

INTERNATIONALISATION

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Key to knowledge and development

EDUCATION
SCIENCE
RESEARCH

- + Acquiring skills
 - + Advancing digitisation
 - + Research for development
 - + Promoting multilingualism
 - + Maintaining international networks
 - + Enhancing quality
- + Connecting sustainability and mobility
 - + Getting to know diversity and culture
 - + Boosting educational careers
- + Learning and teaching the German language
 - + Further developing Europe
 - + Supporting diversity and inclusion
 - + Expanding perspectives
- + Making friends
 - + Acquiring new professional knowledge
 - + Enhancing foreign language skills
- + Initiating international cooperation
 - + Attracting excellent doctoral students to Austria
 - + Developing new perspectives
- + Practice-orientated training
 - + Strengthening the ability to innovate
 - + International exchange of knowledge and expertise
- + Enabling valuable experience during stays abroad
 - + Discovering new perspectives
 - + Connecting MINT globally
- + Supporting global cooperation
 - + Promoting youth encounters

THE OeAD

Austria's Agency for Education and Internationalisation

As an agency of the Republic of Austria the OeAD contributes to inclusive, equal and high-quality education on behalf of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research.

OeAD staff work in Austria, Europe and internationally in priority countries. They advise, support and connect people and institutions in education, science, research and culture with our future-oriented programmes.

The OeAD supports internationalisation in Austria by implementing programmes such as Erasmus+, the European Solidarity Corps (ESC) and CEEPUS. The OeAD acts as an interface for educational offers for everyone: kindergartens, schools, higher education and science, vocational education and adult education, youth and sport.

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

MORE THAN 60 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

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



GOALS

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

Our activities support strategies such as

- + National Higher Education Mobility and Internationalisation Strategy 2020–2030
- + European Higher Education Area
- + European Research Area
- + Austrian Higher Education Plan 2030
- + National Strategy for Research, Technology and Innovation 2030 (RTI Strategy 2030)
- + Austrian Action Plan for the European Research Area (ERA-NAP) 2022–2025
- + Research, Technology and Innovation Pact 2024–2026
- + European Education Area 2025

- + Development Cooperation Regional Strategy for the Western Balkans and relevant country strategies
- + European Youth Strategy “Engage-Connect-Empower” 2019–2027
- + EU Work Plan for Sport

Particular priorities include

- + EU and the neighbouring countries of the Western Balkans, Ukraine, Republic of Moldova
- + South Caucasus – part of the EU Eastern Partnership
- + Africa – EU focus
- + China and Southeast Asia

Presentation of Austria as an **attractive place for education, higher education and science**

Promotion of education, science and research in the context of **development cooperation** and the **European integration process**

Innovation and transfer to the education system

Promoting **global cooperation**

Support of the **European Education Area, the European Higher Education Area** and the **European Research Area**

Enabling **high-quality stays abroad**



OeAD COOPERATION OFFICES ABROAD

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



CHIȘINĂU
 ODESA/UZHGOROD
 SARAJEVO
 TIRANA

Focus on educational cooperation with Eastern and South-Eastern Europe in pre-university education

www.oead.at/educoop

To support sustainable education reforms in our partner countries the OeAD works together with more than **500 educational institutions** in around **20 projects** per year in various areas of educational reform.

Cooperation offices

The OeAD has cooperation offices for pre-university education in Chișinău, Odesa/Uzhhorod, 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 Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF).

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 in 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 on site



The OeAD promotes innovative forms of learning from one another within and across education systems for systematic change management. National education systems differ from one another. In an increasingly globalised world, however, they face similar challenges.



Focus on scientific cooperation in higher education

The OeAD cooperation offices in **Lviv** and **Shanghai** focus on supporting mobility, networking and cooperation in higher education. They cooperate with local institutions in science, education and culture.

What they do:

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

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

www.oead.at/shanghai
www.oead.at/lemburg

INCOMING AND OUTGOING PROGRAMMES AND OTHER INITIATIVES

“Aktionen” Slovakia, Czech Republic, Hungary

The bilateral funding programmes “Aktionen” support cooperation and transnational mobility. The focus is on supporting young researchers.
www.oead.at/aktionen

APPEAR

The Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC)’s programme is implemented by the OeAD. It facilitates academic partnerships and associated master’s and PhD scholarships.
www.appear.at

CEEPUS

CEEPUS (Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies) supports student and lecturer exchanges with Central and Eastern European countries to promote academic development.
www.oead.at/ceepus

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+ and ESC

Erasmus+ supports internationalisation and modernisation in education as well as increased academic cooperation through mobility and cooperation projects within Europe and worldwide. The European Solidarity Corps (ESC) offers young people aged 18 to 30 the opportunity to get involved in charitable projects in their own countries or abroad.

