:30 pm), the “Future of Skills” education conference on Thursday, 23 September (starting at 9:00 am) and the closing ceremony, including the medal presentations on Sunday, 26 September (starting at 4:00 pm). The venue for these events is the Stadthalle Graz (civic centre/Messe Congress Graz). The Austrian broadcasting station ORF will be live-streaming the opening and closing ceremonies at steiermark.orf.at.

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