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Bericht für die 1. ordentliche Sitzung im Sommersemester 2026 der Universitätsvertretung der HTU Graz am 16.03.2026

Referat für Austauschstudierende

Events:

The summer semester started with **17** organized events so far, in collaboration with ESN Uni Graz. February included 13 events such as city tours, a trip to Ljubljana, and various social gatherings (international dinner, speed friending, ice hockey). In March, we continued with ski days, a Buschenschank visit, and a buddy pasta dinner. Additionally, our weekly regulars' table (Stammtisch) continues to take place.

Implementation of Online Payment System:

For the first time in the history of ESN Graz, we have transitioned to a fully digital booking and payment system. This represents a significant improvement for exchange students:

- Previously, students were restricted to cash payments, often incurring high exchange rates or withdrawal fees to obtain Euros. Online payment removes these unnecessary costs.
- Registration and payment are now handled entirely online, meaning students no longer need to visit the office physically to secure a spot at events.

Office Hours:

While registration is digital, we continue to hold weekly office hours every Wednesday. During office hours exchange students could receive personal advice and can purchase ESNcards, which entitles them to discounts at our events and at various ESN partners.

Buddy Program:

This semester 19 local TU buddies are involved in the buddy system, supporting a total of 34 exchange students. We also organized a buddy event for the new teams.

Team Development:

Our team grew this semester with 5 new members. We also put our efforts into team motivation and organized a team-building hut weekend for the team. It was a major success. Through organized games and collaborative activities, we successfully integrated new members. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with noticeable satisfaction and motivation within the team.

We also organized internal workshops for the team to train members on using the new event management system.

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