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

Erhard Busek Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to give highly qualified students from non-European developing countries the opportunity to complete a master’s degree programme in Austria. Funding is provided in particular for STEM programmes and degree programmes taught English.
www.oead.at/busek

Ernst Mach Scholarship

The Ernst Mach Scholarship is an offer to students and lecturers from universities in other countries to complete a study or research period in Austria. There are various sub-programmes within this scholarship programme.
www.oead.at/mach

EURAXESS

Euraxess Austria offers information and counselling for researchers and supports them in career planning and research stays in Austria.
www.euraxess.at

European Higher Education Area

The OeAD supports the implementation of the European Higher Education Area by means of a national team of experts, counselling, events and workshops.
www.oead.at/bologna

Franz Werfel Scholarship

The Franz Werfel Scholarship Programme is a programme of excellence to promote research and teaching in the field of Austrian literature, scientific cooperation and the development of an international network of committed scholars of German.
www.oead.at/werfel

Marietta Blau Scholarship

The Marietta Blau Scholarship supports six- to twelve-month stays abroad for doctoral and PhD students at Austrian universities. It serves to optimise the content of doctoral theses through relevant research work abroad and in particular supports young academics.
www.oead.at/marietta-blau

Austria Centres

There are now nine Austria Centres the aim of which is to support research and knowledge about Austria and Central Europe. In cooperation with Austrian universities and other scientific or cultural institutions they promote scientific cooperation between the respective country and Austria.
www.oead.at/oesterreichzentren

Scientific & Technological Cooperation (S&T Cooperation)

S&T Cooperation supports Austrian higher education and research institutions in their collaboration with specific partner countries. Funding is provided for bilateral projects in basic research, e.g. with Korea, Montenegro, Bulgaria and Albania.
www.oead.at/wtz

Moreover, there are other scholarship and funding programmes that support e.g. studies and research stays worldwide.
www.oead.at/programme

COUNSELLING AND SERVICES



Counselling

Information about entry and residence in Austria
www.oead.at/en/to-austria/entry-and-residence

Database grants.at

grants.at is Austria's largest online database with information about funding programmes for study and research stays for outgoings and incomings (students, graduates and researchers).
www.grants.at/en

Internationalisation measures

The online platform hmis2030.at presents the Austrian internationalisation and mobility support papers. It offers higher education institutions the opportunity to illustrate concrete initiatives.
www.hmis2030.at/en

OeAD Map

OeAD-funded projects and alumni at a glance
map.oead.at

Study in Austria

Information about study options and living conditions in Austria, networking of higher education institutions worldwide, cooperation activities
<https://studyinaustria.at/en>

Surveys and thematic papers

The OeAD publishes activity reports, short reports and policy briefs on a regular basis.
www.oead.at/en/the-oead/publications

University Preparation Programmes

Preparation of international students who have been admitted to study at an Austrian university for supplementary examinations in Vienna and Graz.
www.vorstudienlehrgang.at/en



www.oead.at/en/the-oead/publications



FOCUS AUSTRIA and LANGUAGES

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

What is done:

- + Around 110 lecturers at more than 90 locations worldwide
- + More than 160 language assistants at schools in nine countries
- + Partner network "Kultur und Sprache" with more than 30 institutions of pre- and in-service training of German teachers in 16 countries
- + Open Educational Resources Platform of materials for teaching German as a foreign language for German teachers worldwide
- + Promoting mobility of researchers in the field of Austrian literature through the Franz Werfel Scholarship

www.oead.at/lektorat
www.weltweitunterrichten.at
www.oead.at/kulturundsprache
www.oead.at/werfel

MINT FOCUS

The OeAD helps to make teaching subjects and study subjects in mathematics, computer sciences, natural sciences and technology more attractive and more international. The measures aim to motivate students and teachers to study or teach abroad. They also offer higher education institutions a platform for discussion.

What is done:

- + Promoting the visibility of the degree programmes at (inter)national exchange formats
- + Development of fields of action within the framework of innovation workshops

FOCUS UNINET

The OeAD carries out various coordinating and administrative activities in these three regional university networks: ASEA-UNINET, EurasiaPacific Uninet (EPU) and Africa UniNet. Funding for project cooperations is provided by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF).



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

ASEAN-European Academic University Network (ASEA-UNINET)

- + Network of more than 90 European and Southeast Asian universities in 16 countries
- + Founded in 1994
- + Objective: promoting the continuous internationalisation of education and research by means of scholarships and projects
- + Funding of up to 80 research and teaching projects per year with Austrian participation as well as numerous scholarships for study and research activities in Austria

Austrian-African Research Network (Africa-UniNet)

- + Network of more than 69 institutions, 43 of which in 17 African countries and 26 in Austria.
- + Initiated in 2019 by the BMBWF, the OeAD and the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU)
- + Objective: providing 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 countries of the Asian region
- + Founded in 2000
- + Objective: connecting higher education and research institutions in the partner countries




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