

# Internationalisation

Key to knowledge and development

EDUCATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH

+ Acquiring skills

> + Research for development

- + Learning and teaching the German language
- Acquiring new professional + Making friends knowledge
- + Supporting cooperation worldwide
- + Enabling valuable experience during stays abroad

+ Strengthening the ability to innovate

+ Practice-oriented training

multilingualism

Getting to know diversity and culture

**Further developing Europe** 

Studying in Austria

> + Enhancing foreign language skills

> > Discovering

new perspectives

Bringing excellent doctoral candidates to Austria

+ Initiating international cooperation

+ Maintaining international networks

Boosting educational careers

> + Expanding perspectives

+ Developing new perspectives

> + International exchange of knowledge and expertise

+ Promoting youth encounters



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

The OeAD operates in Austria, Europe and internationally in priority countries. With our future-oriented programmes we advise, support and connect people and institutions in education, science, research and culture.

The OeAD supports internationalisation in Austria through the implementation of programmes such as Erasmus+ and CEEPUS. It acts as an interface to educational offers for everyone: kindergarten, school, university and science, vocational training as well as adult education.

The OeAD has a wide network of contacts within the EU and in the geographical focus regions of the Western Balkans, the EU's neighbouring countries in the east, China and Africa. We advise stakeholders in the fields of education, higher education and development policy and provide support in the context of development cooperation and science diplomacy.

- + International positioning of Austria in education, science and research
- + Experience in supporting academic mobility and initiating international scientific cooperation
- + Expertise in promoting learning from one another between education systems
- + Knowledge of policies in education and higher education in the respective countries
- + Promotion of a contemporary image of Austria
- + Efficient networking with relevant stakeholders in education



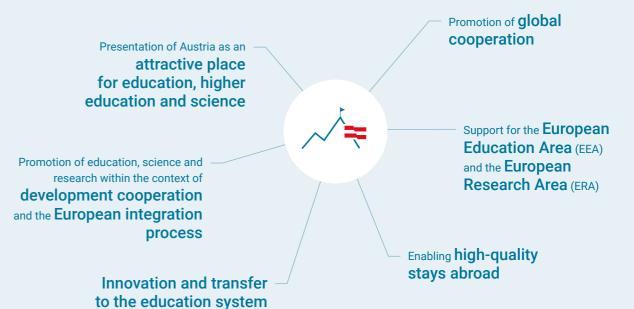
The OeAD coordinates and administers regional higher education networks such as ASEA-UNINET, Eurasia-Pacific Uninet and Africa-UniNet, promotes German as a foreign language, commits itself to conveying a contemporary image of Austria abroad and implements sustainable cooperation projects in the field of education.

# Supporting the implementation of strategies such as

- + National higher education mobility and internationalisation strategy
- + European Education Area
- + European Higher Education Area
- + Action plan for digital education
- + National strategy for research, technology and innovation
- + Austrian foreign trade strategy
- + Development cooperation strategy for the Western Balkans and relevant country strategies

#### Particular priorities include:

- + EU and neighbouring countries/ countries of the Western Balkans, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Republic of Moldova
- + South Caucasus part of the EU's eastern partnership
- + Africa EU focus
- + China and Southeast Asia



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# INCOMING- UND OUTGOING-PROGRAMMES and OTHER INITIATIVES



The bilateral funding programmes "Aktionen" support cooperation and transnational mobility. The focus is on the promotion of young scientists. www.oead.at/aktionen

#### **APPEAR**

APPEAR is a programme of the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC). It is implemented by the OeAD. The programme promotes academic partnerships and associated master's and PhD scholarships.

www.appear.at

Austrian Development Cooperation

#### Consultation

Information about entry to and residence in Austria www.oead.at/einreise

#### **CEEPUS**

CEEPUS (Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies) supports the exchange of students and lecturers with Central and Eastern European countries for academic development.

www.oead.at/ceepus

#### grants.at database

grants.at is Austria's largest online database containing information on funding measures for study and research stays for outgoings and incomings (students, graduates & researchers).

www.grants.at

#### eTwinning

eTwinning is the community for schools in Europe. It offers schools in Europe and selected partner regions a platform to communicate, cooperate, develop projects, exchange ideas and be part of the European learning community.

www.etwinning.net

#### Erasmus+

Erasmus+ supports the internationalisation and modernisation of education as well as increased academic cooperation by means of mobility and cooperation projects within Europe and with partner countries worldwide.

OeAD | National Agency for Erasmus+ Austria: www.erasmusplus.at

#### **Ernst Mach Scholarship**

The Ernst Mach Scholarship is an offer to students and lecturers from foreign universities to spend a study or research period in Austria. There are various sub-programmes within this scholarship programme.

www.oead.at/mach

#### **EURAXESS**

Euraxess offers information and advice for mobile researchers and supports them during research stays in Austria. www.euraxess.at

#### Franz Werfel Scholarship

The Franz Werfel Scholarship Programme is a programme of excellence to promote research and teaching in the field of Austrian literature, academic cooperation and the establishment of an international network of dedicated scholars of German specialising in Austrian literature.

www.oead.at/werfel

#### Marietta Blau Scholarship

The Marietta Blau Scholarship supports six- to twelve-month stays abroad for doctoral and PhD students from Austrian universities. It serves to optimise the content of PhD/doctoral theses through relevant research abroad and in particular promotes young scientists.

