



Higher Education in Austria



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Erasmus+ | Quick Facts

- Established in 1987 with 11 European countries participating
- Financed by European Community funds
in some countries supported by national co-funding
- Austria: strong commitment on political level to enhance HE cooperation & (credit) mobility of staff and students
- Extended to **Erasmus+** since 2014
- 2018: more than 4,000 HEI in 33 countries
→ 70 participating universities in Austria
- 2017: 30 years Erasmus / 25 years of Austrian participation

Erasmus+ in Higher Education aims at

- supporting **internationalisation** and **modernisation** of HE
- promoting **mobility** among students and HE staff in order to enhance the professional & institutional profiles
- enhancing **quality** & attractiveness of Higher Education
- opening **global academic cooperation** → partner countries

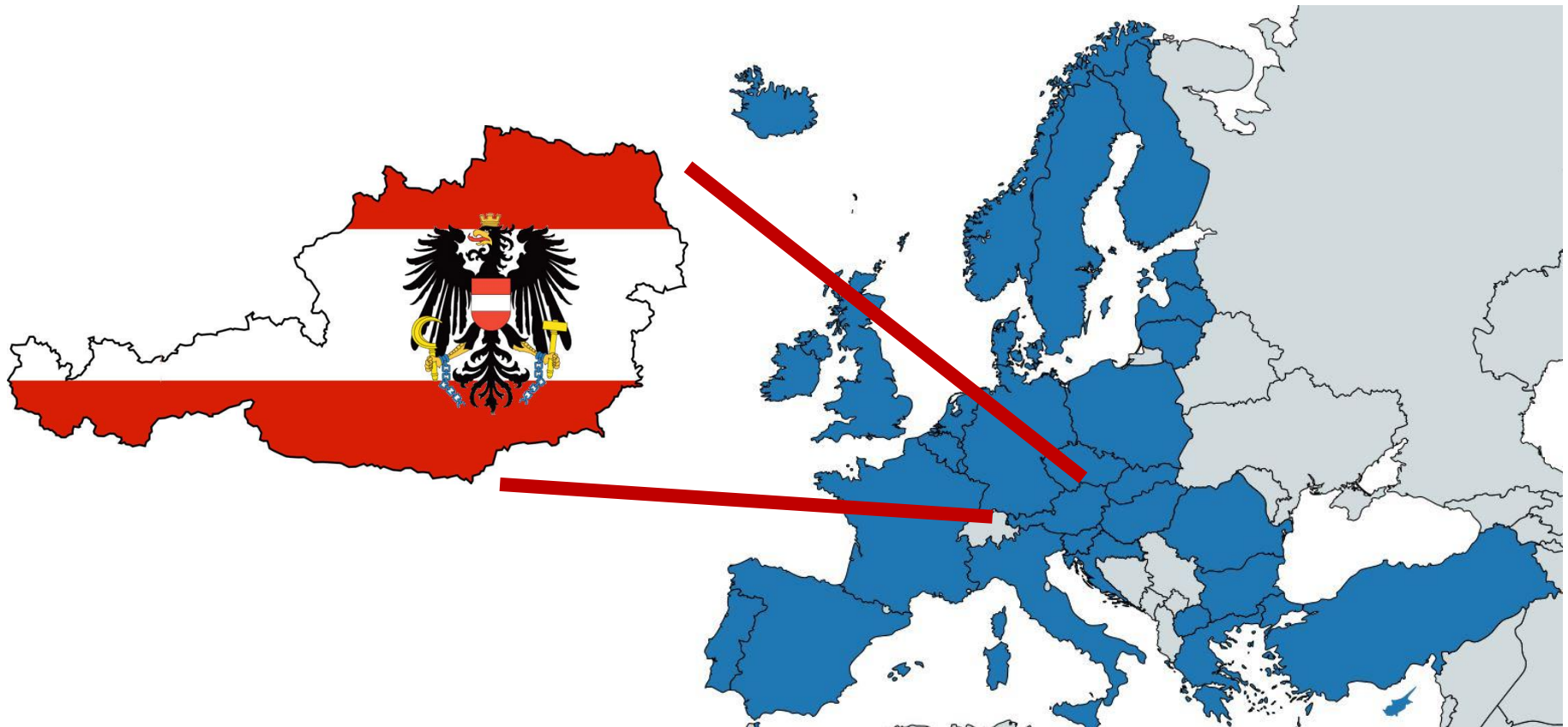
Integrated programme approach

- Three key actions:

