

Country Information Guide



Austria

A guide to information sources on the Republic of Austria, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites

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General information

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- European Union: European Countries: [Austria](#)
- United Nations: Data: Country Profiles: [Austria](#)
- Wikipedia: [Austria](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Country profiles: [Austria](#)
- United States: CIA: The World Factbook: [Austria](#)
- United States: Department of State: [Austria](#)
- BBC News: Country profile: [Austria](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World data: [Austria](#)
- The Guardian: World news: [Austria](#)
- Google: Search for websites on [Austria](#)
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: [Austria](#)
- NationMaster: Home: Country Info: Profiles: [Austria](#)

Agricultural information

- Austria: [Federal Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry, the Environment and Water Management](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural development policy 2014-2020: Country Files: [Austria](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development (ENRD): [Austria](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development: [A partnership between Europe and Farmers](#)
- AgroWeb Network: Central and Eastern Europe: [Austria](#)
- FAO: Country Profiles: [Austria](#)
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: [Austria](#)
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in Europe: [Austria](#)

Competition policy information

- Austria: [Austrian Competition Authority](#)
- OECD: Competition: [Austria](#)

Culture and language information

- Austria: [Federal Ministry Art and Culture](#) (only a short description and contact addresses in English)
- European Commission: Programmes: Creative Europe: Tools: Creative Europe Desks: [Austria](#)
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Compendium: Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe: [Austria](#)
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: [Austria](#)
- SIL International: Ethnologue: Languages of [Austria](#)
- Euromosaic: [Minority Languages in the European Union](#) [select country]

Defence and security information

- Austria: Ministry of Defence: [Austrian Armed Forces](#)
- NATO: Relations with [Austria](#)

Economic information

- ESO: Austria: [Economic situation](#)
- Austria: [Federal Ministry of Finance](#)
- Austria: [Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy](#)
- Austria: [Federal Ministry of Research and Technology](#)
- Austria: [Austrian National Bank](#)
- European Commission: Europe 2020: Europe 2020 in your country: [Austria](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Austria](#)
 - [Stability and Convergence Programmes 2011](#) [select country]
 - [Stability and Convergence Programmes 2012](#) [select country]
 - [Stability and Convergence Programmes 2013-2015](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Measuring performance: Country Factsheets: [Austria](#)
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxation and customs duties in [Austria](#) [pdf]
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development: The EBRD in [Austria](#)
- International Monetary Fund: [Austria](#) and the IMF
- OECD: Country information: [Austria](#)
 - [Economic Survey](#) [Latest edition, 2015]
- UNIDO: Country Profile: [Austria](#)
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [Austria](#)
- WTO: [Austria](#) and the WTO
- Deutsche Bank Research: [Charts Austria](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Country Factsheets: [Austria](#)
- United States: Commercial Service: Doing Business in [Austria](#)

Education information

- Austria: [Federal Ministry for Education and Women's Affairs](#)
- Austria: [Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research](#)
- Council of Europe/ European Union: Youth Partnership: Knowledge/ EKCYP: Austria: [Background Information on Youth Policy](#)
- European Commission: Youth Partnership: Youth Policy: [Austria](#)
- European Commission: Education and Training: Study in Europe: [European Higher Education](#) [select country]
- European Commission: Programmes: Erasmus+: Tools: National Agencies: [Austria](#)
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: [Education](#) [select topic then country]
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: [Austria](#)
- Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC-NARIC – Gateway to Recognition of Academic and Professional Qualifications: [Austria](#) [offers links to national education authorities and information sites]
- OECD: Education: [Austria](#)
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics: Education profile: [Austria](#)
- World Bank: EdStats: [Austria](#)
- EuroEducation: European Education Directory: Education System in [Austria](#) [select country]
- NationMaster.com: [Education Statistics](#)
- Wikipedia: Education in [Austria](#)

Employment information

- Austria: [Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection](#)

