Graz clock tower shines in Skills colours

The clock tower, landmark of the city on the river Mur, provides a visual manifestation of the vocational skills championships EuroSkills starting today. 400 competitors from 22 nations will be there at the start.

Since yesterday evening, the Styrian landmark has been gleaming in blue, red and white – the official colours of the vocational skills championships EuroSkills 2021, which start today with the opening ceremony at the Messe Congress Graz (MCG) exhibition centre. "This is one way in which, we, as the City of Graz, wish to extend our warmest welcome to all competitors and their teams," emphasises the Mayor of Graz, Siegfried Nagl. Moreover, we want the clock tower in the Skills colours to be a widely visible sign showing how thrilled the City of Skills is to be hosting this European Skills Championships. The Styrian landmark will therefore be lit up in the EuroSkills colours every night until after the closing ceremony on 26 September.

"A spirit of positivity"

EuroSkills initiator and Styrian Economic Chamber President Josef Herk also expressed his delight: "Now, at long last, the event is getting started and I couldn't have dreamed of a finer symbol of welcome. And I would be even more delighted to welcome many people from Graz to the competition areas at the Schwarzl Freizeitzentrum venue. After all, the atmosphere of such a European Skills Championships event can be compared to that of a football stadium, with crowds cheering on the players and sharing their excitement, and each competitor being celebrated as a sporting hero. It's a spirit of positivity, which we were so desperately in need of," adds Herk. Admission to the event is free of charge on the competition days. Tickets are available at www.tickets.euroskills2021.com.

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