



Higher Education in Austria and Erasmus+ for Internationalisation



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Austria at a glance

- Area: 83 879 km²
- Population: 8.7 million, > 90% are 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, some Lutherans Islamic, Orthodox, Jewish & other minorities
- **380,000** higher education students
25 % foreign students (90% from Europe)
- 3 main types of HEI, almost entirely public



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The Austrian Education System



Compulsory schooling of 9 years

Public schools are financed by the government

- Free of charge for pupils

Higher Education Sector

- 22 public universities – 77 % of the student share
- 21 universities of applied sciences/UAS [*Fachhochschulen*] – 15 % student share
- 14 university colleges of teacher education [*Pädagogische Hochschulen*] – 6 % share
- 14 private universities – 2 % of the student share

Language of Instruction

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

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 and music, 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
- ~ 77 % of the student share

Public Higher Education Institutions / Public-Private Partnership

Universities of Applied Sciences

- young and highly dynamic sector
- profession-oriented higher education programmes
- many curricula include mandatory practical training or internships
- limited number of places → entrance procedures in place
- 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
- ~ 15 % of the student share



Public Higher Education Institutions & HEI with public status

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 & secondary schools; Master Programmes in collaboration with universities
- study programme: courses in educational science, studies for the respective teaching qualification and practical school experience
- ~ 6 % of the student share

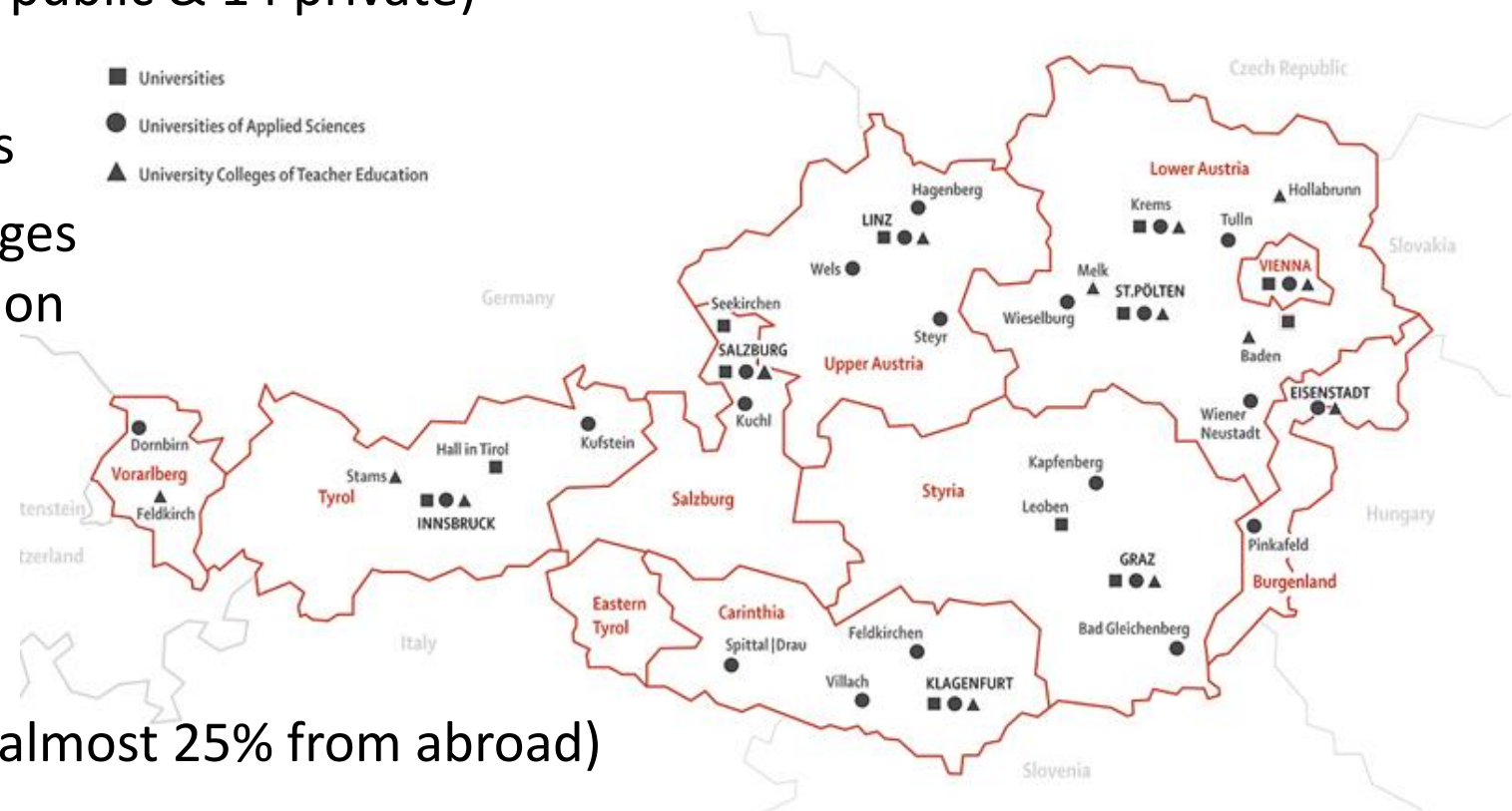
Private Higher Education Institutions

Private Universities

Accredited private institutions with a variety of study fields (2 % student share)