- European Commission: DG Employment and Social Affairs: European Employment Strategy: [National Reform Programmes](#) [select country]
- European Commission: Europe 2020: Europe 2020 in your country: [Austria](#)
- European Commission: EURES: Living and Working: [Austria](#)
- Eurofound: Home: Observatories: European Observatory of Working Life- EurWORK: [Industrial relations country profiles](#)
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations in [Austria](#)
- Federation of European Employers: Industrial relations across Europe: [Austria](#)
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: [Austria](#)
- International Labour Organization: NATLEX: [Austria](#)

Energy information

- Austria: [Austrian Energy Agency](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy:
 - [Statistics by Country](#): [select country]
 - [Energy Statistical Pocketbook](#) [select year and country]
 - [National Renewable Energy Action Plans](#) [select country]
- European Commission: ManagEnergy:Energy Agencies in [Austria](#)
- International Energy Agency:
 - Countries: [Austria](#)
 - Statistics and Balances: [Austria](#)
- United States: Energy Information Administration: Country information: [Austria](#)

Environmental information

- Austria: [Federal Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry, the Environment and Water Management](#)
- Austria: [Environmental Agency](#)
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE Programme: [Austria](#)
- European Environment Agency:
 - EIONET – European Environment Information and Observation Network: [Austria](#)
 - SERIS- State of the Environment Reporting Information System: [Austria](#)
- European Environment Agency: EPANET – European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Agencies: [Austria](#)
- European Environmental Bureau: Members: [Austria](#)
- FAO: Country profiles: [Austria](#)
- OECD: Environment: [Austria](#)
- Friends of the Earth International: [Austria](#)
- Greenpeace International: [Austria](#)

European policies and relations with the European Union

- Austria: [Ministry of Foreign Affairs / European Affairs](#)
- Austrian National Bank: [Austria and the Euro](#)
- Austrian National Bank: [SEPA: Single Euro Payments Area](#)
- Austrian National Bank: [Further relevant information](#)
- [Austria](#): Permanent Representation to the European Union
- European Union: Countries: [Austria](#)
- European Union: Europe Direct Information Network: [Austria](#)
- European Commission: Representation in [Austria](#) (in German)
- European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: [Austria](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
 - Economies of the Member States: [Austria](#)
 - [Austria and the Euro](#)

- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: [Austria](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2014-2020: [Austria](#)
- European Parliament: [EP Information Offices](#) [click on map to select country]
- European Investment Bank: Finance Contracts signed in [Austria](#)
- Council of Europe: Member States: [Austria](#)
- OECD: Countries: [Austria](#)
 - Austria: [Permanent delegation to the OECD](#)

Geographic information and maps

- European Union: Europe Maps: [Austria](#)
- FAO: Country profiles: Geography: [Austria](#)
- Lonely Planet: Map of [Austria](#)
- MapsOfWorld.com: [Austria maps](#)
- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library: Map Collection: [Austria maps](#)

Health information

- Austria: [Federal Ministry of Health](#)
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in [Austria](#)
- European Commission: DG Health & Consumers: Public health: Healthcare: [Trustworthy websites on "Healthcare"](#) [select country]
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
 - Country Overviews: [Austria](#)
 - Drug Treatment Profiles: [Austria](#)
 - Country Legal Profiles: [Austria](#)
 - National drug strategies: [Austria](#)
- OECD: Health: [Austria](#)
- World Health Organization:
 - Countries: [Austria](#)
 - Regional Office for Europe: [Austria](#)
 - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: [Austria](#)

Human rights information

- Austria: Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs: [Human Rights](#)
- Council of Europe:
 - European Social Charter: [National Reports](#) [select country]
 - European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Reports on: [Austria](#)
 - European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State Documents and Visits: [Austria](#)
- European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [Austria](#)
- European Commission for the Prevention of Torture: States: [Austria](#)
 - European Court of Human Rights:
 - Country Profiles: [Austria](#)
 - [Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010](#) [select country]
 - [Violation by Article and by State 1959-2012](#)
 - [Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010](#)
- United Nations:
 - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: OHCHR: [Austria](#)
 - UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency: Country Information: [Austria](#)
- United States: Department of State:
 - Country Human Rights Practices: [Austria](#) [2014]
 - Reports on International Religious Freedom: [Austria](#) [2013]

