

# Enabling International Cooperation Best Practice Austria

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## Best Practice Austria

An new initiative to raise awareness and export of Austrian best practice of the public administration and the economy as well as for the synergy of EU funding options for reforms.

Since August 2020, aed has been assigned by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs (BMDW) to implement and manage this initiative.



## Key sectors of Austrian Best Practice

- Digitalisation
- eGovernment
- Green technologies
- Health
- Internal audit and compliance
- Justice and home affairs
- Social and employment services
- Tax and finance
- Tourism

# EU-programs

supporting international cooperation between **member states** and Austria's participation to those programs

## TSI

- In 2017, DG REFORM introduced this program to support structural reforms for EU member countries. A sum of **EUR 864,406,000** has been earmarked for the new EU budget period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2027.
- A particular focus is on measures that promote the green and digital transformation, as well as being in line with the European "2030 Agenda" for sustainable development and the Paris Agreement.
- **No co-financing is required for TSI funding!**
- The following costs are covered 100%:
  - Expert and fact-finding missions to assess the local situation;
  - Diagnostic analyses and recommendations for ways to improve the situation;
  - Sharing of relevant best practices through seminars, conferences and workshops;
  - Development and implementation of targeted solutions to address the situation, e.g., preparation of implementation plans.



# EU-programs

supporting international cooperation between **EU- and non-member states** and Austria's participation to those programs

## Grants and Twinning

- EU instruments standing for partnerships between EU member states and Non-member states
- The aim is to support the partner countries
  - in the development of effective administrative structures (institution building), i.e. the establishment or strengthening of ministries, administrations, regulatory authorities.
  - in the full adoption, implementation and enforcement of the *acquis Communautaire* for candidate countries
- In the framework of Twinning, national civil servants of EU Member States are seconded to the candidate countries
- Twinning provides opportunities for an exchange of knowledge and experience as well as long-term cooperation between "old" and "new" EU member states.



## Some examples of Austrian best practice projects

### **Albania**

Support to Albanian civil service reform

### **Azerbaijan**

Development of social service provision

### **Croatia**

IT capacity building in the tax administration

### **Georgia**

Strengthening cybersecurity capacities

### **Germany**

Development of digital skills in Bavaria and NRW, fit4internet

### **Latvia**

Development of the internal control system and internal audit in the public sector

### **Montenegro**

Rule of law, Police and justice reform

### **North Macedonia**

Support to the civil service and public administration reform

### **Slovenia**

IT systems for the processing of tax complaints





# Agency for Economic Cooperation and Development

- Founded in 2003 as a non-profit association.
- Supports its members to implement international reform projects and represents their interests in EU-funded projects.
- Members are the Austrian Federal Chancellery, numerous Federal Ministries as well as other public and semi-public stakeholders, e. g. Austrian Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Austrian Industries.
- Operational networking platform and acts as an inhouse-agency on behalf of its members.

## List of aed members

Austrian Federal Chancellery

within Austrian Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution

within Austrian Federal Minister for Women and Integration

Austrian Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Regions and Tourism

Austrian Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs Austrian

Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research

Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior

Austrian Federal Ministry for Justice

Austrian Federal Ministry for Labour, Family and Youth

Austrian Federal Ministry for Social Affairs, Health, Care and  
Consumer Protection

AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH

Austrian Chamber of Tax Consultants and Accountants

A-Trust, Gesellschaft für Sicherheitssysteme im elektronischen  
Datenverkehr GmbH

AGES – the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety

Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Austrian Chamber of Civil Law Notaries

Bundesimmobiliengesellschaft m. b. H.

Environment Agency Austria

Federation of Austrian Industries

Hilfswerk Austria International

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