Higher Education Institutions

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



- 380,000 students (almost 25% 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 for Austrians and EU citizens (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+**

Quick Facts

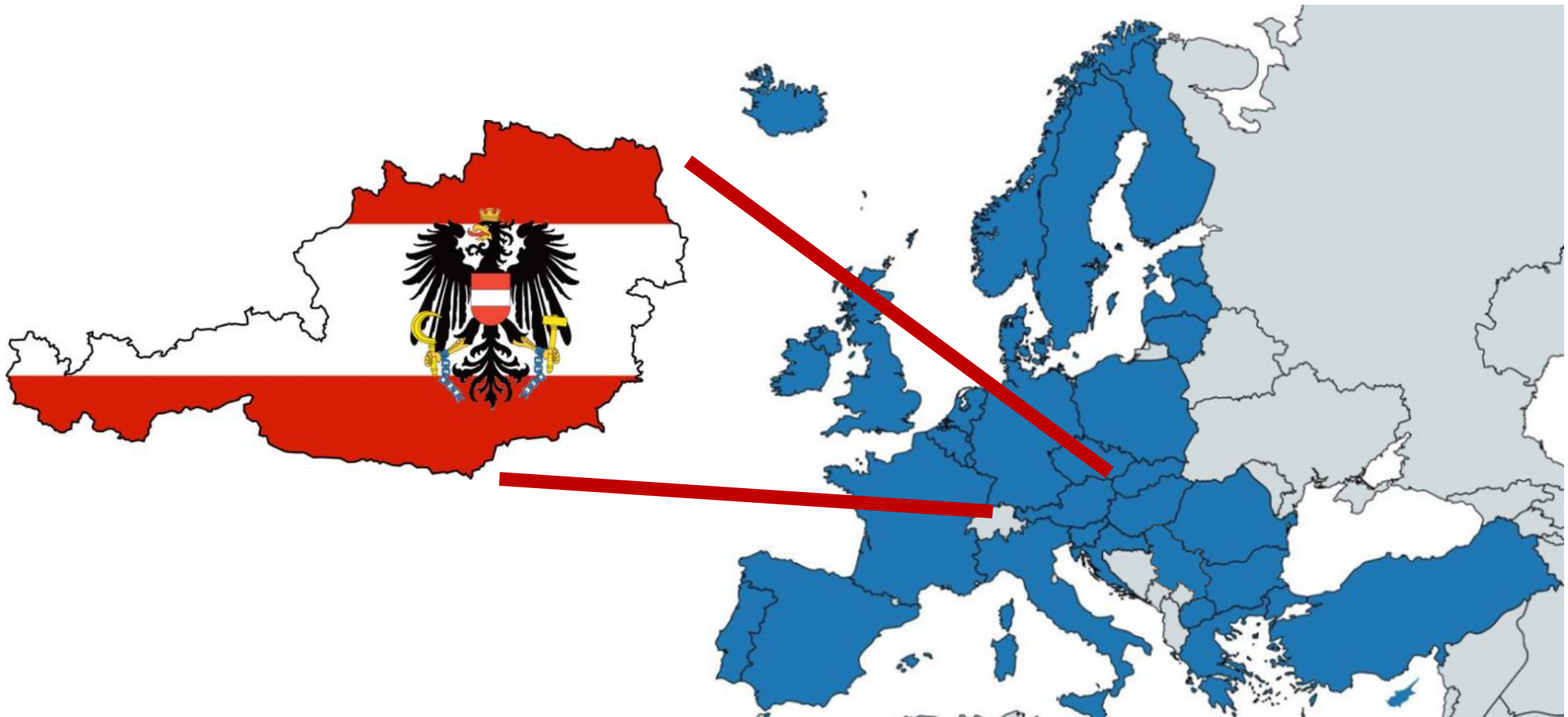
- Established in 1987 (11 countries) → extended to **Erasmus+** in 2014
- Financed by European Union funds | national co-funding in some countries
- Austria: high governmental commitment towards enhancing HE cooperation including mobility of staff and students as well as international projects
- > **4,000** HEI in 34 programme countries | > 75 participating HEI in Austria

Erasmus+ in Higher Education aims at

- Supporting **internationalisation, modernisation, quality & attractiveness** of Higher Education in Europe and worldwide
- Promoting **mobility** among students and HE staff in order to enhance the professional & institutional profiles
- Opening **global academic cooperation** → partner countries

