

A man with curly hair and glasses, wearing a bright yellow t-shirt and blue jeans, is captured in mid-air, jumping over a white staircase painted on a blue, textured wall. He has a joyful expression, with his arms outstretched and a wide smile. The background wall is a vibrant blue with some peeling paint, suggesting an urban or artistic setting.

# AUSTRIA'S AGENCY FOR EDUCATION AND INTERNATIONALISATION

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and Research



### Head office in Vienna

**6 OeAD locations:** in Bregenz, Graz, Innsbruck, Linz, Salzburg and Vienna

~370 employees in Austria and abroad

The Foundation for Innovation in Education is a separate legal entity. The Foundation's head office is assigned to the OeAD.

The subsidiary OeAD-WohnraumverwaltungsGmbH is owned 100% by the OeAD. It employs roughly 65 members of staff.

### Focus: Educational cooperation

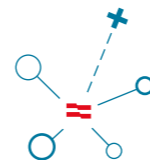
Regional cooperation offices in Tirana (responsible for Albania, Kosovo and North Macedonia) and Sarajevo (responsible for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and Montenegro) as well as cooperation offices in Chişinău and Odesa/Uzhhorod, headed by Austrian educational coordinators who have been directly seconded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF).

### Focus: Scientific cooperation

OeAD cooperation offices in Lviv (Ukraine) and Shanghai (China)



OeAD locations accommodation for international and national students



### Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation

The OeAD is a non-profit limited liability company (GmbH) of the Republic of Austria. Our activities are funded by the Republic of Austria, in particular by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF), the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF), the Austrian Federal Ministry of Arts, Culture, Civil Service and Sport (BMKOES), the Austrian Federal Chancellery, the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and the European Commission.

### Our mission

The OeAD advises, supports and connects people and institutions in education, science, research and culture with our future-orientated programmes.

As an agency of the Republic of Austria the OeAD contributes to inclusive, equal and high-quality education.

The OeAD's fields of activity are in Austria, Europe and internationally in priority countries.

The OeAD is the interface to educational offers for everyone: kindergartens, schools, higher education and science, vocational education and training as well as adult education, youth and sport.

## THE OeAD



Strategic framework  
2021 to 2026:  
[www.oead.at/strategie](http://www.oead.at/strategie)





EXPERIENCE.  
EDUCATION.  
FUTURE.

**Our goals**

- + Developing personal skills for life in a digitised and globalised world
- + Strengthening Austria and its visibility as an attractive and internationally orientated country for science and research in a global knowledge society
- + Strengthening the (innovation) competence of education systems and institutions

Skills for the digital age: problem-solving skills, critical thinking and collaboration and creativity.

We help people to continuously develop the skills they need to lead a self-determined life in our digitised and globalised world and to work together – across borders – in science and education.

Our offers enhance the innovation competence of institutions in education and science and thus support their capacity development.

As a service-oriented organisation we offer transparent validation procedures, plausible funding management and quality development.

EXPERIENCES  
FOR LIFE!

**We will support you.**



# OUR TASKS

correspond to the strategic objectives of the Austrian Federal Government.



## Our activities

- + **Implementing** national and international funding programmes
- + **Strengthening** the connections between education, science, research and society
- + **Contributing** expertise to the shaping of the education sector

## Implementation in three strategic fields of action

- + Promoting internationalisation of science and research, formal, non-formal and informal education
- + Strengthening the interface between education, science and society
- + Increasing quality and transparency in education



# OeAD IN FIGURES

per year approximately

**137** million euros  
OeAD budget (2023)

University Preparation Programmes:  
**~2,800** students per year  
in Vienna and Graz

**~370** OeAD employees  
in Austria and abroad

**7,600**  
enquiries about studies, scholarships,  
co-operation and the law relating to aliens

Focus on educational cooperation with  
Eastern and South-Eastern Europe  
**~ 20** projects per year  
with **> 500** educational institutions

**2,200**  
incoming scholarships

incl.  
**620** incomings  
from 15 countries with CEEPUS

**> 1,100** incoming scholarships  
from **> 50** countries in the Ernst Mach  
Programme

Erasmus+ and ESC:  
**31,000**  
funded stays abroad  
**> 100** countries  
worldwide (2023)

**152,000** pupils  
in **3,000** cultural education projects

**~ 110** lecturers  
in **> 90** locations worldwide

Digital learning device initiative:  
**> 1,560** schools  
with **315,000** pupils

Africa-UniNet: **~ 80** projects  
from 100 scientific thematic  
areas (2024)

**1,800** tests  
OeAD International Testing Services

**450** researchers  
visiting schools as  
science ambassadors

Teaching staff:  
**~ 15,000** people  
reached with ERINNERN:AT

Participation in **18**  
international higher  
education fairs  
(average per year)

**~ 50,000** pupils  
in **~2,500** workshops  
Prevention of extremism (2023)

Sparkling Science 2.0: **~ 43,000**  
pupils and **~ 31,000** other citizen scientists  
reached (project start in the autumn of 2022)

Erasmus Back to School:  
**18,000** pupils reached (since 2010)



Many more figures:  
[www.oead.at/factsandfigures](http://www.oead.at/factsandfigures)



## THE KEY TO KNOWLEDGE and exchange of experience

Internationalisation and the support of transnational cooperation and mobility associated with it are valuable keys in education, science and research.

- + EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION WITH EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE IN PRE-TERTIARY EDUCATION
- + ERASMUS+
- + EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS (ESC)
- + INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES SUCH AS APPEAR, CEEPUS AND ERNST MACH
- + LECTURESHIP PROGRAMME
- + LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE
- + SUPPORT FOR THE EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA (BOLOGNA PROCESS)

### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL:

- + KINDERGARTENS, SCHOOLS, APPRENTICESHIPS
  - + TEACHING STAFF
- + PEOPLE IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING
  - + STUDENTS AND GRADUATES
- + HIGHER EDUCATION STAFF AND LECTURERS
- + PEOPLE IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION
- + TEACHERS AND PEOPLE IN ADULT EDUCATION
  - + RESEARCHERS
  - + YOUNG PEOPLE
- + YOUTH ORGANISATIONS
  - + SPORTS



### Internationalisation – the best investment for the future

Stays abroad contribute to the development of personal skills. They strengthen the innovative capacity of institutions and entire education systems. Engaging with others leads to greater understanding of different positions and to an appreciative approach to diversity. This contributes to an open society.

### Success through cooperation

Transnational cooperation supports institutional capacity development: High-quality education, science and research need an international orientation in order to work on the basis of more than just national knowledge. International exchange of knowledge and expertise strengthen Austria as a place for education, science and research.

- + GAINING EXPERIENCE DURING STAYS ABROAD + STRENGTHENING EDUCATIONAL CAREERS + CONTRIBUTING TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT + INVITING EXCELLENT PHD STUDENTS TO AUSTRIA + ACQUIRING INTERNATIONAL SKILLS + LEARNING AND TEACHING GERMAN + DISCOVERING NEW PERSPECTIVES + DIVERSITY, CULTURE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS + INITIATING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION + STUDYING IN AUSTRIA + CULTIVATING INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS + STRENGTHENING SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS + DEVELOPING EUROPE + FACILITATING KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE + ERASMUS+ FRIENDSHIPS FOR LIFE + DEVELOPING NEW PERSPECTIVES + PROMOTING MULTILINGUALISM + PROMOTING YOUTH ENCOUNTERS + STRENGTHENING SOLIDARITY FOR EUROPE + SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERING + LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

# SHAPING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

- + DIGITAL LEARNING
- + ERASMUS+
- + EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS (ESC)
- + ERINNERN:AT
- + PREVENTION OF EXTREMISM
- + DIGITAL SKILLS OFFICE
- + FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION IN EDUCATION
- + CULTURAL EDUCATION WITH SCHOOLS
- + PUBLIC SCIENCE
- + SPARKLING SCIENCE 2.0
- + SCIENCE EDUCATION



## From theory into the exciting world of research and creativity

Various funding schemes support (vocational) schools and kindergartens in encouraging children and young people to conduct their own research, become artistically active and skilled in the use of new digital tools.

## Arousing curiosity and a willingness to innovate

Children and young people will gain insights into different living and working environments. They will try out new things and thus develop and strengthen their individual skills.

## At the interface between education, society, art, culture and science – beyond the regular school system

Education is the capital for the future: with customised offers and a high level of expertise we are committed to supporting the shaping of the education sector.

## Transnational cooperation

Transnational teaching and learning visits promote cooperation between people and institutions.

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- + HIGHER EDUCATION STAFF AND LECTURERS
- + PEOPLE IN EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION
- + EDUCATION AND CAREER COUNSELLORS
  - + RESEARCHERS
  - + YOUNG PEOPLE
- + YOUTH ORGANISATIONS
  - + ARTISTS
- + CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS
- + INSTITUTIONS IN THE SPORTS SECTOR
  - + CITIZEN SCIENTISTS

## QUALITY AND TRANSPARENCY THAT CONVINCE

The aim is to further implement quality assurance and quality development tools in the Austrian education landscape.

### **Raising the level of education**

Reliability and quality form the framework that enables innovation.

### **Recognition and comparability of educational qualifications in Austria and Europe**

The basis for sustainable knowledge transfer is the expansion of quality and transparency.

### **Continuous further development**

The focus is on continuous development and assurance of the quality of Austrian educational offers and quality management tools.

+ ENIC-NARIC AUSTRIA  
(AS OF MID-2024)

+ EUROPASS

+ DIGITAL SKILLS OFFICE

+ INTERNATIONAL TESTING SERVICES

+ COORDINATION POINT FOR THE  
NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

+ REFERENCE POINT FOR QUALITY  
ASSURANCE IN GENERAL AND  
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING





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