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## Your Partner for International Mobility, Exchange, and Cooperation

The OeAD-GmbH has been the central service point for European and international mobility and cooperation programmes in education, science, and research for almost 60 years.

- **We promote** the mobility of more than 16,000 Austrian pupils, apprentices, students, teachers and researchers, and facilitate cooperation among science, schools, and society.
- **We serve** over 2,000 international scholarship holders and students in Austria every year
- **We inform** with our websites, publications, and databases ([grants.at](http://grants.at), [lerneninoesterreich.at](http://lerneninoesterreich.at)).
- **We advise** on all issues of educational mobility – independently, and non-profit (3,500 inquiries about study and research in Austria, 1,200 inquiries about entry and residence per year).
- **We interconnect** more than 8,000 participants in education, science, and research in the field of internationalisation at 200 workshops, seminars, and conferences each year.
- **We support** developments and strategies in the field of education with our informational tools, transparency tools, and expertise (90 conference papers and 60 OeAD experts on committees).
- **We work** with funding of 49 million euros per year and employ 230 experts.



## Erasmus+: The EU Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport (2014–2020)

Erasmus+ opens up numerous possibilities in mobility and international cooperation. The National Agency for Erasmus+ Education is integrated into the OeAD. The National Agency is responsible for the Erasmus+ programme in Austria in the fields of school education, higher education, vocational education and training as well as adult education. The funding opportunities lie within the key areas of mobility, cooperation projects, and support of political reforms.

Two and a half million Erasmus+ students, students in vocational education, and apprentices are expected to have taken part Europe-wide by 2020. In addition, 800,000 teachers and 500,000 young people are estimated to have taken part in volunteering and exchange programmes.

Erasmus+ also supports transnational partnerships among educational, vocational and youth institutions, as well as activities within the sports sector. In Austria, a total of 2,142 educational projects have been approved and almost 76,000 people have become mobile. Austrian residents and educational institutions have been subsidised in the amount of 152.6 million euros.

### Mobility

- for students and graduates
- for people in the field of vocational education
- for educators
- for learners and staff
- within Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree programmes

### Project cooperations

- strategic partnerships
- knowledge alliances
- sector skills alliances
- capacity building in higher education
- IT platforms such as eTwinning

### Jean Monnet activities

- Teaching and research in European integration is funded within the framework of Jean Monnet activities.

### Support for educational policy reforms

- European transparency and recognition tools: Europass, EQF, ECVET, EQAVET, ECTS
- service points for Euroguidance, EPALE, and eTwinning
- implementing EU strategies such as Europe 2020, and promoting policy dialogues with partner countries and international organisations

**National Agency  
for Erasmus+ Education**  
[www.bildung.erasmusplus.at](http://www.bildung.erasmusplus.at)

## Study & Research Worldwide

The OeAD offers students and researchers a variety of options for international exchange and cooperation.

### Scholarships and grants

Our programmes range from topic-oriented scholarships, through more specific grants for individual fields of study, to individual study and research areas. Most of these scholarships are open to applicants from all over the world.

The most important:

- **CEEPUS** – Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies  
[www.ceepus.info](http://www.ceepus.info)
- **Ernst Mach grants** for students, researchers, and university lecturers who want to study or pursue research in Austria

**ICM – Centre for International Cooperation & Mobility**

- **Franz Werfel grants** for university teachers from all over the world who focus on Austrian literature
- **Marietta Blau grants:** Doctoral or PhD students from Austrian universities can stay abroad to optimise the content of their dissertations

### International cooperation

- **Bilateral programmes »Aktionen«:** cooperation with Czechia, Slovakia, and Hungary
- **Lectureship programme:** teaching German as a foreign language abroad in 120 destinations worldwide
- **Eurasia Pacific Uninet (EPU):** an educational network of Austrian higher education institutions with partners in East, Central, and Southern Asia and the Pacific region  
[www.eurasiapacific.net](http://www.eurasiapacific.net)



- **ASEA Uninet:** a network of universities in Europe and Southeast Asia focused on education and research  
[www.asea-uninet.org](http://www.asea-uninet.org)
- **Scientific & Technological Cooperation (WTZ):** bilateral intergovernmental agreements supporting exchange between project partners in science and technology

### Education and research in international development cooperation

- **KEF** – For 37 years the Commission for Development Research has promoted scientific cooperation between institutions in Austria and those in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.
- **APPEAR** – The Austrian Partnership Programme in Higher Education and Research for Development promotes cooperation between universities in Austria and those in selected countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Teaching, research, and management at the participating institutions are strengthened, making a sustainable contribution to poverty reduction and the gradual realisation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**KEF** – [www.kef-research.at](http://www.kef-research.at)  
**APPEAR** – [www.appear.at](http://www.appear.at)



## International Knowledge Exchange and Expertise

### Alliance for Responsible Science

The OeAD-GmbH coordinates the activities of the Alliance for Responsible Science in Austria. Partner institutions from science, society, and practice work together to share the further development of responsible science in Austria.

