



SOUVERÄNER RITTER- UND HOSPITALORDEN  
VOM HL. JOHANNES ZU JERUSALEM GENANNT VON RHODOS UND VON MALTA  
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Originating from Austria's national sanctuary Mariazell, he graduated from the College of Communication Design and was responsible for marketing for the Esselte Group in Austria, Switzerland and finally at the London HQ. He then organised regular diplomatic events as Managing Director of the k47 business club and subsequently worked in international client service management and as Head of organisation for the Europe-wide active communication agency group PPI United/Silberball before taking on the position of Executive Director - Operations at the Senate of Economy. He founded the European Economic Danube Forum with former Austrian Vice-Chancellor Dr Erhard Busek, headed the SECI - Southeast European Cooperative Initiative project affiliated to the OSCE, founded the Social Entrepreneurship Forum and created the Austrian SDG Award. He drafted a large number of political proposal papers and conducted negotiations with political decision-makers at national and EU level. He then worked as COO of a financial technology company.

Jochen Ressel began his work as Head of Communications of the Sovereign Order of Malta - Grand Priory of Austria - in spring 2023, and in this role he supports the Embassy of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the Republic of Austria as Press officer and is taking care for communications agendas. In June 2024 he was accepted into the MALTESER Hospitaldienst Austria, the voluntary relief corps of the Order of Malta in Austria.