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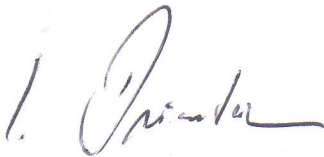
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The European Charter for Researchers & The Code of Conduct to the Recruitment of Researchers

The rectorate of the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU) welcomes the initiative of the European Commission to recommend public and non-public bodies to sign the European Charter for Researchers & The Code of Conduct to the Recruitment of Researchers. The rectorate supports this idea of the European Commission and therefore voted in favour of the Charter and the code published by the European Commission on March 11, 2005.

BOKU, which has published an Intellectual Capital Report as the 1st Austrian university about one year ago addressing its stakeholders to act as a "Responsible University" (<http://www.boku.ac.at/>) and which has currently been certificated by EMAS, is defining "responsibility" in its Intellectual Capital Report 2005 and Sustainability Report furthermore as "Ecological Responsibility" and "Social Responsibility". BOKU is not only setting new standards in reporting, BOKU has already implemented many aspects of both, the Charter and the Code. With regard to European Commission's recommendation some further steps are still necessary. Therefore, BOKU will implement those aspects of the Charter and the Code which have yet not become fix elements of BOKU's internal procedures.

Undersigning both, the Charter and the Code, BOKU will ensure its high quality of research by supporting work and career of its researchers, now and in future.



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