

Uniko: Solidarity with threatened students and researchers

Vienna (OTS) - Universities Austria (uniko) is strongly condemning the attack of the Russian Federation on Ukraine and pledge students, researchers and artists quick and unbureaucratic support. "The war on Ukraine not only goes against the sovereignty of a European country but is also an unprecedented attack on the fundamental values and beliefs we share", explains uniko-president Sabine Seidler.

"Our absolute solidarity is with all the Ukrainian people, the researchers and students on site or fleeing and with numerous partnering universities and research institutions, whose future is uncertain." Seidler emphasizes that, equally important, sending a signal to Russian students, researchers and activists, who are raising their voices against the war and fearing repressions, is also of importance. "We will not allow war to divide our universities. Science, art and a peaceful co-operation are our common language."

Universities Austria have bundled a package of financial and organizational emergency relief measures and middle, as well as long term support offerings. These comprise research stays for researchers, an easy and unbureaucratic access to university studies for Ukrainian students and financial and logistical assistance to all students and university-affiliated staff in Austria, directly affected by the war. Another concrete action taken is the reactivation of uniko's initiative MORE, which aims to give fleeing researchers a new perspective. Uniko stands in constant and close exchange with other national and international research institutions to build a broad co-operation for offering support.

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