Mobility (KA 1) – cooperation (KA 2) – policy support (KA 3)

Participating countries

- Programme Countries (33): 28 EU member states + NO, IS, LI, MK, TR



Participating countries

- **Partner Countries:** rest of the world – priorities on Neighbourhood (including the **Russian Federation**)



Austria at a Glance

Facts & Figures

Austria at a glance

- Area: 83 879 km²
- Population: 8.7 million, > 90% are Austrians
- Republic with 9 federal provinces, 8 neighbouring countries
- Capital: Vienna (Wien), 1.8 million inhabitants
- Languages: German (88 %) + migrant and regional languages, recognised minorities
- Religion: mainly Catholic, some Lutherans Islamic, Orthodox, Jewish & other minorities
- **350,000** higher education students
21.5% foreign students (90% from Europe)
- 3 main types of HEI, almost entirely public



The Austrian Education System



Compulsory schooling of 9 years

Public schools are financed by the government

- Free of charge for pupils

Higher Education Sector

- 22 public universities – 79 % of the student share
- 21 universities of applied sciences/UAS [*Fachhochschulen*] – 13 % student share
- 14 university colleges of teacher education [*Pädagogische Hochschulen*] – 6 % share
- 12 private universities – 2 % of the student share

Language of Instruction

- Generally **German**, increasing number of full degree studies in **English** language (most of them at UAS)

Public Higher Education Institutions

Long tradition of Higher Education

The first university has been founded in **1365** (University of Vienna)



Universities

- Comprehensive institutions with a wide variety of disciplines
- Specialised universities for arts, medicine, technical and business studies, mining, agricultural sciences
- Free access to most of the university studies (though some have limited access or entrance exams)
- Academic degrees: Bachelor, Master, PhD
some 'old' degree programmes (diploma and doctoral studies) exist
- ~ 79 % of the student share

Public Higher Education Institutions

Universities of Applied Sciences

- young but highly dynamic sector
- profession-oriented higher education
- many curricula include mandatory practical training or internships
- limited number of students → entrance procedures
- part-time programmes designed for working students
- academic degrees: Bachelor & Master – graduates of UAS Master's programmes may enrol in doctoral programmes at universities
- comparably high number of English course offers
- ~ 13 % of the student share



Public Higher Education Institutions

University Colleges of Teacher Education

(including church-run institutions with public status)

- three- / four-year Bachelor of Education (BEd) combined with a teaching qualification for primary or secondary schools
- study programme: courses in educational science, studies for the respective teaching qualification and practical school experience
- ~ 6 % of the student share

