


Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Impuls-Qualifizierungsverbund
Name of the instrument - English translation	Impulse Qualification Network
Scheme ID	226
Country	 Austria
Reporting year	2015
Type of instrument	Grant for companies
Type of entry	Single instrument
Short description	Companies networks composed of at least three companies where at least 50% of them are SMEs can apply for the grant. Funding is provided for building and operating the confederation, identifying training needs and designing training plans, advising on the development of HRD programs, organising trainings, providing support during the application process, etc.
Short description of the related instruments	nap
Level of operation	National
Name of a part of the country	nap
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	nap
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	nap
Relevance	Key scheme
Legal basis	Arbeitsmarktservicegesetz (act on public employment service).
Objective(s) and target(s)	To exchange experience between companies and increase their participation in/provision of training.
Year of implementation	2007

Year of latest amendment	2014
Operation/management	Public Employment Service (AMS) administers the scheme.
Eligible group(s)	All employers; the built up confederations including at least three companies where at least 50% of participating companies are SMEs. SMEs are defined as employing less than 250 persons and have an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 50 million.
Group(s) with preferential treatment	None
Education and training eligible	Funding for the build and operation of the confederation, the composite of the confederation statutes to regulate the objectives of IQF, raises the educational needs and training plans created the confederation plants, advises on the development of human resources development programs, organises trainings, support during the application process, the conduction and settlement of qualification, support in the preparation and organization of the platform program.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	State (Federal budget allocated to the Public Employment Service (AMS)) ESF
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	Companies apply to AMS for grant. The scheme funds basic costs for setting a qualifications network. The maximum duration of consultancy is ten days per company involved. The support services are funded by AMS entirely. Companies receive funding in the form of advanced payment on first-come, first-served basis.
Eligible costs	Fees only
Frequency of the use	Only once
Volumes of funding	In 2011, the scheme´s volume was EUR 7 000 000.
Beneficiaries/take up	In 2011, 1 300 companies participated in qualifications networks under this scheme.
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Public Employment Service Austria (AMS).
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	na
Most relevant webpage - in English	http://www.ams.at/english
Most relevant webpage - local language	http://www.ams.at/service-unternehmen/foerderungen/impuls-qualifizierun...

Recent changes	The scheme has been reformed with the new ESF-funding period (2014).
Sources	http://www.ams.at/service-unternehmen/foerderungen/impuls-qualifizierun...
	http://www.ams.at/english