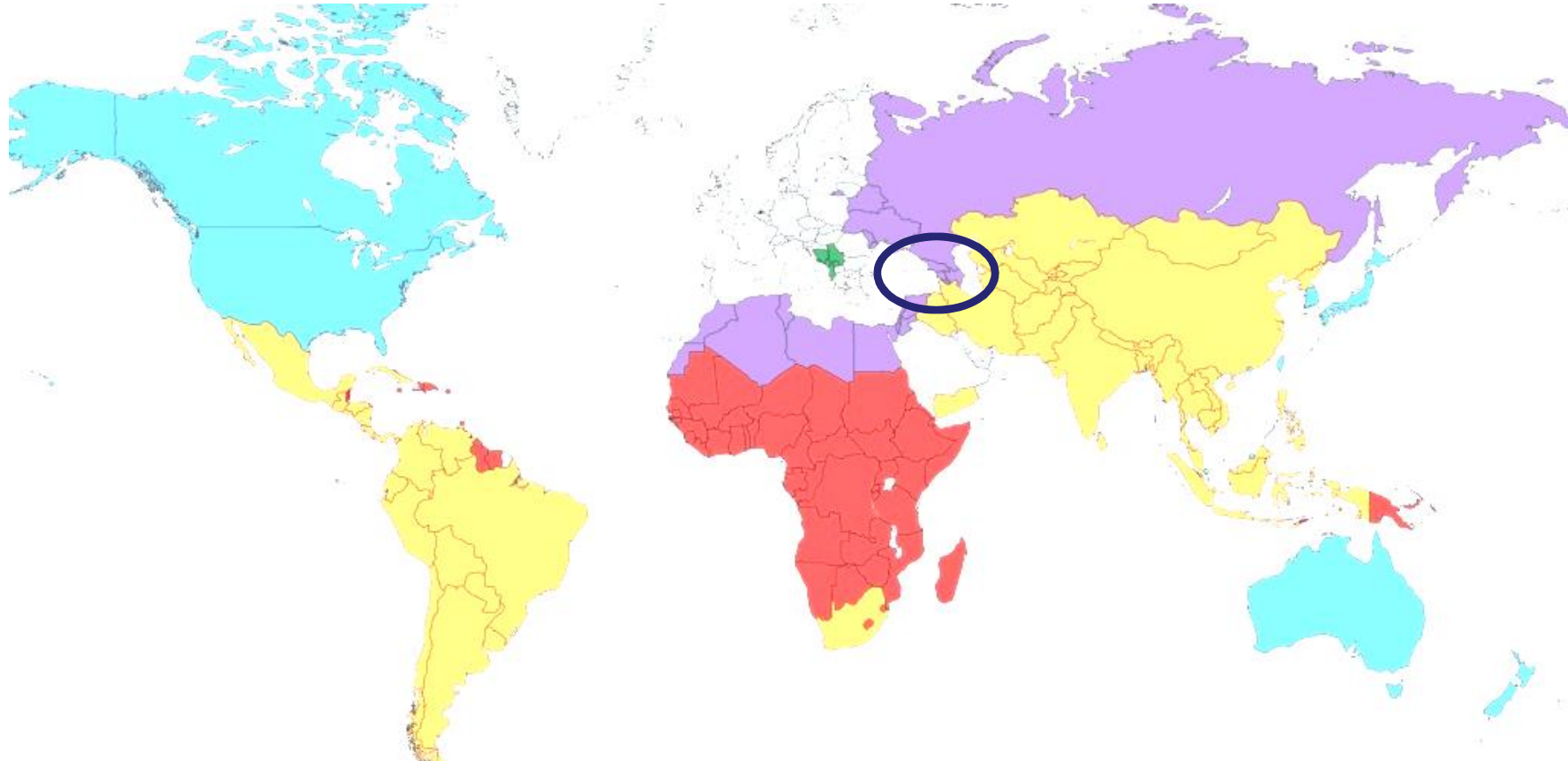
Participating countries

- **Programme Countries (34):** 28 EU member states + NO, IS, LI, MK, RS, TR



Participating countries

- **Partner Countries:** rest of the world – priorities on Neighbourhood (including the **Armenia, Azerbaijan & Georgia**)

