

Austria Section

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Section Vitality

The last election for the term 2021-2023 was held in November 2020. The new officers are listed under [Executive Committee](#) of the [section website](#). The next election is foreseen in the last quarter of 2023. Several section meetings have been held in the last year, an overview is provided at the [Past Events & Activities](#) page of the [section website](#).

Students

Overall, 5 different student branches belong to the section. Most of them are somehow active but compared to the last couple of years they organized less activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. An overview of their activities is provided at the [section website](#) under [Student Branches](#) (with sub-pages of the different student branches).

Affinity Groups

The section currently has a young professional and a women in engineering affinity group. Usually, they organize several events and activities. An overview of those activities can be found at the [Young Professionals](#) and [Women in Engineering](#) pages of the [section website](#).

Chapters

Overall, the section has 11 different chapters and joint chapters. Almost all of them reported a sufficient amount of activities for the last year in time. An overview of their activities is provided at the [section website](#) under [Chapters](#) (with sub-pages of the different chapters).

Industry

Several talks and webinars (mostly online) with industry participation have been organized during the last year. An overview is provided at the [Past Events & Activities](#) page of the [section website](#).

Activities since the last report

An overview of the main activities are provided at the [Past Events & Activities](#) page of the [section website](#) as well as in the section newsletters (see [Newsletter](#) page of the [section website](#)). Despite the COVID-19 pandemic it was quite interesting to see so many activities organized by the different groups of the section.

Planned activities

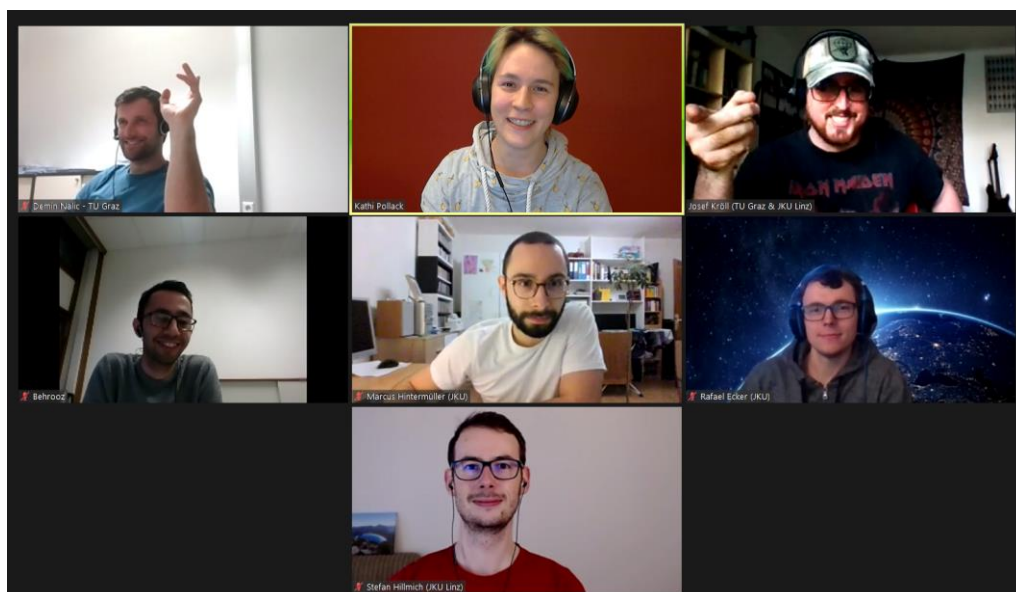
An overview of future activities is provided at the [Future Events & Activities](#) page of the [section website](#).

How Region 8 can be of help to your Section, members, and activities

The provision of a description of the different roles (chairs, officers, etc.) could be helpful, especially for new persons taking over a specific role; such a role description could help them in their daily work.

Any other issues of interest

The benefit of IEEE membership for student members is generally decreasing; the main motivation for student membership is the reduced fee for conference participation but this is less relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Virtual IEEE Austrian [Students Get-Together](#) on February 16, 2021