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Austria's Agency for
Education and Internationalisation

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BUDGET

**125.5** million euros (2022)

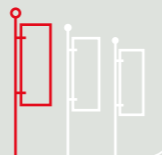
NETWORK

> 350 members of staff
in Austria and abroad**6** cooperation offices abroad

PROCESSING

of more than **7,600**
enquiries about studies and scholarships,
cooperation and the law relating to aliens

PARTICIPATION IN

18 international
higher education fairs
(average per year)

ON AIR

220 "Welt im Ohr"
("World in your Ear")
radio programmesOeAD INTERNATIONAL
TESTING SERVICES**> 1,800**
exams per year

OeAD – Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation

The OeAD's budget in 2022 was **125.5 million euros. More than 350 members of staff** at OeAD offices in Austria and abroad advise, support and connect people and institutions in education, science, research and culture.

Six OeAD cooperation offices in priority regions of Austrian education and science cooperation: in the EU's neighbouring countries to the east (Ukraine, Republic of Moldova), the Western Balkans (regional offices in Tirana and Sarajevo) and in China (Shanghai).

The OeAD processes **more than 7,600 enquiries** per year regarding **studies, scholarships, cooperation and the law relating to aliens**. This makes the OeAD the Austrian competence centre for advising international higher education institutions, academics, researchers and students.

The OeAD represents Austria at around **18 international higher education fairs** every year. The OeAD provides advice on studying and research in Austria as well as on cooperation and scholarship opportunities.

220 "Welt im Ohr" radio programmes: "Welt im Ohr" ("World in your Ear") is the OeAD's radio programme series in co-operation with ORF Ö1 Campus and the **largest German language audio archive on topics of development research and development policy**.

Around 1,800 exams per year: OeAD Testing Services conducts globally recognised entrance examinations and professional examinations for higher education institutions using state-of-the-art biometric methods.

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Erasmus+

Enriching lives, opening minds.

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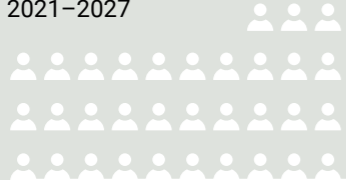
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Austrian
Development
Cooperation

EU programme
ERASMUS+ AND ESC

> 330,000

participants from Austria
2021–2027



> 27,000 Erasmus+ and ESC
participants from Austria in 2022

ERASMUS BACK TO SCHOOL

18,000 pupils reached

> 600 school visits



14,600 submitted projects
worldwide

225 projects submitted
by Austria



CAPACITY BUILDING
IN HIGHER EDUCATION

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS (ESC)

~ 30 projects and

~ 370 stays abroad
per year



National agency for Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps in Austria

As the **national agency for Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps in Austria** the OeAD funds thousands of stays abroad every year. In Erasmus+ and ESC more than 330,000 participants from Austria from youth, higher education, school education, vocational education and training and adult education are expected to spend time abroad with Erasmus+ during the 2021-2027 programme period.

From 2021 to 2027 Austria is expected to receive 683 million euros for Erasmus+ and the ESC from European Union funds.

The projects for the central Erasmus+ “actions” are submitted directly in Brussels. There is worldwide competition. The OeAD supports the institutions with a wide range of counselling services.

In Capacity Building in Higher Education, **Jean Monnet, Erasmus Mundus, European Universities and Knowledge Alliances** more than 14,600 projects were submitted worldwide between 2014 and 2020. Of the 225 projects submitted by Austria as coordinator 35 per cent were approved. The success rate was thus significantly higher than the average (21.9 per cent).

With “**Erasmus Back to School**” Erasmus students have visited their former schools since 2010 to report on their experiences and whet the pupils’ appetite for a stay abroad. So far more than **600 school visits have taken place and 18,000 pupils have been reached**. Now the project has been extended to other areas of education.

DiscoverEU offers young people aged 18 the opportunity to travel around Europe by train for a maximum of one month as individuals or in groups.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND
RESEARCH FUNDING**> 2,200**incoming scholarships per year. Moreover,
there are special programmes, e.g. for Ukraine.