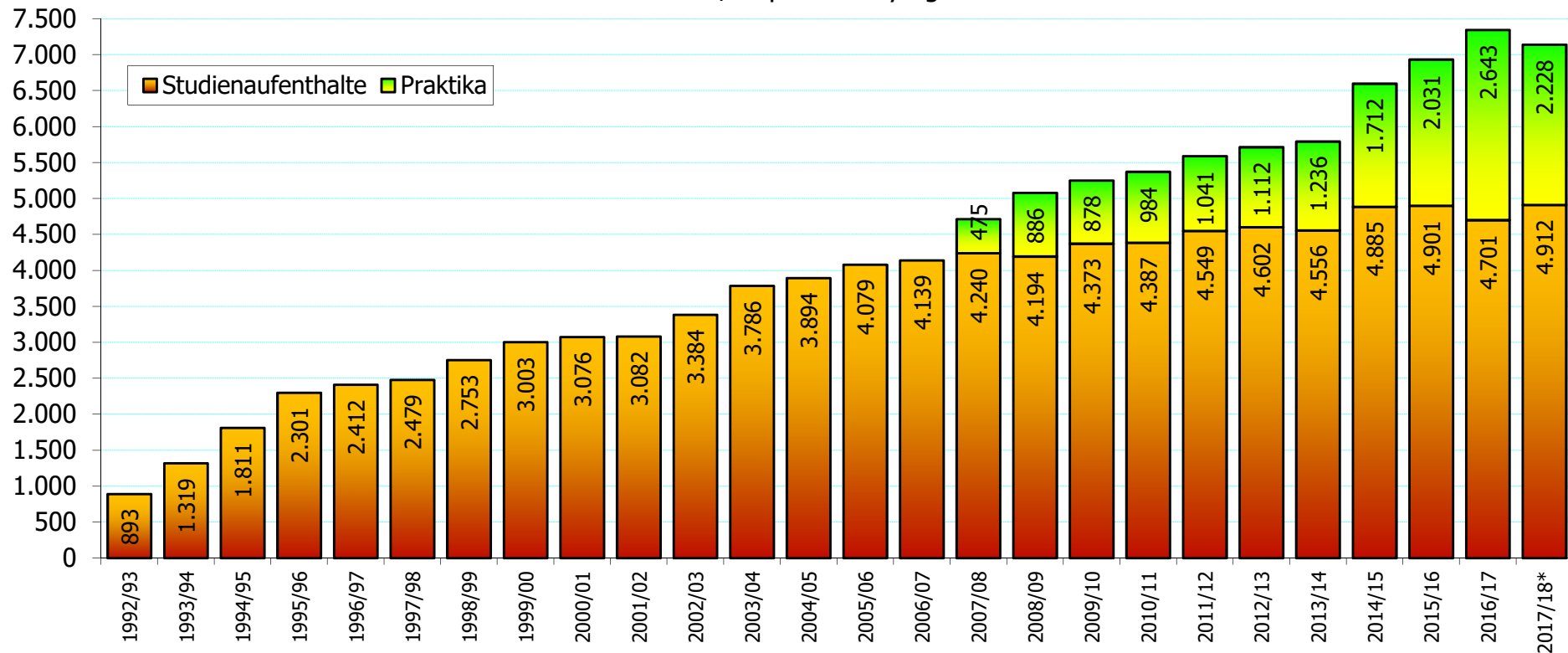


Student Mobility for Studies 1992 – 2017 (overview)

