

FernFH welcomes new Chief Operating Officer

Elfriede Riesinger has strengthened the executive management team at Ferdinand Porsche FernFH since 1 July.

"It is with great pleasure that I begin my work here in Wiener Neustadt for the FernFH. The exciting approach of self-defined distance learning combined with the close personal exchange of lecturers and students immediately inspired me", says Elfriede Riesinger, who joined Ferdinand Porsche FernFH as Chief Operating Officer (COO) on July 1.

The Neulengbach native started her career in 1991 in the district administration in St. Pölten as part of the office of the Lower Austrian provincial government, where she served as a subject specialist, divisional manager and Deputy Head of Department in the department of water law and shipping. From 2000 to 2006, she was a member of the Federal Environmental Senate.

In July 2004, Riesinger took over the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Lower Austrian Provincial Clinic Holding Company in the areas of personnel, PR and law.

After the birth of her son and an eleven-month maternity leave, she headed the department of the Lower Austrian Health and Social Fund for three years before taking over the role as CEO in 2013. Now that she has joined FernFH, she "would like to help to further expand FernFH's offer, and convince as many students as possible of the advantages of the future-oriented method of blended learning," says Riesinger.

Axel Jungwirth, CEO of FernFH, is also pleased about the reinforcement. "With Elfriede Riesinger, an experienced expert joins the FernFH executive management team. I wish her a good start with us and am very much looking forward to working with her".

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About the Ferdinand Porsche FernFH

The Ferdinand Porsche FernFH is Austria's first Distance-Learning University of Applied Sciences. It was founded in 2006. Through innovative forms of learning and teaching in the field of distance learning, the FernFH takes on a pioneering role in distance learning in Austria. All five federally funded study programmes are accredited by AQ Austria, the Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria. In 2016 the FernFH was certified according to international standards by the evaluation agency evalag Baden-Württemberg. The Ferdinand Porsche FernFH collects the statutory tuition fees of 363.36 Euros per semester plus student union fee for the accredited distance learning programmes. In addition, the FernFH offers master programmes, diploma and certificate programmes. Preparations for further degree programmes and executive education programmes are currently underway. The FernFH is a subsidiary organisation of the FernFH Management & Service GmbH. Since 2020, the Province of Lower Austria has also been involved in the FernFH. More information is available at www.fernfh.ac.at/en.

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