ERNST MACH PROGRAMME

> 1,100 incoming scholarships (2022)
from more than **50** countries

CEEPUS

> 620 incoming students from **15** countries (2022)
> 150 outgoing

UNIVERSITY PREPARATION PROGRAMMES

Vienna: **2,728** students
→ **1,066** students at the University Preparation
Programme of the Vienna Universities
(VWU)
→ **1,662** students at the cooperation partners
Graz: **756** students**> 110** lecturers at more than
90 locations in **31** countries per year

OeAD LECTURESHIP PROGRAMME

FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

> 360 teachers at Austrian schools
in 2022**> 160** teachers abroad**University Preparation Programmes,
scholarships and research grants for students
and researchers from all over the world**

In addition to Erasmus+ the OeAD also offers scholarships and research grants for **students and researchers** from all over the world. **Around 2,200 incoming mobility activities are funded each year.** The most popular scholarships are the Ernst Mach Scholarship, and CEEPUS for Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe, as well as programmes for specific disciplines, such as the Franz Werfel Scholarship. You can systematically search for funding options on **www.grants.at** – the database for scholarships and research funding.

The **OeAD map** (map.oead.at) provides a quick overview of the projects and alumni funded by the OeAD.

Within the framework of the Ernst Mach programme, for example, the OeAD awards more than **1,100 incoming scholarships** each year. Whether it is Argentina, Mexico, Vietnam, Ghana or Ukraine – Ernst Mach scholarship holders have come to Austria **from over 50 countries** worldwide.

CEEPUS supports academic mobility and transnational cooperation in higher education with Central and Eastern Europe by means of study visits, student internships, intensive courses, student excursions and mobility of lecturers. **CEEPUS** supported more than **620 incoming** persons and more than **150 outgoing** persons in 2022.

The OeAD lectureship programme promotes the German language and Austrian culture abroad.

More than **110 lecturers work at more than 90 locations in 30 countries** around the world.

Language assistants are a valuable addition to foreign language teaching. In addition to the language they also bring the country and people into the classroom. More than **360 foreign language assistants** work at more than 500 Austrian schools and more than **160 language assistants** from Austria work abroad.

AFRICA-UNINET



69 higher education institutions and research institutes

43 in Africa and **26** in Austria

17 African countries in the network



> 60 projects from **100** scientific thematic areas in 2022

APPEAR

40 million euros in funding volume over the entire term until 2027



so far more than **150** students from APPEAR countries at Austrian higher education institutions



> 20 APPEAR scholarship holders per year
51 academic partnerships so far



Africa-UniNet and APPEAR

Africa-UniNet enables institutional and personal contacts and cooperation between Austria and African countries. Africa-UniNet was 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).

More than **60 projects** are currently underway, with around **100 scientific subject areas** involved in the respective research. The topics cover many disciplines, ranging from medicine, health, social work and sociology to agriculture and water resource management. All projects share a cooperative and participatory approach and the goal of contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The network currently consists of 69 universities and research institutes: 43 in African countries and 26 in Austria.

APPEAR – the Austrian Development Cooperation's higher education cooperation programme – has supported high-quality cooperation between Austrian higher education institutions and higher education institutions in the Austrian Development Cooperation's priority countries and regions since 2010, including master's and PhD scholarships.

Over the past twelve years APPEAR has funded 51 academic partnerships between Austrian higher education institutions and universities and research institutions in the ADC's priority countries in the South. 27 of the 43 projects that

have already been finalised were carried out in sub-Saharan African countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, Mozambique, Senegal, and Burkina Faso.

APPEAR scholarship holders build bridges between countries and institutions.

CULTURAL AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

152,000

pupils in Austria per year



PARTICIPATION IN CULTURAL EDUCATION PROJECTS

~ 30,000 apprentices from almost 2,400 companies and 158 vocational schools since 1989



YOUNG SCIENCE

more than 430 science ambassadors visit schools on a voluntary basis



CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH UNIVERSITIES

20 children's and youth universities in 2022 ~ 95,000 participants



SPARKLING SCIENCE 2.0

11.5 million euros total budget (1st call for applications) 34 funded projects

~ 74,000 people are expected to be reached



Kultur:Bildung, cultural education with schools, children's and youth universities, Public Science

With the "Kultur:Bildung" (Culture: Education) initiative the OeAD offers the most comprehensive cultural education programme with schools in Austria. Artists from all art disciplines work together with pupils in a stimulating and participatory way on projects within the framework of school lessons.