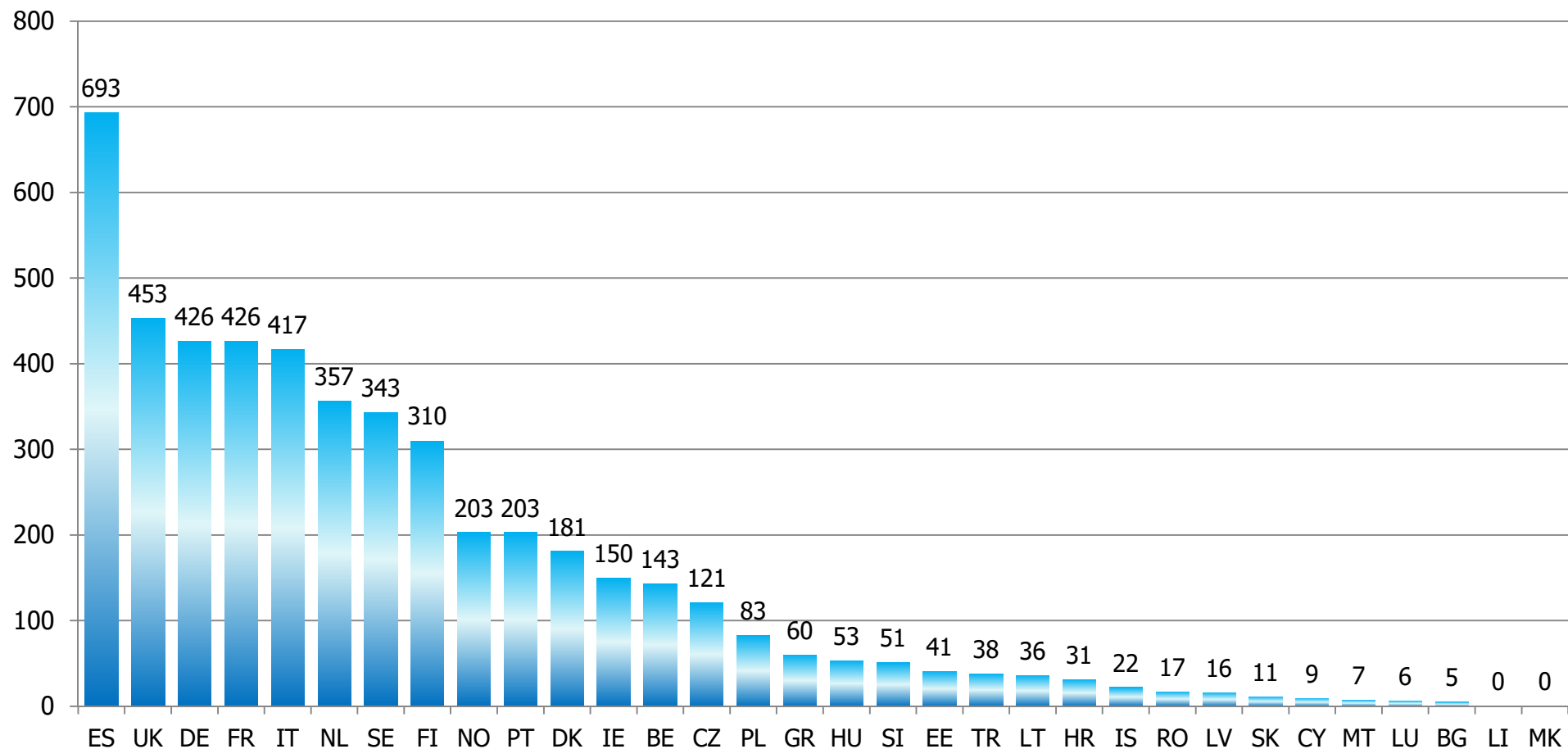
Erasmus Mobility of Students

(total incl. 2017/18)

