



JOCHEN RESSEL

JOCHEN RESSEL is Head of Communications and Fundraising of the Grand Priory of Austria of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, as well as the press officer at the Embassy of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the Republic of Austria. In these roles, he is responsible for coordinating and shaping communication activities, as well as internal communication across all areas of activity (social, medical and disaster relief services, refugee assistance, mobile care services, care home, children's palliative care, diplomatic services, spiritual activities and commercial enterprises). He coordinates activities with the Order's headquarters in Rome and acts as editor-in-chief of the magazine 'Die MALTESER'.



He is born in Mariazell (Styria), graduated from the College of Communication Design and worked as an advertising entrepreneur before joining the global Esselte Group, initially responsible for Austria (including Bene Office Products), then for Switzerland and finally for the London HQ. As Business Coordination Manager at Triple-A Aqua Service Holding, he was subsequently responsible for developing the watercooler market. Before becoming Managing Director of the k47 business club in 2008, he worked in the international client service management of the European-wide active agency group PPI United/Silberball, where he also served as Senior Consultant for brand management and communication planning, as well as organisational manager. After his involvement in k47, which he developed into Vienna's leading business platform, he took up his position as project manager of the Senate of the Economy and was responsible for the areas compliance, education, innovation & technology, social entrepreneurship and the 'Spitzen-Gespräche' (top-level talks). He founded the European Economic Danube Forum with former Vice Chancellor Dr Erhard Busek and in this context also took on project responsibility for the OSCE-affiliated SECI – Southeast European Cooperative Initiative, which served as a dialogue platform between politics, diplomacy and business for the development of the Southeast European economic area. At the same time, he continued to run the business networking platform under the name Business-klub-Jochen Ressel which he had founded originally at k47. In 2015, he worked for Bösmüller Print Management, a production company for high-quality printed matter and packaging, in the areas of sales, quality management, special projects and strategy, before taking up the position of Managing Director Operations in the Senate of the Economy in April 2016, where he was responsible for the content and communicative implementation of all activities. In addition to conceiving and moderating business talks, press conferences, economic congresses and award ceremonies, he was also responsible for creating political proposal papers, including discussions with political decision-makers at the national and EU level. Furthermore, he was editor-in-chief of the business magazine 'SENATE'. From 2016 to 2020, he was also responsible for the communications activities of the CRC – Centre for Risk and Crisis Management on a part-time basis. Jochen Ressel served as COO (Chief Operating Officer) of SoccerCoin (a financial technology company in the sports sector) until February 2023, before taking up his current role in the Sovereign Order of Malta.

He is a member of the volunteer relief corps of the Order of Malta in Austria (MALTESER Hospitaldienst Austria), the Brotherhood St. Christoph, Paneuropa Austria, the Austrian Society for Foreign Affairs and United Nations, and the Association of Catholic Journalists in Austria. He is member of the Austro-British Society, for which he served as board member from 2017 to 2025. Jochen Ressel is a certified fencing instructor in epee, was a tournament fencer, worked as a ski instructor in his youth and has been a member of Ski Austria/ÖSV and the Ski Club Arlberg ever since. He is a tenor in the Vienna Cathedral Choir and spokesman for the men's choir. He sings in various choirs and ensembles on a project-by-project basis, including with the 'Wiener Singakademie' at the Vienna Concert Hall. He is also a member of the Styrian Folk Song Association.

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