

Financing adult learning database

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| Name of the instrument - Local language | Förderung der Arbeiterkammern |
| Name of the instrument - English translation | Funding by the chambers of labour |
| Scheme ID | 267 |
| Country |  Austria |
| Reporting year | 2020 |
| Type of instrument | Grant for individuals |
| Sub-type of instrument | Not applicable |
| Type of entry | Groups of instruments |

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| Short description | <p>The regional Chambers of Labour (Arbeiterkammern) provide funding for adult learning in the form of vouchers or grants in various forms. Membership in the Chambers is compulsory for all employees (with the exception of public servants) so that the Chambers' cofunding schemes are widely available. The schemes of the various regional Chambers differ from each other. For example, the Chamber of Lower Austria promotes various courses at different levels. The courses funded include the areas of health, IT, languages and second-chance education. In addition, university studies are encouraged. The Chamber of Tyrol promotes basic computer courses to computer driving licence with cofunding up to EUR 400. In addition, there is support for mainly formal adult education leading to a degree. Funding schemes are changing over time, an overview is available in various databases (for example, in http://www.kursfoerderung.at). There are no statistics available on the various schemes across Austria. The latest available estimate (2006) assumed a volume of up to EUR 3 000 000 for all schemes provided by regional Chambers of Labours.</p> |
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| Level of operation | Regional |
| Name of a part of the country | Not applicable |
| Name of the region (for regional instruments) | All 9 Austrian Regions |

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| Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments) | Not applicable |
| Relevance | Key instrument |
| Legal basis | Discretionary decisions by the regional legal bodies |
| Year of implementation | 2002 |
| Operation/management | Mostly voucher systems that are available for the members of the Chamber of Labour. |
| Eligible group(s) | The members of the Chamber of Labour in particular Bundesländer. |
| Group(s) with preferential treatment | yes |
| Education and training eligible | Mostly job-related, however, varying restriction across countries and subtypes of cofunding schemes |
| Source of financing and collection mechanism | Contributions of the members of the Chambers of Labour (mandatory fees). |
| Financing formula and allocation mechanisms | Varies across Bundesländers/Chambers of Labour and sub-types of co-funding schemes |
| Eligible costs | Vary across Bundesländers/Chambers of Labour and sub-types of co-funding schemes. |
| Recent changes | Recent changes in response to COVID-19 various |
| Sources | https://erwachsenenbildung.at/bildungsinfo/kursfoerderung/ueberblick.php https://www.arbeiterkammer.at/beratung/bildung/bildungsforderungen/AK-... |