

## Presseinformation

### Students from across Europe ‘rock’ Infineon Villach

Villach, 2 March 2017 – 75 students from European universities spent a week immersed in the theory and practice of power electronics at Infineon in Villach. The programme for this ‘Winter School’ included talks by exceptional professors from internationally renowned technical universities – the universities of Rome, Pavia and Udine, the Ilmenau University of Technology, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, the Graz University of Technology, FH Joanneum and the University of Applied Sciences Technikum Wien – along with experts from Infineon. The focus was on the current challenges, applications and trends in power electronics. Exchanges of experiences and discussions about potential joint Master’s courses and PhDs as well as internships also played an important part. Sabine Herlitschka, CEO of Infineon Technologies Austria, says “The Infineon ‘Winter School’ is a special format and therefore an example of a highly promising collaboration between research, education and industry. ‘Power’ during this week was not just about power electronics but rather also intensive learning, intensive exchanges and intensive discussions”. In addition to the basics of theory, students also gained good insight into the everyday life of a high-tech company and were able to make initial contacts in the industry. “We are very pleased to be able to present Infineon to the specialists of the future as a high-tech company and attractive employer,” says Herlitschka.

Infineon Villach is the group’s global competence center for power electronics and so students were very interested in visiting: the participating students were selected from approx. 180 applications. It is certainly worth taking part: participants receive ECTS points from the universities for successfully completing the Infineon ‘Winter School’. This programme was launched in August 2016 with a ‘Summer School’, in cooperation with the Vienna University of Technology and will be continued further. Günther Wellenzohn, Innovation Manager at Infineon Technologies Austria and organiser of the ‘Winter School’ says “The spirit and enthusiasm brought by the students show that this format is desirable – the tagline ‘Winter School rocks’ sums it up perfectly. Participants take a great deal with them from their experiences here and in the best case scenarios, it can even lead to a longer-term collaboration”.

#### **Carinthia as an attractive work environment**

Aside from their packed ‘timetable’, the budding technicians also had chance to get to know Carinthia: the joint leisure activities were very warmly received.

More information: <https://winterschool.rocks/>

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