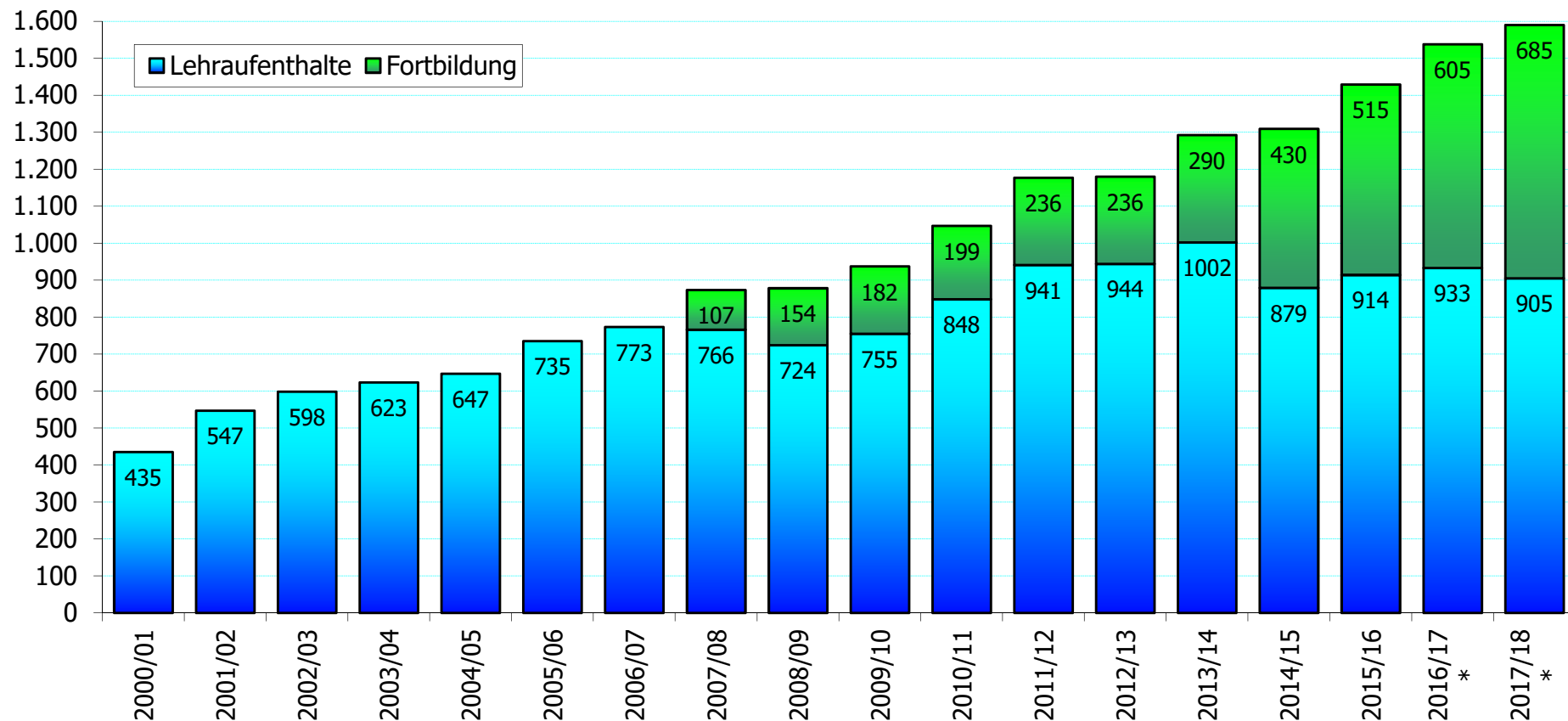
* 2017/18 preliminary figures



Student Mobility for Studies – target programme countries 2017/18

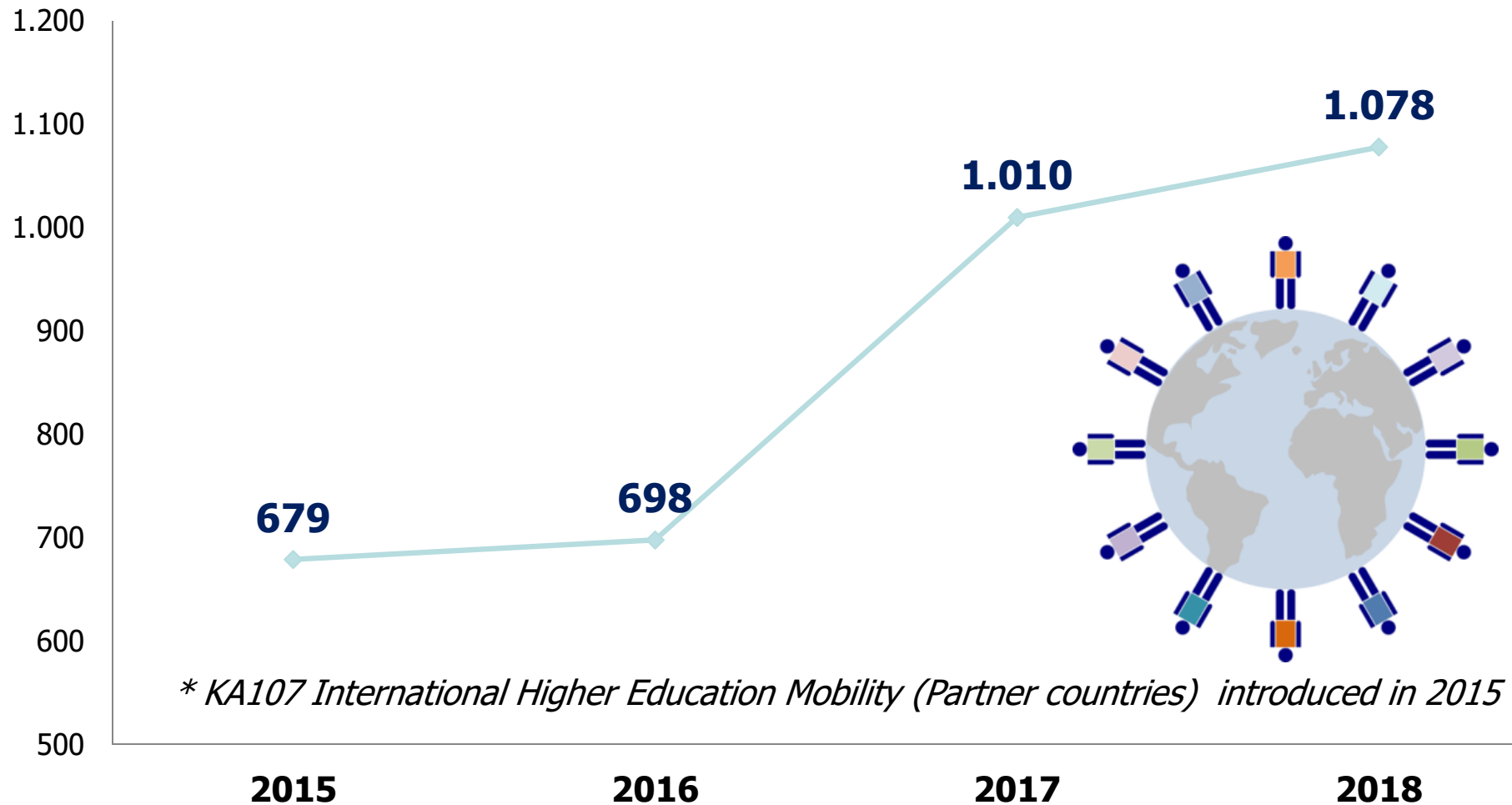


Staff Teaching and Training 2000 – 2017

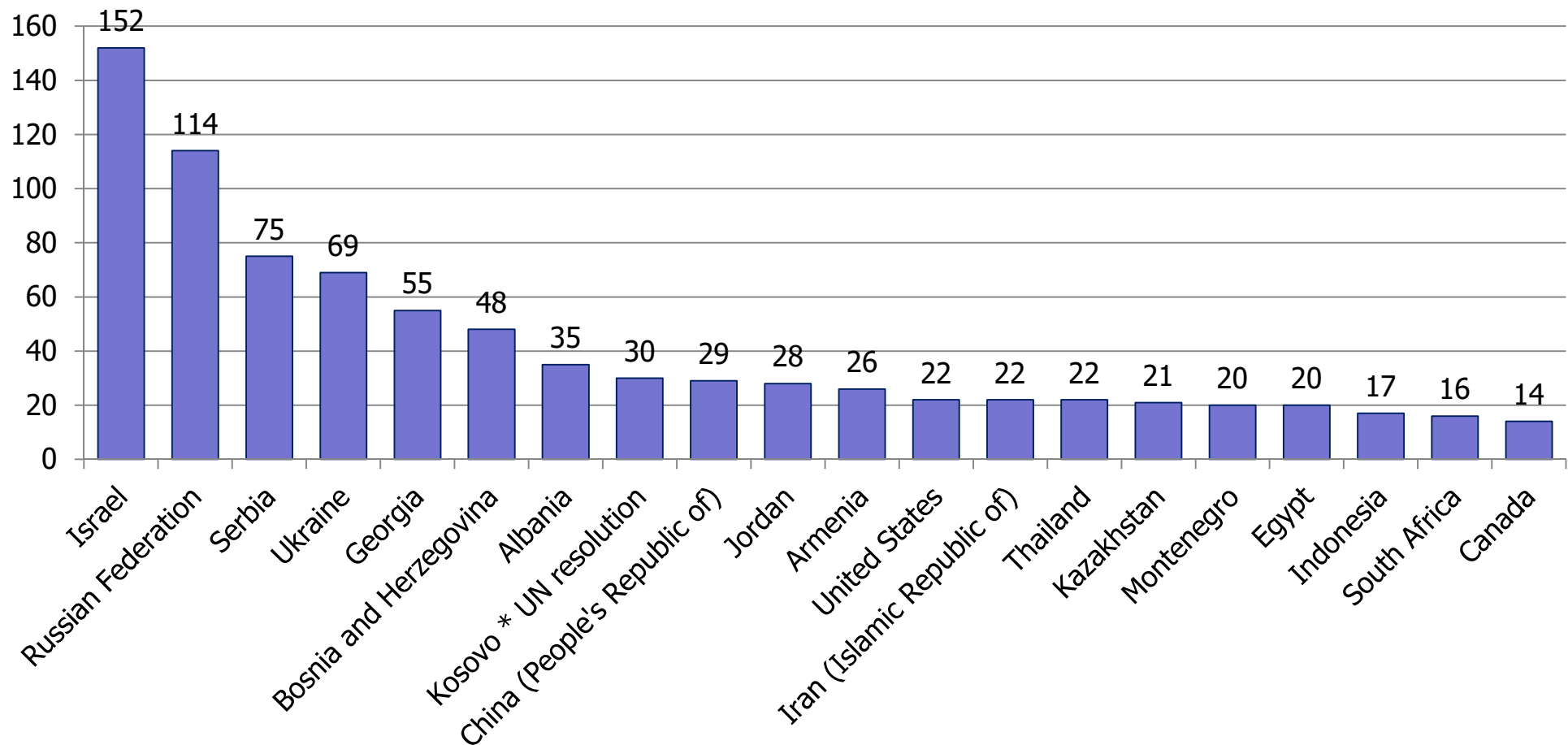


Erasmus+ Higher Education in Austria

Erasmus Mobility with Partner Countries 2015 – 2018



International Mobility – Top 20 Destination Countries





... we support

mobility of more than 16,000 Austrian pupils, apprentices, students, teachers & lecturers and researchers and enable cooperation between science, schools and society



... we offer service

for more than 2,000 international scholarship holders and students in Austria per year



... we administer

approximately 1,550 international cooperation projects together with our stakeholders (in education, science, research and companies)



... we provide information

with our websites, publications and our databases (grants.at, lerneninoesterreich.at)



... we provide advice

regarding all questions of educational mobility – independently, non-profit-oriented (3,500 enquiries regarding studying and research in Austria, 1,200 enquiries regarding entry and residence per year)



... we cross-link

more than 8,000 actors in education, science and research regarding internationalisation in nearly 200 workshops, seminars and conferences per year



