



Connecting Israel & Austria with Erasmus+



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The European Dimension of Internationalisation

Erasmus+ | Quick Facts

- Established in 1987 with 11 European countries participating
- Financed by European Community funds
in some countries supported by national co-funding
- Austria: strong commitment on political level to enhance HE cooperation & (credit) mobility of staff and students
- Part of the EU Programme for Lifelong Learning 2007 – 2013
- Extended to **Erasmus+** since 2014
- 2013: more than 4,000 HEI in 33 countries
→ 70 participating universities in Austria



Erasmus+ aims at

- ... supporting **internationalisation** and **modernisation** of higher education
- ... promoting **mobility** among students and HE staff in order to enhance the professional & institutional profiles
- ... enhancing **quality** & attractiveness of Higher Education
- ... opening cooperation initiatives to the world → partner countries

Integrated programme approach

- Three key actions: **mobility – cooperation – policy support**

Participating countries

- **Programme Countries (33):** 28 EU member states + NO, IS, LI, MK, TR
- **Partner Countries:** rest of the world –
priorities on Neighbourhood (→ ENI South including **Israel**)

Austria at a Glance

Facts & Figures

Austria at a glance

- Area: 83 879 km²
- Population: 8.7 million, > 90% Austrians
- Republic with 9 federal provinces, 8 neighbouring countries
- Capital: Vienna (Wien), 1.8 million inhabitants
- Languages: German (88 %) + migrant and regional languages, recognised minorities
- Religion: mainly Catholic, Lutheran share; Islamic, Jewish & other minorities
- **350,000** higher education students
21.5% foreign students (90% from Europe)
- 3 main types of HEI, almost entirely public



Compulsory schooling of 9 years

Public schools are financed by the government

- Free of charge for pupils

Higher Education Sector

- 22 public universities – 80% of the student share
- 21 universities of applied sciences (UAS) [*Fachhochschulen*]
- 14 university colleges of teacher education [*Pädagogische Hochschulen*]
- 12 private universities

Language of Instruction

- Generally **German**, increasing number of full degree studies in **English** language (most of them at UAS)

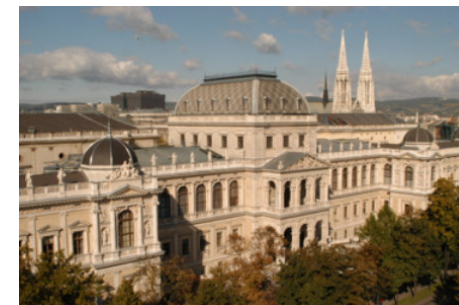
Higher Education in Austria

Public Universities

Public Higher Education Institutions

Long tradition of Higher Education

The first university has been founded in **1365** (University of Vienna)



Universities

- Comprehensive institutions with a wide variety of disciplines
- Specialised universities for arts, medicine, technical and business studies, mining, agricultural sciences
- Free access to most of the university studies (though some have limited access or entrance exams)
- Academic degrees: Bachelor, Master, PhD
some 'old' degree programmes (diploma and doctoral studies) exist
- ~ 79 % of the student share

Higher Education in Austria

Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen)

Public Higher Education Institutions

Universities of Applied Sciences

- young but highly dynamic sector
- profession-oriented higher education
- many curricula include mandatory practical training or internships
- limited number of students → entrance procedures
- part-time programmes designed for working students
- academic degrees: Bachelor & Master – graduates of UAS Master's programmes may enrol in doctoral programmes at universities
- comparably high number of English course offers
- ~ 13 % of the student share



Higher Education in Austria

Universities Colleges of Teacher Education

Public Higher Education Institutions

University Colleges of Teacher Education

(including church-run institutions with public status)

- three- / four-year Bachelor of Education (BEd) combined with a teaching qualification for primary or secondary schools
- study programme: courses in educational science, studies for the respective teaching qualification and practical school experience
- ~ 6 % of the student share



Private Higher Education Institutions

A number of small institutions (2 % of the student share)

Higher Education in Austria

Institutions of higher education

Higher Education Institutions

- 34 Universities (22 public & 12 private)
- 21 Universities of Applied Sciences
- 14 University Colleges of Teacher Education



- 380,000 students (> 20% from abroad)

Degree Mobility

- No specific trends in outbound degree mobility
- Inbound degree mobility: high percentage of foreign students
 - Overall percentage 2015/16: 24.2%
 - Universities 24 %, Universities of the Arts > 50 %
 - No tuition fees at public institutions (some exceptions)

Credit Mobility

- High motivation of students and staff towards mobility
- Strong political and institutional commitments
- Several nationally funded programmes
- Largest scheme by far **ERASMUS+**

International Credit Mobility (ICM)

- **Israel** is part of the ENI South financial window
- **Budget** comparably high
 - AT budget in total 2016: **2 890 860** EUR (= ca. 12 250 000 NIS)
 - AT budget ENI South 2016: 19.7 % → **568 170** EUR (= ca. 2 400 000 NIS)
- **Projects** with Israel granted
 - 5 in 2015 (69 mobility flows, 21 AT → IL, 48 IL → AT)
 - 3 in 2016* (54 mobility flows, 17 AT → IL, 37 IL → AT)

* first round only



Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

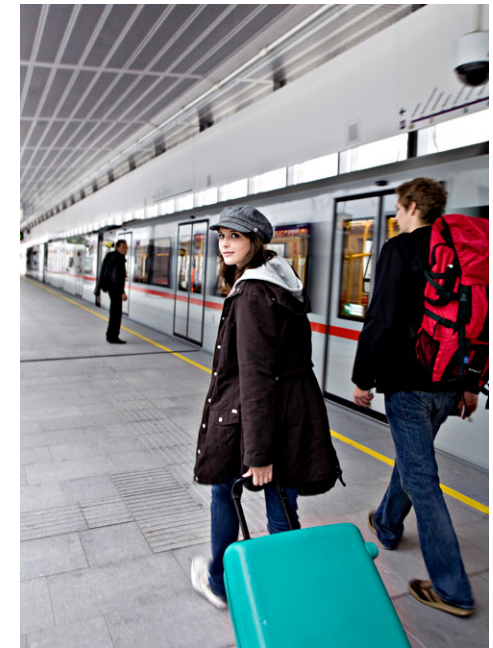
- Longstanding and intensive tradition of academic cooperation
- Smooth transition from TEMPUS to **Erasmus+ CBHE**
- Successful projects will be presented

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- We act as **National Agency for the EU programme Erasmus+ Education**
- We administer **grants / scholarship** programmes and support recipients of grants
- We provide **information** and **advice** for students and researchers
- We **promote** Austria worldwide as an attractive location for education and research



- **Erasmus+ Education for all fields** – www.bildung.erasmusplus.at
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 - Vocational Education & Training (VET)
 - Adult Education (AE)
 - Higher Education (HE) incl. international dimension agenda
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 - **National Europass Centre** – www.europass.at
 - **Euroguidance Centre Austria** – www.euroguidance.at
 - **National Qualifications Framework**
- **Activities (*inter alia*)**
 - Liaison with **European Commission**, national **authorities**, institutions and stakeholders
 - Project counselling, administration and reporting
 - Conferences, seminars, workshops, communication

Information & Service Scholarship Database (OeAD)

→ www.grants.at

provides information about available grants and scholarships in German and English

→ **Folders & Flyers**

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- **Guide Study in Austria:** brief Guide for International students with all Study Programmes
- **Brochure HEI:** Higher Education Institutions in Austria



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