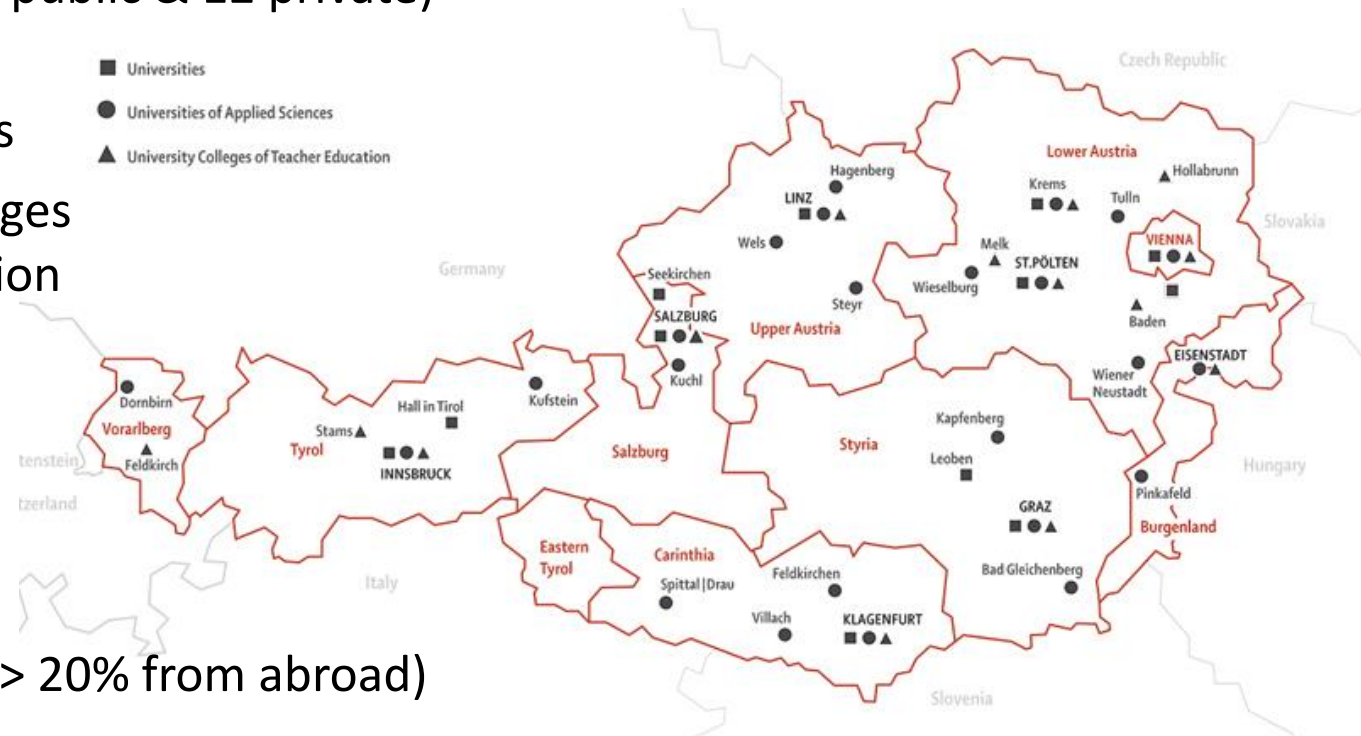


Private Higher Education Institutions

A number of small institutions (2 % of the student share)

Higher Education Institutions

- 34 Universities (22 public & 12 private)
- 21 Universities of Applied Sciences
- 14 University Colleges of Teacher Education



- 380,000 students (> 20% from abroad)

Degree Mobility

- No specific trends in outbound degree mobility
- Inbound degree mobility: high percentage of foreign students
