

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	AK-Bildungsgutschein
Name of the instrument - English translation	Education voucher of the Chamber of Labour
Scheme ID	9
Country	 Austria
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for individuals
Sub-type of instrument	Lump-sum support
Type of entry	Example for a group of instruments

Short description	Members of the Chamber of Labour in Vienna can apply for the grant. The eligible education and training activities include computer and IT courses, job-related courses in the areas of work organisation and work environment, and language courses. The co-funding is fixed with an absolute amount of money (in 2020: EUR 120, EUR 170 for people on parental leave).
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Level of operation	Regional
Name of a part of the country	Not applicable
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	Vienna
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	Not applicable
Relevance	Key instrument
Legal basis	Decision by the Chamber of Labour
Objective(s) and target(s)	To facilitate the AK members' access to training
Year of implementation	2002
Operation/management	Chamber of Labour Vienna

Eligible group(s)	Members of the chamber of labour (employees).
Group(s) with preferential treatment	Individuals on parental leave receive EUR 170.
Education and training eligible	Computer/IT: basic and advanced courses for professional development as ECDL, programming languages; Job-related courses in the areas of work organization and work environment; Job oriented courses: Languages of the EU countries as well as Arabic, Bosnian - Croatian-Serbian, Chinese, Russian, Turkish; German as a Foreign language; Second language basic and advanced courses for Austrian Language Diploma; Courses to fulfil the Integration Agreement Catching up on apprenticeship qualifications; Courses preparing for Berufsreifeprüfung and University entrance exam; Selected courses in business administration, accounting, office administration, controlling, cost accounting, special courses for skilled workers.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	The Chamber of Labour provides the budget and the operational management of the voucher for its members. Every employee in Austria pays 0.5% of his/her income to the Chamber of Labour (mandatory membership).
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	When booking a course for a marked AK Wien course it has to be announced that one wants to redeem a voucher. The amount will be credited to the course bill with a maximum 120 (170 for parents on leave or for making up an apprenticeship degree).
Eligible costs	Specific arrangement
Volumes of funding	Not available
Beneficiaries/take up	Not available
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Not applicable
Most relevant webpage - in English	Not available
Most relevant webpage - local language	https://wien.arbeiterkammer.at/bildungsgutschein
Recent changes	No recent amendment Recent changes in response to COVID-19 No changes
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