

Student Engagement

When: 2. June 2025, 13:00-16:00

Where: BMTEG 038, Stremayrgasse 16, 8010 Graz

Registration: [Here](#)

Language: Presentation in English, Workshop mixed Englisch/German

At TU Graz we want to place a stronger focus on student engagement / involvement and student support. The student union (HTU) and the Vice Rectorate for Academic Affairs are going to hold a joint workshop, starting with a presentation on the topic from an (inter-)national perspective, followed by the actual TU Graz situation and then an exchange of ideas / experiences at discussion tables.

Of course, there will be plenty of finger food and lively discussions!

Programme

13:00-14:15	(Inter-)national Perspective on student engagement from Sebastian Berger (see short bio below) incl. questions and discussion
14:15-14:30	Opportunities to engage in extracurricular activities at TU Graz (student union, student teams etc.)
14:30-14:45	Break
14:45-15:45	Discussion tables (3 rounds à 20 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Own experiences with extracurricular activities at TU Graz and beyond (advantages, hurdles, motivators)?• What (would) motivate(s) you to take on more responsibility within your extracurricular activities (e.g. leading a team, coordinating a project/event)? (Advantages, obstacles, motivators)• What support systems / measures would you need to engage in extracurricular activities and for taking more responsibility within those?• What would you like to engage with? What opportunities should we open up?
15:45-16:00	Closing

Curriculum vitae Sebastian Berger

Sebastian Berger is a former international student leader and currently serves as chief of staff to Josefstadt's district mayor Martin Fabisch in Vienna.

Previously, he was the Executive Director of the Global Student Forum, the worldwide umbrella organization of student unions in 136 countries, Vice President of the [European Students' Union](#) in Brussels, and held various positions within the Austrian National Union of Students (ÖH) at both the federal level and the University of Vienna.

From 2021 to 2024, he served as Chair and Spokesperson of the Education and Academia Stakeholder Group at the United Nations, acted as an education policy advisor to UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and was a board member of the 100 Million Campaign, founded by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kailash Satyarthi. In addition, he worked as global research coordinator alongside Dr. Manja Klemencic on the Harvard University SIHEG Project, which culminated in the publication publication „[Student Politics and Representation in Higher Education](#)“ (Bloomsbury US). Berger holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Vienna and a Master's degree in International Relations from NUP Cyprus.

Organisation Team

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