 - Overall percentage 2015/16: 24.2%
 - Universities 24 %, Universities of the Arts > 50 %
 - No tuition fees at public institutions (some exceptions)

Credit Mobility

- High motivation of students and staff towards mobility
- Strong political and institutional commitments
- Several nationally funded programmes
- Largest scheme by far **ERASMUS+**

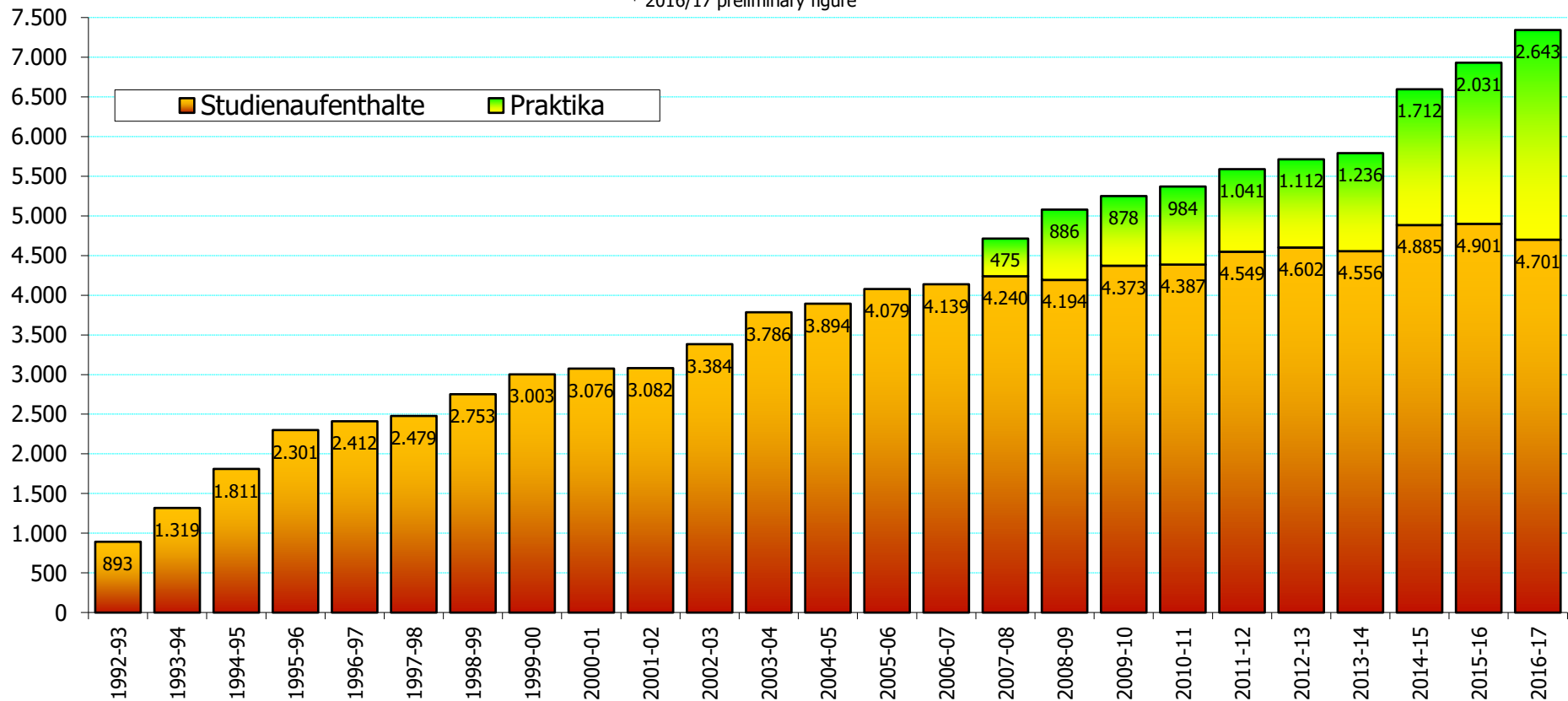
Austria has a long tradition of academic cooperation with Russia

