

## Financing adult learning database

<b>Name of the instrument - Local language</b>	Individuelle Weiterbildungsförderung durch die österreichischen Bundesländer
<b>Name of the instrument - English translation</b>	Funding of individual further education by Austrian Bundesländer
<b>Scheme ID</b>	266
<b>Country</b>	 Austria
<b>Reporting year</b>	2015
<b>Type of instrument</b>	Grant for individuals
<b>Type of entry</b>	Group of instruments

<b>Short description</b>	nap
<b>Short description of the related instruments</b>	<p>The nine Austrian Regions (Bundesländer) provide further education grants for adults. These grants represent a significant part of the public investment in adult learning for employed on regional level (beyond funding within the active labour market policy). The amounts of funding available and the criteria for eligible groups and educational programs differ widely between Regions. For groups enjoying preferential treatment (for example, low qualified adults) and for particular educational programmes (for example, preparation courses for the final apprenticeship examination), funding up EUR 3 700 and up to 100 per cent of the course fees is available in some Regions. Available support is much more generous in some Regions (for example, Vienna or Upper Austria) than in others. While the Regions' role in co-funding adult learning has become a stable feature of the institutional landscape since the mid of the 1990ies, individual funding schemes are subject to frequent changes. Various data bases are available informing on the currently available support schemes (<a href="http://www.kursfoerderung.at">www.kursfoerderung.at</a>). There is no regular statistical reporting available; according to the latest available estimate, around 45 000 adults benefit from the support schemes by the Austrian Regions each year, receiving public co-funding of an estimated EUR 40 million.</p>

<b>Level of operation</b>	Regional
<b>Name of a part of the country</b>	nap

<b>Name of the region (for regional instruments)</b>	All 9 Austrian Regions
<b>Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)</b>	nap
<b>Relevance</b>	Key scheme
<b>Operation/management</b>	In most Bundesländers the scheme is run by regional administration. In Vienna, a public-own, non-profit organisation operates the scheme; more recently, other Bundesländers also follow this model of putting a particular organisations in charge of the schemes (e.g. Tyrol) and providing it with funding.
<b>Eligible group(s)</b>	Varies across Bundesländers and sub-types of co-funding schemes.
<b>Education and training eligible</b>	Mostly job-related, however, varying restriction across Bundesländers and sub-types of co-funding schemes.
<b>Source of financing and collection mechanism</b>	Bundesländers budgets; partly ESF
<b>Financing formula and allocation mechanisms</b>	Varies across Bundesländers and sub-types of co-funding schemes.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Vary across Bundesländers and sub-types of co-funding schemes.
<b>Volumes of funding</b>	na
<b>Beneficiaries/take up</b>	na
<b>Monitoring/evaluation reports available</b>	na
<b>Most relevant webpage - in English</b>	na
<b>Most relevant webpage - local language</b>	na
<b>Sources</b>	<p>Hefler, Günter, Markowitsch, Jörg, &amp; Fleischer, Viktor (2013). Diffusion und Handlungslogiken nachfrageorientierter Kofinanzierung individueller beruflicher Weiterbildung in Österreich. In B. Käßlinger, R. Klein &amp; E. Haberzeth (Eds.), Weiterbildungsgutscheine - Wirkungen eines Finanzierungsmodells in vier europäischen Ländern (pp. 345-376). Bielefeld: WBV.</p> <p>Lassnigg, Lorenz, &amp; Vogtenhuber, Stefan. (2013). Neuere Schätzungen zur öffentlichen und privaten Finanzierung der erwachsenenbildung in Österreich. Report - Zeitschrift für Weiterbildungsforschung 36(2), 29-43.</p> <p><a href="http://www.kursfoerderung.at">www.kursfoerderung.at</a></p>