



Press release

Infineon Graz: In global demand for 20 years

Graz, 18 September 2018 – Ever since its establishment in the year 1998, the Infineon Development Center in Graz has been driving the global use of microelectronics solutions in safety and mobility applications and increasingly also in the Internet of Things. Representatives from business, science and politics today followed Infineon's invitation and came to the Metahof site in Graz to celebrate the anniversary.

Infineon CEO Reinhard Ploss: "Twenty years ago we made a decision in favor of the site in Graz because this city offers us the concentrated know-how of many excellent minds from research and industry. This expertise is now included in convenient contactless payment cards, security chips for computers or vehicle powertrain components." He is convinced that Graz is fit for the future as the global center of competence for contactless technologies within the Infineon group: "The digital transformation offers Infineon diverse growth opportunities. The innovative strength, enthusiasm and commitment of our team in Graz will be the lever for us to benefit from these opportunities. Powerful sensor technologies and reliable security solutions are central elements of digitization. With its expertise, Infineon creates the decisive link between the real and the digital world." The 400 staff at Infineon Graz work intensively on technologies for tomorrow: autonomous driving, augmented reality or encryption technologies that have a firm place in the future world of quantum computers.

International visibility

Infineon Austria CEO Sabine Herlitschka emphasized the "more than 70 national and international research cooperation schemes. In these partnerships, we pursue our strategic objectives of designing the technology of tomorrow and pro-actively developing advanced technology to market maturity in Europe with the best partners. The culture of cooperation in Styria has become particularly successful over the past few years."

Styrian Minister of Economy, Barbara Eibinger-Miedl drew attention to the involvement of Infineon Graz in the Silicon Alps Cluster and Silicon Austria. "With its research activities in Graz, Infineon contributes an essential share to making Styria the research state number 1 in Austria and one of the most innovative regions in Europe. The company is also shareholder of the Silicon Alps Cluster and leading in the development of the microelectronics competence in the south of Austria."

Growth and investment

Infineon is investing enormously in research and development (R&D) with a focus on the sustainable development of the Infineon site in Graz and the growth that is forecast for the next few years. Stefan Rohringer, director of the Infineon Development Center for more than 19 years: "In light of the positive market developments, we will be creating 290 new jobs at Infineon in Graz over the next two years."

The Mayor of Graz, Siegfried Nagl, welcomes the expansion and relies on Graz as an open-minded city that attracts companies and highly qualified labor from Austria and other countries: "Room for political action requires successful companies that create jobs and with their tax payments also prosperity. Education, science and culture are the foundations of the city of Graz. They are also the basis for companies such as Infineon to be successful and assume world leadership with technology from Styria."

The investment in Graz is a central part of Infineon's growth strategy for Austria. A total of 860 additional R&D jobs will be created at the Infineon sites in Villach, Graz and Linz by 2020. In May, Infineon also announced a 1.6 billion euro investment in a new chip fab in Villach.

Technologies developed at the Development Center of Graz are used globally in:

- NFC ATM cards
- Payment and credit cards
- Electronic passports
- Safety modules for PCs and tablets
- Social insurance card (e-card)
- 3D image sensor chip for augmented reality
- Tire pressure sensors
- Control of automatic transmission

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