- Longstanding & intensive tradition of academic cooperation
- Intensive cooperation within different EU-funded programmes
 - during **TEMPUS** programme phases, esp. under TEMPUS IV (2008 – 2013):
AT participation in RU projects: 26% / RU in AT projects: 18%
in total 25 AT-RU projects and second strongest partner for AT
 - under the **ERASMUS MUNDUS Partnerships** (2007 – 2014):
9 networks between AT and RU were funded – AT in 56% of all RU partnerships
 - successful participation in one **Erasmus Mundus EHEA project** (Action 3)
 - active participation of Russian HEI in 2 **Erasmus Mundus projects** organised by EM National Structures (AT part of the consortium with support of NTO Russia)
- Joint projects in E+ **International Mobility**, **CBHE** and **Jean Monnet**
- Bilateral co-operation between many Russian and Austrian HEI

Student Mobility for Studies 1992 – 2017 (overview)

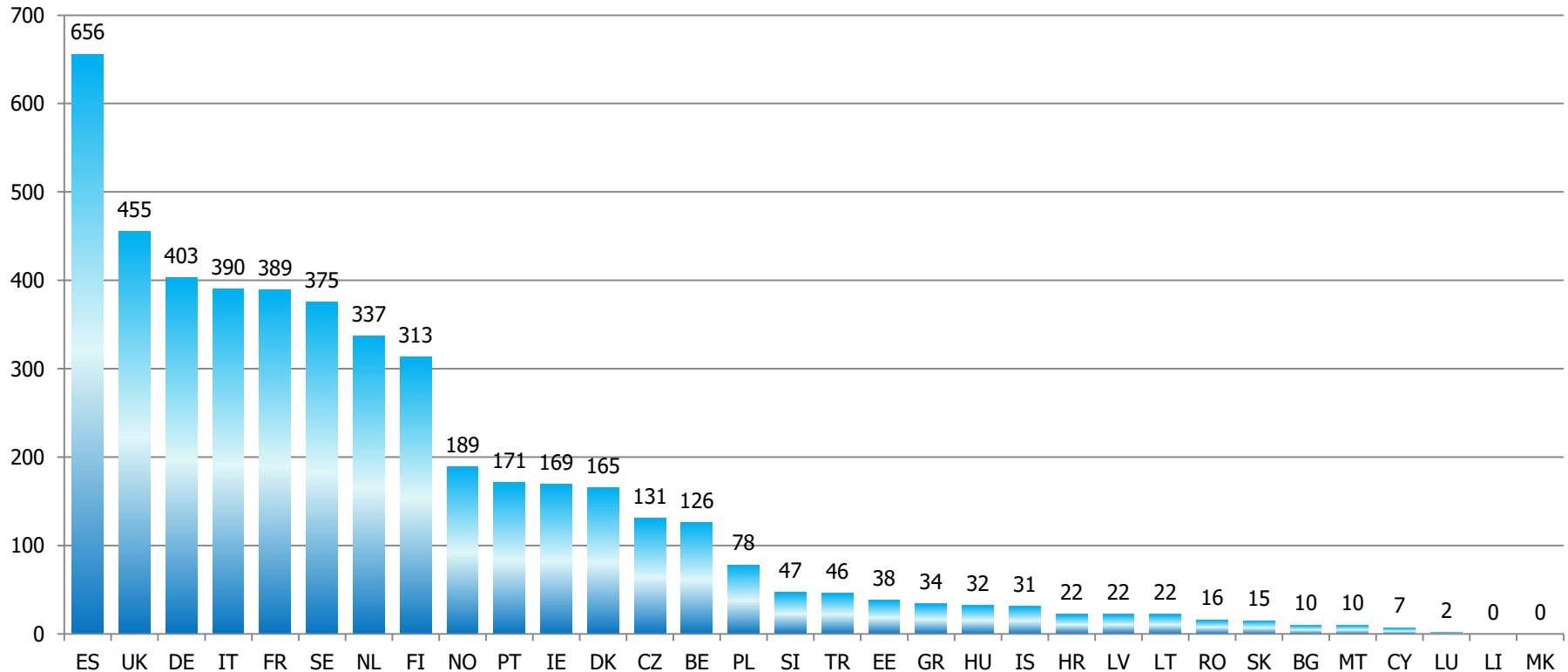
Erasmus Mobility of Students
(total number incl. 2016/17)