- Amnesty International: [Austria](#)
- Amnesty International: Annual Report: [Austria](#) (2013) [in German]
- European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: Documents and visits: [Austria](#)
- Reporters Without Borders: freedom of Information in [Austria](#)

Intellectual property information

- Austria: [Austrian Patent Office](#) (in German)
- European Patent Office: Directory of patent Information Centres: [Austria](#)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member states: [Austria](#)

Investment information

- Austria: <http://aba.gv.at/en/>
- Austria: [Austrian Business International](#)
- OECD: Investment: [Austria](#)
- OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: [Austria](#)
- World Bank: Countries and Economies: [Austria](#)
- United Kingdom: Trade & Investment: Countries: [Austria](#)
- United States: Commercial Service: Doing Business in [Austria](#)

Justice and home affairs information

- Austria: [Federal Ministry of Justice](#) (in German)
- Austria: [Federal Ministry of the Interior](#) (in German)
- European Commission: DG Justice: Data Protection: National Policy Documents: [Austria](#)
 - Council of Europe: European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on country: [Austria](#)
 - Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): [Evaluation and Compliance Reports](#) [select country]
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: [Austria](#)
- United States: Library of Congress: Guide to Law Online: Nations: [Austria](#)
- University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: Countries: [Austria](#)
- EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: [Austria](#)

Living and working information

- Austria: Relevant national government departments:
 - [Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection](#)
 - [HELP-Service for Foreign Citizens](#)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES – The European Job Mobility Portal: Living and Working in [Austria](#)
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication:
 - [Your Europe: Citizens: Help and Advice for EU nationals and their family](#) [select topic then country]
 - [EU and Austria](#) (in German)
- Eurofound - European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions:
 - [Homepage](#)
- European Observatory of Working Life (EurWORK): [Austria](#) [Note: Search country]
 - European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO): [Austria](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: [Austria](#)
- United States: Department of State: Countries: [Austria](#)
- JustLanded.com: Living and working in [Austria](#)

Media information

- Austria: RTR – [Radio and Telecommunication Regulation-GmbH](#)
- European Broadcasting Union: [Broadcasting organisations](#) [select country]
- European Journalism Centre: Media Landscape: [Austria](#)
- ENPA-European Newspaper Publishers Association: [Austria](#)
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and News media: [Austria](#)
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: World News Guide: [Austria](#)
- Newslink: European Newspapers: [Austria](#)
- Online Newspapers: [Austria](#)
- Radiomap: Radio Stations in [Austria](#) (in German)

Political information (including Elections)

- ESO: Austria: [Political situation](#)
- ESO: [Austria: Political situation: elections](#)
- Austria: [Government System](#)
 - [Constitution](#)
 - [Federal President](#)
 - [Federal Chancellor](#)
 - [Federal Ministries](#)
 - [Federal Press Service](#)
 - [Parliament](#)
 - [National Election Commission](#)
- OECD: Public Governance: [Austria](#)
- OECD: Regulatory Reform: [Austria](#)
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES): Election Guide: [Austria](#)
- NCCR Democracy:
 - [Democracy Barometer](#): Austria
 - [EU Profiler](#) [select country]
- Parties and Elections in Europe: Countries: [Austria](#)
- United States: Library of Congress: Guide to Law Online: [Austria](#)
- Wikipedia: Politics of [Austria](#)
- Wikipedia: [Elections in Austria](#)

