



Skills competitions in Austria

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WHY?



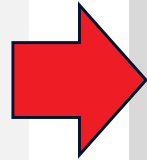
The national and international skills competitions have set themselves the goal of **enhancing VET in Austria**, Europe and worldwide and **raising awareness of the importance of well-trained skilled workers**.

The aim is to promote young skilled workers and thus **strengthen the business location** as a whole.

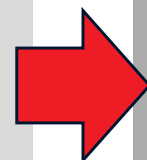
Pathway for world champions

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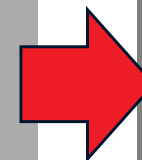
Regional
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AustrianSkills

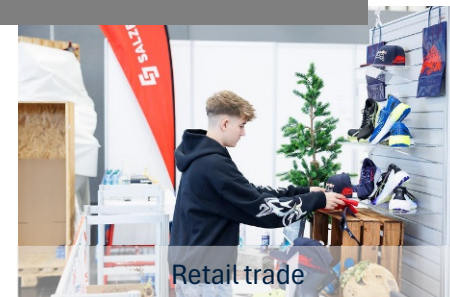


EuroSkills
WorldSkills

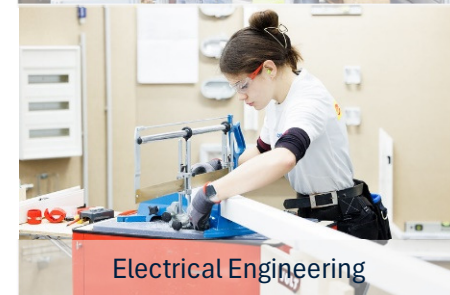
- organised by **regional** sector organisations
- for apprentices
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- yearly

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- qualification for SkillsAustria
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- organised by **skillsAustria**
- for apprentices, school students & young professionals
- qualification for World- & EuroSkills
- biennial



Retail trade



Electrical Engineering



Concrete Construction



Mechatronics



Glass building



Stonemason



Clothing Design

Facts & figures AustrianSkills

- Held every two year
- 2023: 40 occupational fields with 400 participants
- 3-day occupation-specific competitions
- **Held as part of big careers fairs**
- Some occupations (e.g. chefs) in VET schools
- The winners in each occupational field **represent Austria**
- Multiple participations are possible
- Free participation for young professionals and training companies
- **Requirements:** Completed VET with practice OR in the final year of VET



Good to know

- Financed by the Austrian Economic Chambers, sector organisations, Länder (federal provinces) and sponsorship
- Sponsorship value 2022 (including materials, machines, hard- and software, ...): 6.5 million Euro
- Try-out and hands-on stations for (young) visitors
- ‘New’ areas of competition: Mobil robotics / Robot systems integration / Industry 4.0 / Digital Construction / Entrepreneurship
→ most of them as team competitions
- 2023: 3,500 media reports on competitions; advertising value 21.6 million Euro (+ 66 % to 2022)

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Robotic system integration



Isolation technology



Painter



Metal technician

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