



Bericht für die 2. ordentliche Sitzung im Sommersemester 2026 der Universitätsvertretung der HTU Graz am 16.06.2026

Referat für Austauschstudierende

Online Payment System Update:

Following up on the new payment system announced at the beginning of the summer semester, it has been working exceptionally well for us. It significantly reduced the workload during our regular office hours; while we still hold these hours, we now frequently combine them with team workshops. Event organisation is also much more straightforward, as organisers no longer face the stress of managing physical lists: we simply scan the tickets. Events are highly accessible, sell out quickly, making it much easier for us to host a higher volume of activities.

Events:

We successfully organised **45 events** during the summer semester in collaboration with ESN Uni Graz, representing a record high for recent years. The schedule included many trips, such as to Zagreb and Hallstatt. Other activities ranged from art nights and cultural exchanges to sports-oriented events and various excursions. And we are already encouraging the team to plan ahead for events in September. Additionally, our weekly regulars' table (Stammtisch) continues to run successfully.

New Website:

For many years, ESN used an outdated, self-developed website. This was not only confusing for incoming students but also posed potential security risks regarding database management. This semester, following the implementation of online registration, the old website became redundant, and we began developing a replacement. We have found alternatives for all functionalities, including internal team management and the buddy system. The new, modern website will be launched with the upcoming semester.

Office Hours:

Office hours were held every Wednesday, during which exchange students could receive personal advice and register for events. In addition, they can purchase ESNcards, which entitle them to discounts at our events and at various local partners in Graz and around the world.

Buddy Programme:

The Buddy Programme ran smoothly throughout the semester. Starting next semester, we will transition to the Austria-wide ESN buddy platform, providing a more secure and modern interface for incoming students.

Team Development:

We held elections for the new mandate, electing a new Vice President for the TU section, alongside a new President and Vice President for the KF section.

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