### ARQA-VET

ARQA-VET offers information and know-how in the fields of quality assurance and quality development, and crosslinks participants in vocational education and training. ARQA-VET is part of the European EQAVET network, and focuses on supporting and developing the QIBB VET quality initiative. QIBB is the quality management system for 650 Austrian vocational schools. [www.arqa-vet.at](http://www.arqa-vet.at)

### Bologna Service Point

The Bologna Service Point provides policy support on mobility, student-centred teaching, learning, and other goals of the Bologna Process for higher education institutions, students, and other stakeholders. [www.oead.at/bologna](http://www.oead.at/bologna)

### Entry and residence in Austria

The department for legal issues provides guidance and information about regulations for entry into and residence in Austria for international students and researchers. [www.oead.at/entry](http://www.oead.at/entry)

### EPALE

This multinational, polyglot communication platform links all of the stakeholders in adult education in Europe. [www.ec.europa.eu/epale/de](http://www.ec.europa.eu/epale/de)

### eTwinning

This free, safe platform allows teachers to connect, develop collaborative projects, and share ideas across Europe. [www.etwinning.at](http://www.etwinning.at)

### Euraxess – Researchers in motion

The Euraxess portal provides information and assistance to mobile researchers. [www.euraxess.at](http://www.euraxess.at)

### Euroguidance

The European network of centres supports the internationalisation of career guidance in Europe. [www.euroguidance.at](http://www.euroguidance.at)

### Europass

A portfolio of five documents assists European citizens in making sure that their skills and qualifications are clearly understood throughout Europe. [www.europass.at](http://www.europass.at)

### grants.at

This extensive database offers an overview of grants and research funding around the world. [www.grants.at](http://www.grants.at)

### Higher education marketing

The OeAD provides information about available courses and study locations in Austria and represents all Austrian higher education institutions at international education trade fairs. The aim is to emphasise and increase the attractiveness and international presence of Austria as a higher education and research destination. [www.studyinaustria.at](http://www.studyinaustria.at)

### International Testing Services

The OeAD maintains a certified test centre for internationally recognised university examinations and professional exams. Language certificates (TOEFL®, PTE-A®), entry examinations (including GMAT®, LSAT®, GED®) and evidence of professional skills can be acquired. The OeAD test centre offers pre-examination and follow-up services in addition to hosting the actual examinations. [www.testing.oead.at](http://www.testing.oead.at)

### NCP – Coordination Point for the National Qualifications Framework

Being the central contact point for all matters related to the National Qualifications Framework, one of the main tasks of the National Coordination Point (NCP) is the mapping of qualifications to NQF levels and publishing these qualifications on [www.qualifikationsregister.at](http://www.qualifikationsregister.at). Furthermore, the NCP promotes an orientation towards learning outcomes, the visibility of competences acquired non-formally and informally, and supports the Austrian lifelong learning strategy. [www.qualifikationsregister.at](http://www.qualifikationsregister.at)

### OeAD Cooperation Offices

The OeAD Cooperation Offices in Lviv (Ukraine) and Shanghai (China) foster cooperation

with Eastern European and Chinese institutions in the fields of science, education, and culture. The OeAD also maintains an info point in Baku (Azerbaijan). [www.oead.at/lemborg](http://www.oead.at/lemborg); [www.oead.at/shanghai](http://www.oead.at/shanghai)

### OeAD-Housing Office

The OeAD-Housing Office offers accommodation for about 12,000 students and visiting researchers annually in OeAD-Guesthouses and other student accommodation in Vienna, Graz, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Leoben, Linz, and Klagenfurt. [www.housing.oead.at](http://www.housing.oead.at)

### OeAD Regional Offices & Erasmus Offices

The OeAD Regional Offices in Graz, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Leoben, Linz, Salzburg, and Vienna offer services for scholarship holders, administer projects financially, and provide general information for students and academics. Additionally, they assist Erasmus+ students during their stay abroad.

### Science and schools cooperation

Sparkling Science supports projects where pupils collaborate side by side with scientists in innovative research projects. Young Science informs and assists in the cooperation of science and school and supports with projects like the Young Science

Ambassadors or the Young Science topic platform for prescientific work and diploma projects. [www.sparklingscience.at](http://www.sparklingscience.at); [www.youngscience.at](http://www.youngscience.at)

### Science and society

As an information and service centre for researchers, citizens and experts from different areas of society the centre offers information, guidance and networking on Citizen Science, Open Innovation and Responsible Science. [www.centerforcitizenscience.at](http://www.centerforcitizenscience.at)

### University preparation programmes

The OeAD offers pre-university courses for international students who have been admitted to study at an Austrian university but are required to take supplementary examinations before beginning their studies. [www.vorstudienlehrgang.at](http://www.vorstudienlehrgang.at)

### Studienwahl.at

This database contains all study programmes offered by higher education institutions in Austria, with various programmes and lectures taught in English.

**WWW.**

**oead.at**  
**appear.at**  
**arqa-vet.at**  
**bildung.erasmusplus.at**  
**centerforcitizenscience.at**  
**euraxess.at**  
**grants.at**  
**housing.oead.at**  
**kef-research.at**  
**qualifikationsregister.at**  
**studyinaustria.at**  
**testing.oead.at**

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