An appeal by the Conference of Staff Council Chairpersons (BRVK) and the GÖD Executive Board of the Academic and Artistic Staff at Austrian Universities

An open letter to the Austrian federal government

Enough is enough!

We are no longer willing to bear silently the consequences of political missteps. We are not a pool of resources to be moved around at will as part of the federal government's budget plans. We are the people who have kept this university system running for decades. Without us, there would be no research, no teaching, no development of the arts. We are 68,000 strong. Without us, there would be no universities.

We've done our part. Time and time again.

Now it's the federal government's turn.

We demand university funding that provides sufficient funds. We demand job security, fair pay, and working conditions that don't make us sick. We demand that our work and the social responsibility of universities finally be respected.

We are the motor of democracy. We research and teach the past and the future. We create works of art. Today's university funding cuts jeopardize tomorrow's outcomes: Austrian science, culture, economic development, and democracy is at stake.

We refuse to stand idly by and watch what we have built up over decades be torn down piece by piece. We will join forces, raise our voices, and stand in solidarity with students and everyone else who cares deeply about the future of our universities.

We've done our part. Now we rise in protest!

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