

# Our Speaker



## Birgit REINHOFER-MITTERER

### Current Position & Organization

Innovation Manager, Austro Control GmbH

### Educational & Professional Background

Birgit holds a Master's degree in IT Law & Management and a degree in Internet Technology & Management (focus: Software Design). She works at Austro Control, driving innovation in air navigation services from idea to implementation. Previously, she worked in other highly regulated sectors including banking and finance, as well as in the logistics sector, bringing cross-industry perspectives into safety-critical operations

### Key Achievements or Career Highlights

Birgit helped build and shape Austro Control's corporate innovation management and internal innovation ecosystem (framework, shared innovation understanding, innovation portal). She designed and delivered corporate innovation programs and challenges (incl. the Austro Control AI Innovation Challenge), enabling cross-domain, self-organized collaboration across operational and corporate units. Also Birgit built and ran intrapreneurship and accelerator programs in the banking sector, connecting employees, start-ups, and new ways of working. She is also a lecturer in Innovation Management at FH JOANNEUM (University of Applied Sciences)

### Hobbies & Personal Interests

Running, travelling, music, good food, and spending time with friends and family

### Motivation

Birgit is motivated by making innovation work in real operations: connecting people across domains, creating a safe space to test ideas, learning fast, and translating insights into solutions that strengthen safety, efficiency, collaboration, and sustainability in air navigation service provision