... we support

developments and strategies in education with our information tools, transparency tools and our expertise (nearly 90 conference contributions, more than 60 OeAD experts in committees, 80 contributions in media)



... we work

with funds of 60 million euros per year and approximately 230 members of staff

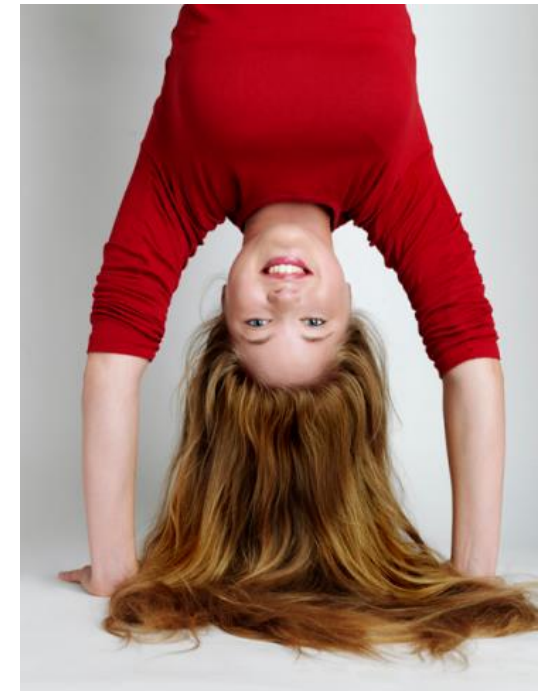
- **Erasmus+ Education for all fields** – www.bildung.erasmusplus.at
 - School Education (SE)
 - Vocational Education & Training (VET)
 - Adult Education (AE)
 - Higher Education (HE) incl. **international dimension** agenda
- **Other programmes (*inter alia*)**
 - National Europass Centre – www.europass.at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

→ **www.grants.at**

provides information about available grants and scholarships in German and English

→ **Folders & Flyers**

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

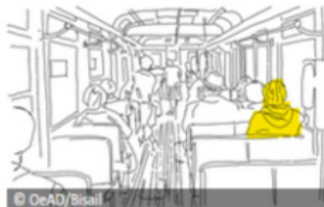


Ten reasons for Austria



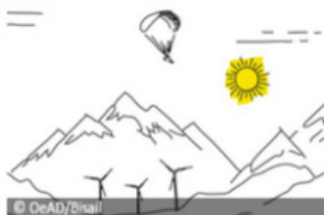
1. Life Quality

In 2017, Vienna was ranked as the city with the world's highest quality of life by the consulting agency Mercer (for the eighth time in a row). The quality of life is generally very high in Austria.



