

## Press release

### **Infineon Austria opens Hub at TU Wien**

Vienna, 16 October 2018 – The Infineon Hub of the high-tech company was opened at Vienna University of Technology (TU Wien) today. Infineon PhD students and Master's students and our partners at Vienna University of Technology now have a dedicated space for (net)work(ing) available at the university. Sabine Herlitschka, CEO of Infineon Technologies Austria AG: "Following the motto 'Connect. Create. Challenge.' we wish to achieve strategic intensification of cooperation with Vienna University of Technology – both in terms of research, training and education. Our aim is to provide students with a 'docking station' where they can get involved in the most exciting and interesting research and technology projects and experience the world of a leading high-tech company. Our new Infineon Hub is a platform for networking, cooperation and events; with new formats and provisions we will offer looks behind the scenes of the inspiring world of technology."

In addition to six endowed chairs, specific Master degree courses and the Infineon PhD Excellence program, the Infineon Hub is yet another initiative of the company to identify highly qualified experts for recruitment at an early stage. More than 80 percent of PhD students who wrote their theses at the company moved over into permanent employment with Infineon Austria after their graduation in the last business year. Reinhard Ploss, CEO of Infineon Technologies AG: "Excellently trained graduates are key in the successful implementation of Infineon's digital transformation. With their expertise and knowledge of the latest cooperation methods we are boosting our competitiveness. The Infineon Hub is a driver for development in the dynamic technology industry. Creative ideas can be developed here and promoted in a targeted manner by Infineon. We give young people the possibility to gain experience and shape the future together with us." Infineon Austria has nearly doubled the share of university graduates among its employees to 51 percent of its staff since 2003.

Sabine Seidler, President of Vienna University of Technology, and Heinz Faßmann, Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research, attended the official opening. The latter finds the Infineon Hub an excellent initiative connected with existing programs: "The Infineon Hub at Vienna University of Technology is a shining example of successful exchange between research-intensive industry and our universities, and an excellent sample of cooperation. We often discuss possible ways of utilizing all the knowledge that is generated at our universities. Cooperation schemes such as this one are the most direct and best way to achieve this knowledge transfer."

"Landlady" Sabine Seidler is pleased about the new "tenant" and stresses the importance of such initiatives in bringing sciences, research and business closer together: "Innovation does not fall from the sky; it needs suitable framework conditions to create the link between fundamental research and potential practical application. Cooperation with industry makes it possible to establish innovation as a joint task of universities and companies. Centers such as the new Infineon Hub create a zone for encounter and interaction that offers students, teachers, researcher, scientists and experts from industry space for a shift in perspectives. The result will then be new ideas, mutual support and joint projects – value generation in the best meaning of the word."

### **Infineon Hub: High-tech networking space**

The Infineon hub is open 24/7 to Infineon PhD students, Master's students and partners of TU Vienna:

**Connect** – Immersion in the "giant world of miniature things", becoming part and user of the Infineon network and partner networks

**Create** – Space for new ideas, innovations, events and formats in a high-tech environment

**Challenge** – Discuss, drive and challenge – exploring demanding aspects together with experts and students

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