

## Zero Project announces changes to Management Team

Vienna, July 1, 2022 – Following the Essl Foundation’s announcement of Prof. Michael Fembek joining the Board of the Essl Foundation, changes to the Zero Project’s Management Team Structure have today been presented.

In addition to his new role as Board Member, **Prof. Michael Fembek**, co-initiator of the Zero Project, will take on the role of CEO of the Zero Project to focus on strategy, communications, and international partnerships.

*“The Zero Project Team reunites expertise, creativity, and energy for disability inclusion, and I have also been proud to direct our efforts to create a world with zero barriers, based on the visions and guidance from our founder Martin Essl. After more than 10 years of service to the Zero Project, I look forward to my new challenges and responsibilities.”* stated Michael Fembek.

The operational lead of the Zero Project will be handed to **Robin Tim Weis**, who will take on the role of Director, International Affairs, and to **Anna Königseder**, who will be Director, Business Partnerships and Operations, as of today.

*“735 Awardees from over 100 countries; a network of more than 6,000 members; a global Conference hosted annually at the United Nations Office at Vienna; the legacy of Michael Fembek is astounding. We are honored to continue his work and further cement the Zero Project as one of the key foundations in the world that elevate and highlight innovations that remove barriers for persons with disabilities.”* said Robin Tim Weis and Anna Königseder.

Robin Tim Weis and Anna Königseder will be supported by the Zero Project Team:

- Wilfried Kainz, Head of Research, annual Zero Project Conference and the ICT sector.
- Sumita Kunashakaran, Manager, Civil Society. Key manager of the Zero Project Asia network, the Zero Project Impact-Transfer Program, as well as the Civil Society sector.
- Judith Hermetter, Communications Manager (currently on maternity leave)
- Isabella Essl, Digital Content Manager
- Xin Hu, Database Analyst

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### About the Essl Foundation

The Essl Foundation MGE gemeinnützige Privatstiftung is an Austrian Foundation established in 2007 by Martin and Gerda Essl, and their children, for social purposes and scientific research. Its mission is to support social innovation, social entrepreneurship and persons with disabilities.

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### About the Zero Project

The Zero Project’s mission is working for a world with zero barriers. Worldwide, the Zero Project finds and shares solutions that improve the daily lives and legal rights of all persons with disabilities, as intended and encouraged by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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