2. Social Security

The high quality of life in Austria is reflected by the low crime rate, the high level of social security and an attractive recreational infrastructure.



3. Landscape

Austria is a landlocked country with a great variety of different landscapes: It has access to the largest European lake (Lake Constance or Bodensee), some of the highest mountain ranges of the Alps, extensive plains and the large steppe lake of Lake Neusiedler See. Whether it's spring, summer, autumn or winter – each season shows a different landscape.

Study in Austria

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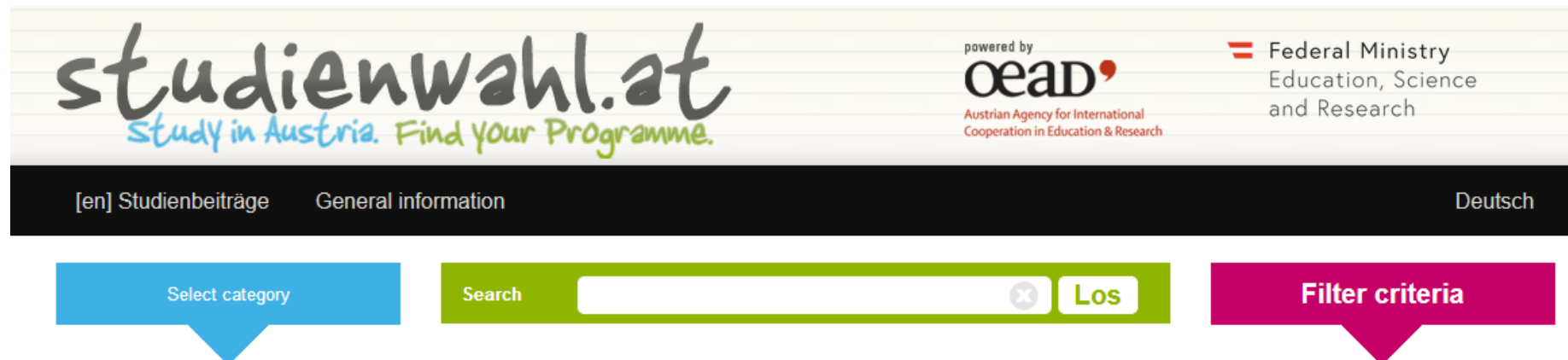
Ebendorferstraße 7
1010 Wien

Publications

- 📄 Study Guide (1,7 MB)
- 📄 Folder: Study in Austria (984,1 KB)
- 📄 Higher Education Institutions (60,7 MB)

Information leaflets in other languages

- 📄 German (523,1 KB)
- 📄 English (522,5 KB)
- 📄 French (1,2 MB)
- 📄 Italian (537,1 KB)
- 📄 Russian (496,4 KB)
- 📄 Japanese (1,4 MB)
- 📄 Spanish (522,4 KB)
- 📄 Portuguese (522,8 KB)
- 📄 Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (527,4 KB)
- 📄 Arabic (713,1 KB)



Find a study programme in Austria

This database allows you to search for study options in Austria

- By programme /subjects
- By location
- By final degree
- By type of university (university or university of applied sciences)

International Study Programmes in Austria

- Choose from various programmes taught in English

The OeAD Housing Office provides **accommodation** in flats and student halls of residence for recipients of OeAD grants, for Erasmus+ students, visiting lecturers and guests.



The screenshot shows the OeAD Housing Office website for Innsbruck. The header includes the OeAD logo, the text 'WohnraumverwaltungsGmbH Housing Office', and a 'Housing Login / Online Platform' link. Navigation links include 'MY HOME IS ...', 'SUMMER UNIVERSITY', 'ACCOMMODATION', 'FAQ', 'SERVICE', 'CONTACT', and 'APPLY HERE'. The main content area features a large image of a building and the text 'Innsbruck' followed by a description: 'Lovely, familial, refreshing, idyllic, scenic, picturesque, in the heart of the Alps ... urban living surrounded by mountains! Here is where your housing experience begins.' A large red watermark 'www.housing.oead.at' is overlaid on the page. The footer includes a 'Welcome to Innsbruck' section with a photo of the city, a 'Contact' section with the address 'OeAD-WohnraumverwaltungsGmbH, 6020 Innsbruck, Meinhardstrasse 5/3/31', phone and fax numbers, and email 'housing-innsbruck@oead.at', and an 'Opening Hours' section stating 'Monday to Thursday: 09:00 am to 12:00 noon'.

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