

Declaration of Graz 2005



We, the signatories of this declaration ...

... are convinced that the business and scientific activities in the field of Human Technology represent an important chance for Styria, and pledge long-term support in developing this sector.

... consider a significant success factor to be the concentration of our firms' and scientists' activities in joint, defined areas of focus in order to develop these into internationally acknowledged top-level competences.

... regard ourselves as a location with technological roots and unique opportunities: Our success lies in our ability to integrate medical, technical, scientific and clinical disciplines into total solutions.

... support our customers in their objective to optimize processes, care systems, diagnosis and therapy possibilities in order to improve healthcare and increase the quality of people's lives.

We share a common vision for our region:

In a new Europe of regions we position ourselves as 'total solution providers' in the health care technology sector and commit ourselves to synergic cooperation with other regions.

Styria will be a model in the sector of 'total-care systems' for defined technological and therapeutic areas of focus in addition to the related research and development fields.

As a development and production location for 'medical device & regenerative medicine' we will be the first address for international companies.

We will be an international center of competence in process engineering, biotechnological, pharmaceutical and medical laboratory matters.

We are en route to becoming the centre of 'health care technology business' in the southern / south-eastern economic region of Europe.

Our target is to create 6000 new workplaces by the year 2015 through the establishment of 70 new firms and international headquarters.

With our signatures we declare our willingness and intention to achieve these objectives within the means available to us.