

# **IPA- EU SUPPORT TO THE COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA'S NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY**



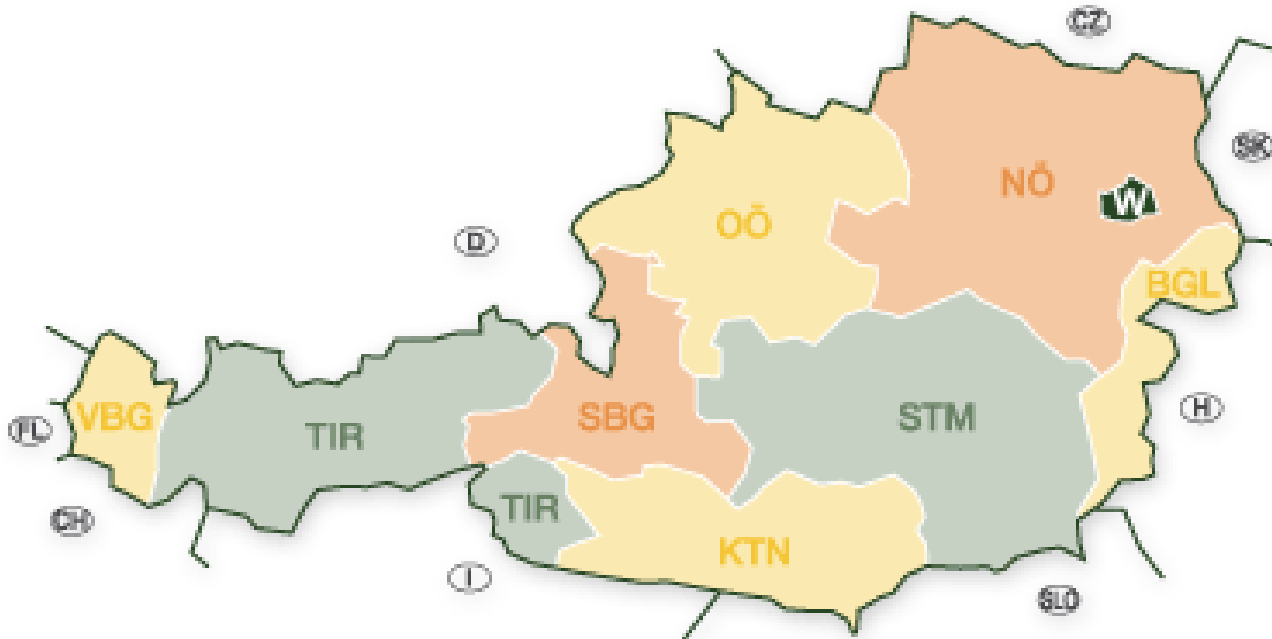
## **SEMINAR "EU YOUTH STRATEGY 2010-2018"**

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**YOUTH POLICY IN  
AUSTRIA**



# Austria



Population:  
8,219,743  
Youth population:  
18.9%  
Year of entry in the  
EU/EC: 1995



# Youth Policy - Austria



- **No exact definition** of youth policy! Described by its **objectives, intentions and paths.**
- federal structure : competencies are **divided up** between the central organ of the state, the federal government, and the “Länder”, the provinces.
- Youth policy is to a large extent the **task of the 9 Länder!**
- Each federal state may define **its own main target groups** and priorities – common target: young people with fewer opportunities!



# Motto



- Youth Policy is about **offering Youth tools** for an independent and responsible life, **without acting as their guardians!**
- Youth policy...

**Varied and open**

**recognise and deal with the complex challenges of the world**

**not prescribe, but set targets, moderate and promote**



# Priorities and Actions



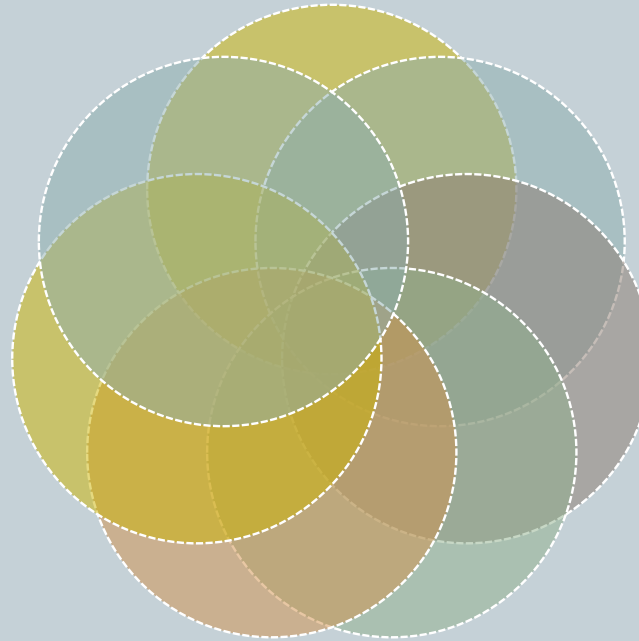
**Education**

**Mobility**

**Employment**

**Participation  
and Inclusion**

**Peacefull  
Coexistence**



**Health**

**Prevention of  
Violence**



# Actors – Federal Level



**Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth** is primarily responsible for youth

→ policy on upbringing of young people **outside the schools sector.**

→ responsible for national youth policy, youth welfare and international youth policy

- 15 employees = unit for national youth policy
- 6 employees = unit for international youth policy,
- 8 employees = unit for youth welfare.



# Actors – Länder Level



9x *Landesjugendreferate* of the *Bundesländer* are **the main actors of youth policy.**

→ Youth promotion and youth work **outside the school sector**

- Lobbying measures, promotion and support - particularly open youth work: Youth centres, mobile youth work and youth information bodies
- Services
- Training and further training of staff involved in youth work
- PR
- Youth welfare
- Youth protection and safety



# Central Instrument



## Federal Law on Youth Participation

2012-2014

*Career Guidance*

*Peaceful  
Coexistence*

*Participation*

*New forms  
of Inclusion*





# Legislation - Austria



- three federal laws are officially “youth laws”
  - on youth promotion,
  - on youth participation
  - on welfare
  
- more than 60 laws on the federal level target young people directly have direct impact on young people.



# Budget



## **National Level:**

2010 = **9.542.000 Euro**

only the expenditures of the unit on national youth policy)

## **Länder level:**

- 9 federal countries have special budgets for youth. These regional budgets together are far more than the National Budget on youth. (approx. 70% of total)



# European Dimension



„**Youth Monitor**“ since 2010

- 800 young people, representing the age group 14- to 24.
  - Development of national Youth Reports

Preparation of a **common Youth Strategy** since Feb. 2012 – in line with the EU youth Strategy priorities





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