Public management information

- Austria: [The Organisation of Austrian Administration](#)
- European Commission: Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administrations (ISA): Joinup:
 - Communities: National Interoperability Framework Observatory (Nifo): [egovernment factsheets](#) [select country]
- European Public Sector Information Platform (ePSI): [Country Reports 2006-2009](#) [select country]
- OECD: Public Governance: [Austria](#)

R&D information

- Austria:
 - [Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy](#)
 - [Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology](#)
- European Commission: Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS): National R&D Information Service: [Austria](#)
- European Commission: DG Research & Innovation:
 - [European Research 2004-2009](#) [click on map to select country]
 - [European Research Area 2014](#) [click on map to select country]

- European Commission: Innovation Union:
 - [Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2013](#)
 - [Research and Innovation Performance in Austria 2014](#)
- European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): [Members](#) [click on map to select country]
- OECD: Innovation: [Austria](#)
- OECD: Science and technology: [Austria](#)

Regional information

- Austria: [Federal Chancellery](#) of Austria
- European Commission: Eurostat: [Eurostat Regional Yearbook 2014](#)
- Committee of the Regions: Europe in my Region: [Austria](#)
- Assembly of European Regions: AER Member Regions: [Austria](#) [select country]
- European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): [Members](#) [click on map to select country]
- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: [Austria](#)
- OECD: Regional, Rural and Urban Development: [Austria](#)
- Regions:
 - [Burgenland](#) [in German]
 - [Burgenland in the EU](#) [in German]
 - [Kärnten](#)
 - [Kärnten in the EU](#) [in German]
 - [Niederösterreich](#)
 - [Niederösterreich in Europe](#)
 - [Oberösterreich](#) [in German]
 - [Oberösterreich in Europe](#) [in German]
 - [Salzburg](#)
 - [Salzburg in the EU](#)
 - [Steiermark](#) [in German]
 - [Europaserver Steiermark](#)
 - [Steiermark and Europe](#)
 - [Tirol](#)
 - [Tirol in Europe](#)
 - [Vorarlberg](#)
 - [Vorarlberg and Europe](#)
 - [Wien](#)
 - [Wien and Europe](#)

Social information

- Austria: [Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection](#)
- European Commission:
 - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Yours Social Security Rights in [Austria](#) [select country]
 - MISSOC Secretariat: [Organisation of Social Protection](#) [select country and year]
 - MISSOC Secretariat: [Social Protection of the Self-Employed](#) [select country and year]
- Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: [Austria](#)
- OECD: Insurance and Pensions: [Austria](#)
- OECD: Social and Welfare Issues: [Austria](#)
- UNICEF: Information by Country: [Austria](#)
- United States: Social Security Administration:
 - Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: [Austria](#)
 - Social Security Programs Throughout the World: [Austria](#) (2012-2013)

Statistical information

- Austria: [National Bank](#)
- Austria: [National Statistical Office](#)
- Eurostat: [Country Profiles](#) [select country]
- OECD: Country Statistical Profile: [Austria](#) [select country]
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Country and Regional Profiles: [Austria](#)
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: [Austria](#)
- World Bank: Data: Countries and Economies: [Austria](#)
- NationMaster: Nations of the World: Statistics on [Austria](#)

Tourism information

- Austria: [Austria Tourism](#) Website
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: Travel: [Austria](#)
- The Telegraph: Destinations: [Austria](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Austria](#)
- Rough Guides: [Austria](#)
- TripAdvisor: Europe Tourism: [Austria](#)

Transport information

- Austria: [Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology](#)
- Austria: [Austrian Airlines](#)
- Austria: National Railway : [OEBB](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport:
 - [EU Transport in Figures: Statistical Pocketbook](#) (2015)
 - [Road Safety: How is your Country Doing?](#) (2014)
- Wikipedia: Transport in [Austria](#)

Weather information

- Austria: [Central Institute for Meteorology and Geodynamics \(ZAMG\)](#)
- BBC: Weather: Country Guides: [Austria](#)
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: [Austria](#)

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