

## Financing adult learning database

<b>Name of the instrument - Local language</b>	Bildungskonto Oberösterreich
<b>Name of the instrument - English translation</b>	Learning account of Upper Austria
<b>Scheme ID</b>	8
<b>Country</b>	 Austria
<b>Reporting year</b>	2020
<b>Type of instrument</b>	Grant for individuals
<b>Sub-type of instrument</b>	Cost-related support
<b>Type of entry</b>	Example for a group of instruments

<b>Short description</b>	Beneficiaries of this scheme include all types of learners (employees, persons with parental leave benefit, persons on parental leave, marginally employed, unemployed, self-employed, freelancer, academics with a max gross income of EUR 2 700, entrepreneurs with a maximum of 5 employees) as long as they are residents of Upper Austria. The co-funding share is 30% of the costs for training and education, up to EUR 2 000. Professionally oriented further training and re-training are the eligible types of training to be funded. Office of the Upper Austrian government, Department Education and Society, governs, administers, and takes responsibility for the whole scheme.
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<b>Level of operation</b>	Regional
<b>Name of a part of the country</b>	Not applicable
<b>Name of the region (for regional instruments)</b>	Upper Austria
<b>Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Relevance</b>	Key instrument
<b>Legal basis</b>	Decision of the government of Upper Austria

<b>Objective(s) and target(s)</b>	To advance employment and improve personal skills of individuals
<b>Year of implementation</b>	1994
<b>Year of latest amendment</b>	2018
<b>Operation/management</b>	Office of the Upper Austrian government, Department Education and Society, governs, administers and takes responsibility for the whole scheme. Responsible for monitoring/evaluation: IBE, Landesrechnungshof OÖ (Audit Court Upper Austria).
<b>Eligible group(s)</b>	employees, persons with parental leave benefit, persons on parental leave, marginally employed, unemployed, self-employed, freelancer, academics with a max gross income of 2700 EUR, entrepreneurs with a maximum of 5 employees
<b>Group(s) with preferential treatment</b>	persons with parental leave benefit, persons on parental leave, employees >50years with a gross income 2200, german course attendees, people with ISCED level 0-2, people not receiving unemployment benefit
<b>Education and training eligible</b>	Professionally oriented further training and re-training
<b>Source of financing and collection mechanism</b>	Upper Austria budget matching: individual
<b>Financing formula and allocation mechanisms</b>	Co-funding: 30 % of the costs for education and training up to a maximum amount of 2 000 (preferential treatment: 60% up to 2 400) in period 1 January 2019 - 31 December 2022. If limit of reimbursement is reached, the next account can be claimed in 2023. Individuals may be granted more than 1 ILA per year, as long as the limit of reimbursement is not reached. Allocation: money is transferred to a learner's individual bank account.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Fees only
<b>Volumes of funding</b>	2019: EUR 5 366 000 2018: EUR 6 705 000 2017: EUR 7 557 000
<b>Beneficiaries/take up</b>	2016: 15 650
<b>Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation</b>	Oberösterreichischer Landesrechnungshof (2009) Bildungskonto des Landes Oö. Initi-ativprüfung (Bericht). Linz (online <a href="https://www.lrh-ooe.at/Mediendateien/Berichte2009/IP_Bildungskonto_Beri...">https://www.lrh-ooe.at/Mediendateien/Berichte2009/IP_Bildungskonto_Beri...</a> letzter Zugriff: 9 November 2020
<b>Monitoring/evaluation reports available</b>	Lassnigg, Lorenz, & Baumegger, David. (2019). ‚Bildungskonto Oberösterreich ': Access to education/training for precarious/disadvantaged workers? A case study.
<b>Most relevant webpage - in English</b>	<a href="http://www.cedefop.europa.eu%2Ffiles%2F5192_en.pdf&amp;ei=6XXTVKCqM8XLaNyXgZgG&amp;usg...">www.cedefop.europa.eu%2Ffiles%2F5192_en.pdf&amp;ei=6XXTVKCqM8XLaNyXgZgG&amp;usg...</a>

<b>Most relevant webpage - local language</b>	<a href="https://www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at/170925.htm">https://www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at/170925.htm</a>
<b>Recent changes</b>	2018. co-funding share was reduced from 40 to 30 Recent changes in response to COVID-19 No changes
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="https://www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at/170925.htm">https://www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at/170925.htm</a> <a href="https://www.eduresearch.at/fileadmin/DAM/Innovation/Bildungsforschung/B...">https://www.eduresearch.at/fileadmin/DAM/Innovation/Bildungsforschung/B...</a>