* 2016/17 preliminary figure

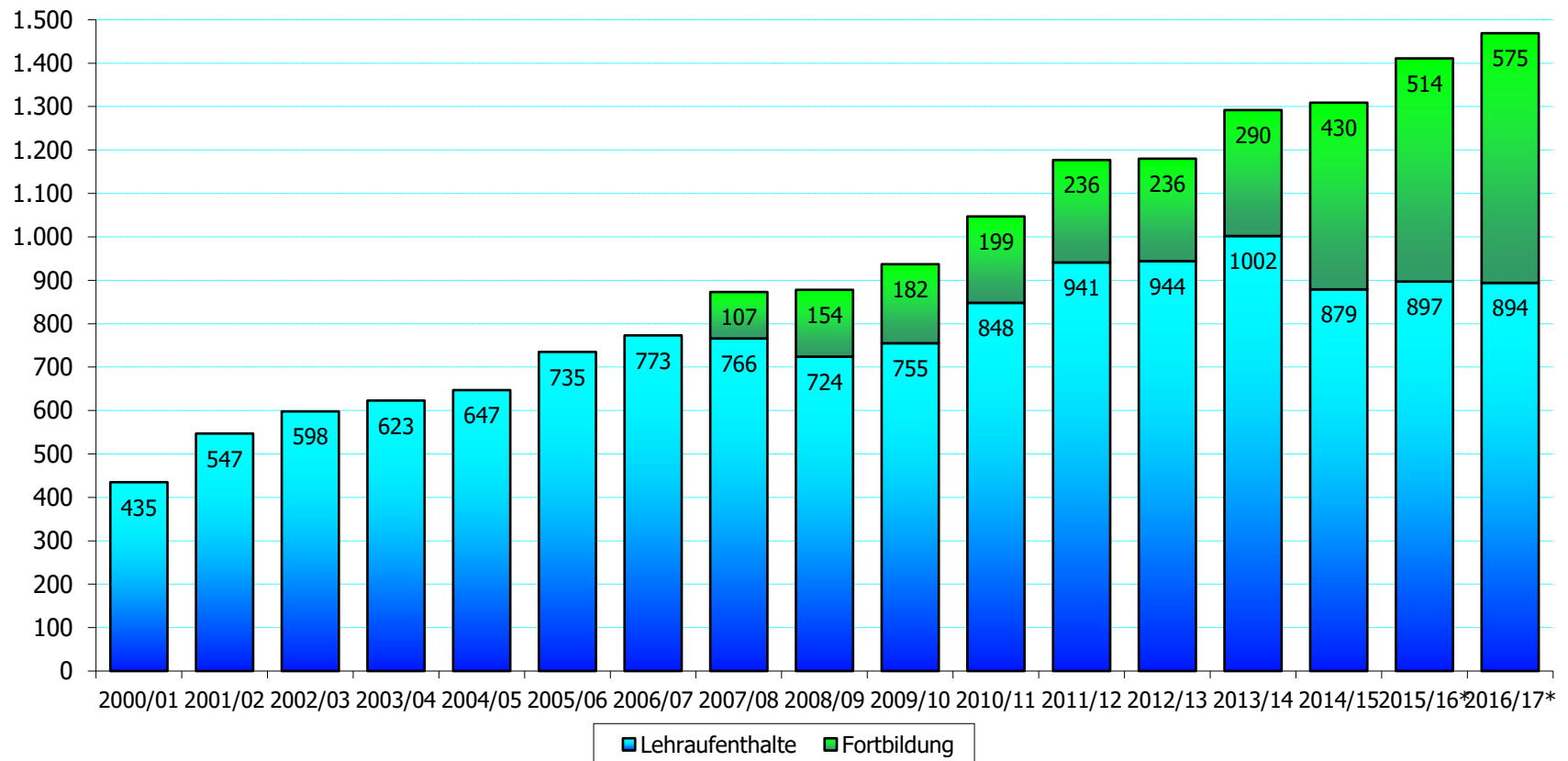


Student Mobility for Studies – target countries 2016/17

Destinations Erasmus+ Student Mobility for Studies 2016/17



Staff Teaching and Training 2000 – 2017





... we support

mobility of more than 16,000 Austrian pupils, apprentices, students, teachers & lecturers and researchers and enable cooperation between science, schools and society



... we offer service

for more than 2,000 international scholarship holders and students in Austria per year



... we provide information

with our websites, publications and our databases (grants.at, lerneninoesterreich.at)



... we provide advice

regarding all questions of educational mobility – independently, non-profit-oriented (3,500 enquiries regarding studying and research in Austria, 1,200 enquiries regarding entry and residence per year)



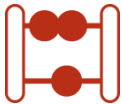
... we cross-link

more than 8,000 actors in education, science and research regarding internationalisation in nearly 200 workshops, seminars and conferences per year



... we support

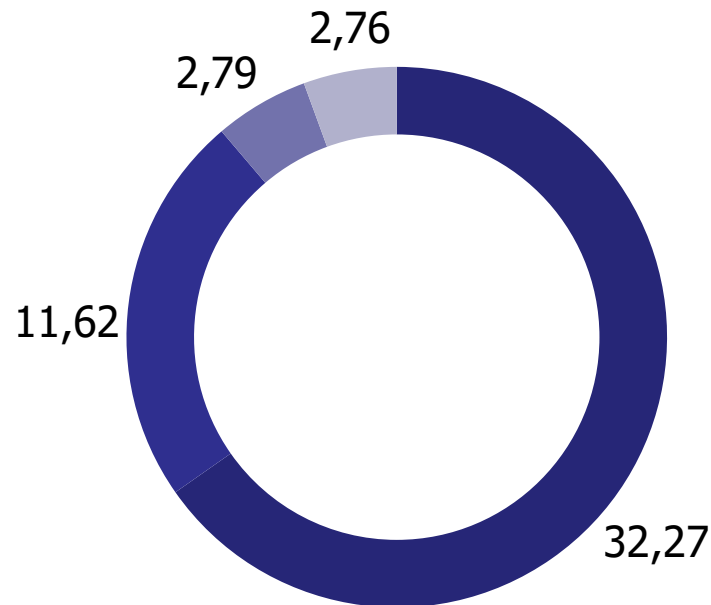
developments and strategies in education with our information tools, transparency tools and our expertise (nearly 90 conference contributions, more than 60 OeAD experts in committees, 80 contributions in media)



... we work

with funds of 49 million euros per year and approximately 230 members of staff

total: 49,44 million euros*



- EU Programme Erasmus+
- Programmes of the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
- Development Cooperation Programmes
- Third-Party Programmes

