

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Förderung der Arbeiterkammern
Name of the instrument - English translation	Funding by the Chambers of Labour
Country	 Austria
Type of instrument	Grant for individuals
Type of entry	Group of instruments

Short description	nap
Short description of the related instruments	<p>Some of the regional Chambers of Labour (Arbeiterkammern) provide funding for adult learning in the form of vouchers or grants. Membership in the Chambers is compulsory for all employees (with the exception of public servants), so that the Chambers' cofounding 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 cofounding 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 data bases (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 million for all schemes provided by regional Chambers of Labours.</p>

Level of operation	Regional
Name of a part of the country	nap
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	Various regions

Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	nap
Relevance	Key scheme
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.
Education and training eligible	Mostly job-related, however, varying restriction across Bundesländers/Chamber of Labour and sub-types of co-funding 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.
Volumes of funding	na
Beneficiaries/take up	na
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	na
Most relevant webpage - in English	na
Most relevant webpage - local language	na