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Johann Laister, since 2003 director of M-E-R-I-G, the Multidisciplinary European Research Institute Graz, has his academic background in social and economic sciences. He works since more than ten years in the field of innovation in education and training systems, and on the topic how to support creativity and innovation as well as internationalisation in/of small and micro enterprises. Johann is certified trainer in adult education and has experience with European projects in different programmes. He was and is involved in projects as project manager, researcher, internal or external evaluator or consultant. He is listed expert in different national and European programmes and was called for proposal and report evaluations and reviews of Leonardo da Vinci, eLearning, Erasmus, FPx, ESF etc. projects.

Specific interests: evaluation research and quality management, strategic development and innovation, project management, vocational training and e-learning, transnational networks and collaboration.