CENTROPE_TT KICK-OFF PRESS CONFERENCE

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Key Speakers statements:



Dr. Petra Bohuslav

Provincial Governor of Lower Austria for Economic Affairs, Tourism, Technology & Sport

"With cross-border technology cooperation's we create the critical mass of expertise which we need in Austria and Centrope to be noticed on international level and to provide our enterprises the necessary quick access to know-how and technical solutions."



Mag. Renate Brauner

Deputy Mayor and Deputy Governor of the City of Vienna

"CENTROPE is a prospering business region in the very heart of Europe. As a dynamic network with a wide array of important actors it links established economic hotspots with growing markets. By investing heavily in science, research and technology CENTROPE combines great history with a promising future."



Prof. Dr. János Rechnitzer

General vice-rector and Vice-rector of Research, University Széchenyi István

"For me, Centrope, as a region and a co-operation forum, as a professional, institutional and communicational scope, is important because more regions of four nations, and people living in numerous settlements, working associations, actions and ambitions meet and form something in common, something that is their own one, which is called Central Europe."



Dr. Josef Glößl

Vice-rector for Research and International Research Collaboration, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna

"For me, Centrope provides an increasingly important framework for co-operation between central European universities and companies in order to stimulate cross-boarder research and innovation."



Prof. Dr. Jan Vrbka

Technology transfer office, former rector, Brno University of Technology

"I perceive centrope_tt as an important project, which has a big potential to lay the foundations of strong research area in Central Europe."



Dr. Robert Redhammer

Vice-rector, Slovak University of Technology

"The SUT is proud to be a future oriented University. The Know-How-Centre and the Incubation Centre work hand in hand with national and international partners in order to initiate entrepreneurship and to provide people with innovative ideas the utmost support."



Mag. Helmut Miernicki

CEO of ecoplus

"The aggregation of existing enterprise networks and strengthening their cooperation with R&D providers in Centrope has an high priority in Lower Austria. This could provide an ideal environment for innovative impulses all over Centrope."