* not included: operative budget and University Preparation Programmes

- **Erasmus+ Education for all fields** – www.bildung.erasmusplus.at
 - School Education (SE)
 - Vocational Education & Training (VET)
 - Adult Education (AE)
 - Higher Education (HE) incl. international dimension agenda
- **Other programmes (*inter alia*)**
 - National Europass Centre – www.europass.at
 - Euroguidance Centre Austria – www.euroguidance.at
- **Activities (*inter alia*)**
 - Liaison with the **EU Commission**, national **authorities**, institutions, stakeholders...
 - Project counselling, administration and reporting
 - Conferences, seminars, workshops, communication

→ www.grants.at

provides information about available grants and scholarships in German and English

→ **Folders & Flyers**

- **Folder Study in Austria:** brief Information Guide
- **Guide Study in Austria:** brief Guide for International students with all Study Programmes
- **Brochure HEI:** Higher Education Institutions in Austria

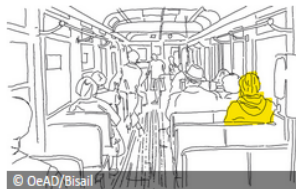


Ten reasons for Austria



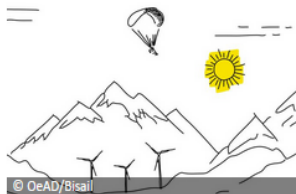
1. Life Quality

In 2017, Vienna was ranked as the city with the world's highest quality of life by the consulting agency Mercer (for the eighth time in a row). The quality of life is generally very high in Austria.



2. Social Security

The high quality of life in Austria is reflected by the low crime rate, the high level of social security and an attractive recreational infrastructure.



3. Landscape

Austria is a landlocked country with a great variety of different landscapes: It has access to the largest European lake (Lake Constance or Bodensee), some of the highest mountain ranges of the Alps, extensive plains and the large steppe lake of Lake Neusiedler See. Whether it's spring, summer, autumn or winter – each season shows a different landscape.

www.studyinaustria.at

Study in Austria at

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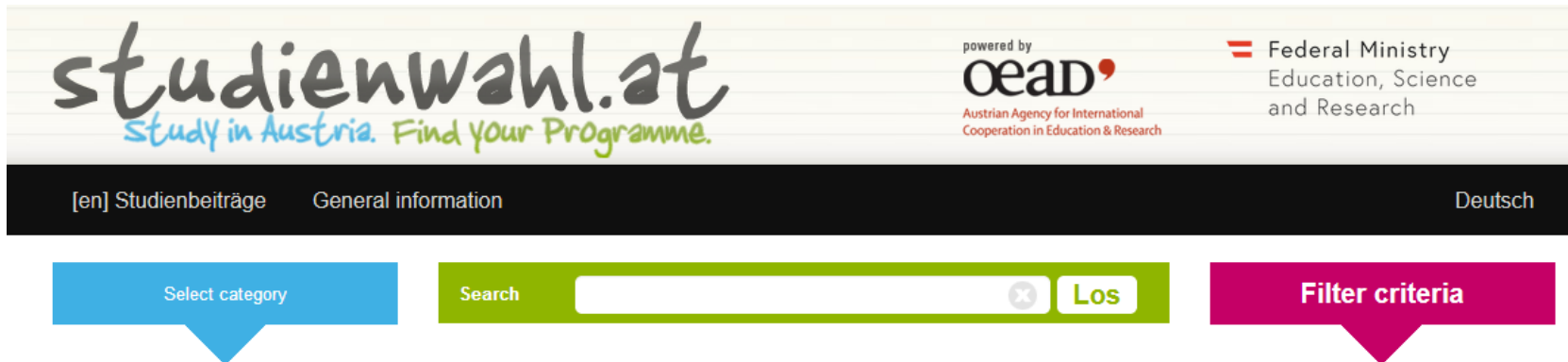
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Publications

- 📄 [Study Guide \(1,7 MB\)](#)
- 📄 [Folder: Study in Austria \(984,1 KB\)](#)
- 📄 [Higher Education Institutions \(60,7 MB\)](#)

Information leaflets in other languages

- 📄 [German \(523,1 KB\)](#)
- 📄 [English \(522,5 KB\)](#)
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- 📄 [Arabic \(713,1 KB\)](#)



Find a study programme in Austria

This database allows you to search for study options in Austria

- By programme /subjects
- By location
- By final degree
- By type of university (university or university of applied sciences)

International Study Programmes in Austria

- Choose from various programmes taught in English

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