

## Rated amongst the best in Europe

The Mining and Gothic Museum Leogang is nominated for a European Museum of the Year Award 2021

**With the Mining and Gothic Museum Leogang and the Frauenmuseum Hittisau there are two outstanding Austrian museums amongst the 27 nominees for the Museum of the Year Awards 2021.**

Since 1977 the European Museum Forum has annually awarded the European Museum of the Year Award (EMYA) under the auspices of the Council of Europe. The prize is awarded to a newly opened or redesigned museum which puts particular emphasis on quality, presentation, knowledge transfer, museum management and sustainability.

### Internationally acclaimed

The Mining and Gothic Museum Leogang was able to apply for the prestigious award due to the recent adaptation of the Thurnhaus as new museum building. The museum is internationally renowned for its magnificent exhibitions, the restitution of looted art and international cooperations with distinguished European museums. The EMYA Jury nominated the Mining and Gothic Museum Leogang acknowledging the philosophy of founder and museum director Prof. Hermann Mayrhofer as well as the museum's innovation and public quality, its inventive exhibitions, the operation of the Huettschmiede forge and the careful renovation of the Thurnhaus.

The members of the EMYA Jury were able to visit all applicants in 2020 despite the COVID-19 pandemic. They will decide on the winners in February 2021. Amongst the nominees for the European Museum of the Year Awards are museums from all over Europe, for example the Museum of Copenhagen and the Czartoryski Museum in Krakow.