#### Richard Plaschka Scholarship

Programme for people with aboveaverage qualifications who focus on historical or historiographical topics related to Austria. It is intended for postdoctoral researchers and doctoral or PhD students from higher education systems that do not offer the possibility of gaining a postdoctoral lecture qualification. Plaschka scholarship holders can work as visiting researchers at university departments and carry out studies in libraries, archives or research institutions.

www.oead.at/plaschka

#### Study in Austria

Information about study opportunities and living conditions in Austria www.studyinaustria.at

Moreover, other scholarship and funding programmes support e.g. study and research visits to and from Japan, Taiwan and other countries.

www.oead.at/programme

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# OEAD OFFICES ABROAD

The OeAD has a network of seven cooperation offices in priority regions of the Austrian educational and scientific cooperation.



To support sustainable education reforms in its nine partner countries the OeAD works together with more than **500 educational institutions** in approximately **20 projects** in various areas of education reform every year.

#### **Cooperation offices**

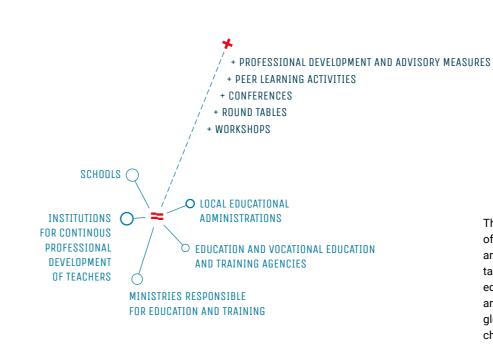
The OeAD has cooperation offices in Chisinau, Odessa, St. Petersburg, Sarajevo (responsible for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia) and Tirana (responsible for Albania, Kosovo, North Macedonia).

The offices are headed by Austrian educational coordinators, who are directly seconded by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF).

www.oead.at/educoop

#### Sustainable projects supporting:

- Implementation of effective quality development
- Introduction of innovative forms of teaching and learning
- Development of practice-oriented and labour market-relevant vocational education and training
- + Enhancing equal opportunities within education systems
- Establishment and support of educational networks
- Increasing Austria's visibility abroad in the field of education
- Networking with relevant national, Austrian and international stakeholders



The OeAD promotes innovative forms of learning from one another within and between education systems for targeted change management. National education systems differ from one another. However, in an increasingly globalised world they face similar challenges.

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# Focus: Scientific cooperation in the university sector

The OeAD Cooperation Offices in Lviv and Shanghai focus on supporting mobility, networking and cooperation in higher education. They cooperate with local institutions in the fields of science, education and culture.

#### Offers and services:

- Providing strategic advice and support in the initiation of institutional cooperation for institutions in the higher education sector
- Advising students, scientists and researchers from abroad who wish to spend a study or research period in Austria
- Promotion of Austria's position in science and research, e.g. at education fairs

www.oead.at/shanghai www.oead.at/lemberg

- + Organisation and support of Austrian educational and scientific delegations
- Support and expansion of alumni networks
- Networking with relevant national, Austrian and international stakeholders

#### Focus: Austria and language

The OeAD promotes teaching of **German** as a foreign language and conveying a contemporary image of Austria abroad. In particular, language is used as a gateway to a globalised world.

### Offers and services:

- Approximately 100 lecturers at higher education institutions in more than 30 countries
- Approximately 200 language assistants at schools in ten countries
- Partner network "Kultur und Sprache" with more than 30 institutions of preand in-service training of teachers of German in 16 countries

- www.oead.at/lektorat www.weltweitunterrichten.at www.oead.at/werfel www.oead.at/plaschka
- of materials for teaching German as a foreign language for German teachers worldwide

Open educational resource platform

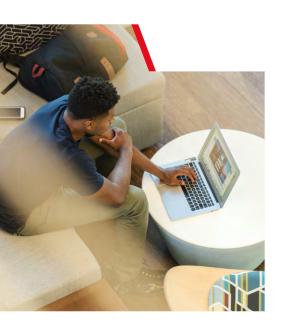
 Promotion of the mobility of researchers in the fields of Austrian literature and history by means of the Franz Werfel Scholarship and the Richard Plaschka Scholarship

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#### **Focus: University Networks**

www.asea-uninet.org www.africa-uninet.at www.eurasiapacific.net

The OeAD carries out different coordinating and administrative activities for these three regional higher education networks: ASEA-UNINET, Eurasia-Pacific Uninet and Africa-UniNet. Funding for project cooperation is provided by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF).



#### ASEAN-European Academic University Network (ASEA-UNINET)

- Network of more than 80 European and Southeast Asian universities in more than 15 countries
- + Founded in 1994
- Objective: Promoting the continuing internationalisation of higher education and research by means of scholarships and projects
- Funding of up to 80 projects with Austrian participation per year as well as numerous scholarships for study and research activities in Austria

## Austrian-African Research Network (Africa-UniNet)

- \* Network of more than 50 institutions from 15 African countries and Austria
- Initiated in 2019 by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF), the OeAD and the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU)
- Objective: creating a stable basis for project cooperation between Austrian and African universities and research institutions

#### **Eurasia-Pacific Uninet Network (EPU)**

- Network with approximately 160 member institutions from 15 different countries of the Asian region
- + Founded in 2000



#### www.oead.at







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