152,000 pupils in Austria are involved in cultural projects every year through OeAD offers for "cultural education with schools".

Since the start of the project series (1989) on cultural education with apprentices almost 30,000 apprentices from almost 2,400 companies and 158 vocational schools have participated in cultural education projects.

The OeAD funded 20 children's and youth universities with its funding programme "children's and youth universities" in 2022. 14 of which with "Holiday care with a scientific approach" extension modules. Children and teenagers all over Austria were given a low-threshold introduction to the world of science through a broad range of face-to-face and online offers. Around 95,000 children took part in face-to-face, online or hybrid programmes in 2022.

More than 430 science ambassadors visit schools on a voluntary basis with the OeAD's Young Science programme and talk about their fields of research and professional careers. Visits take place on site or virtually at schools all over Austria. This gives pupils the

possibility to ask questions directly to researchers and gain insights into their day-to-day work.

The initiative is part of the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF)'s "Trust in Science and Democracy" strategy to strengthen trust in science and democracy.

The research programme Sparkling Science 2.0 has a total budget of 11.5 million euros. It supports citizen science research projects in all scientific disciplines, in which research and educational institutions and, as far as possible, civil society work together.



PREVENTION OF EXTREMISM

2,500 workshops (2023)
 ~ **50,000** participating pupils
1.38 million euros funding budget

ERINNERN:AT

>730,000 website visits

~ **15,000** people
 from educational practice
 reached at **> 200** educational events



ERINNERN:AT, Prevention of extremism and visits to memorials

The aim of “**extremism prevention at schools**” is to raise awareness of extremism among pupils in Austria and to strengthen their resilience to radicalisation.

The OeAD offers numerous workshops on various topics within the framework of this BMBWF initiative. Topics include conflict resolution, democratic debate culture, participation, radicalisation processes, conspiracy theories, discrimination, values and civil courage.

ERINNERN:AT is the programme for teaching and learning about national socialism and the holocaust. It promotes the transfer of historical and methodological and didactic knowledge as well as reflection on its significance for the present. The OeAD organises discussions with survivors and witnesses of national socialism and the holocaust as well as training programmes and conferences. Teaching materials are also made available.

With the help of grants for **memorial site visits** pupils can take part in guided excursions and learn about the history of the concentration camps and now concentration camp memorials Mauthausen and Gusen as well as their satellite camp memorials Ebensee and Melk. The OeAD provides materials for the preparation of these visits and for follow-up activities.

DIGITAL LEARNING

315,000

participating pupils
from more than **1,560**
Austrian schools



95% of lower secondary level,
76% of special needs schools
already participate

~ 370,000

digital devices delivered to schools

~ 55,000 enquiries
answered



ETWINNING

possibility for schools and kindergartens
from **44** countries to connect and work
together

> 100 virtual eTwinning projects per year

> 250 Austrian teachers in professional
development courses every year



EUROGUIDANCE

> 11,400 learning opportunities

Chart of the Austrian education system
in **22** languages



Digital skills, digital learning, eTwinning and Euroguidance






The **digital learning device initiative** is a central component of the Austrian Federal Government's 8-point plan for digital teaching. 5th form pupils are equipped with digital devices. The initiative creates the pedagogical and technical requirements for IT-supported teaching and gives pupils access to digital education under equal conditions. 95 per cent of Austria's 1,650 lower secondary schools and 315,000 pupils participate.

eTwinning offers schools and kindergartens **in 44 countries** the possibility to connect and collaborate with European partners via the Internet. Moreover, eTwinning offers further education opportunities as well as suggestions and materials for joint project work. Pupils can practise their foreign language skills and try out the use of digital media.

The **Euroguidance** network has national resources and information centres for education and career guidance in over 30 countries in Europe. It promotes the skills development of counsellors. As the Euroguidance Centre Austria the OeAD is the interface between Austrian and European educational and career guidance.

The **OeAD Digital Skills Office** runs digitalisation workshops in all municipalities in Austria. 860 workshops have already taken place.

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at a glance

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