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1 Structures and actors that play a role in gaining a greater understanding and knowledge of young people

Due to the federal structure of Austria not only national structures but also regional ones are interested in gaining knowledge on young people. On the national level the Federal Ministry for Health, Families and Youth, the Federal Ministry for Education, the Arts and Culture and the Federal Ministry of Science and Research are the main actors for gaining a better knowledge on youth. On regional level the provinces are interested to gain knowledge on youth.

These political institutions are working together with research institutions like universities, Colleges, semi-public, private companies, NGOs and private associations.

From Autumn 2008 on a list of the main Actors of youth research will be accessible on the webpage of the Federal Ministry for Health, Families and Youth www.bmgfj.gv.at.

In Austria the tradition of youth research goes back to the 60ies – even if it had for a long time no institutionalised connection to universities.

1.1 Specific youth departments in universities dealing with youth issues

In all universities youth is topic of research in different departments. But at no university a department exists, dealing exclusively with youth research. Examples – among many others – for departments dealing with youth research:

University of Innsbruck; Institute of Educational Sciences, Lynne Chisholm; Evaluation of the EU Programme YOUTH; Youth participation in Tyrol; Future perspectives for academics in South-Tyrol;

University of Graz; Institute of Sociology; Manfred Prischinig;

University of Vienna; Department of Education and Human Development; Ilse Schritteser; Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, Institute for International Marketing and Management

1.2 Statistic offices that collect statistics on youth

Statistik Austria; Guglgasse 13, 1110 Vienna <http://www.statistik.at/>

Vienna Institute for Demography, Wohllebengasse 12-14, 6th floor, 1040 Vienna, <http://www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/>

Austrian Institute for Family Studies, Grillparzerstraße 7/9, A-1010 Vienna, <http://www.oif.ac.at/englisch.asp>

AMS – Labour market service, <http://www.ams.at/>

1.3 Major public and semi-public bodies dealing with youth issues

- Austrian Academy of Science, Dr. Ignaz Seipel-Platz 2, 1010 Vienna
<http://www.oeaw.ac.at/english/home.html>
- Gesundheit Österreich GmBH, Stubenring 6, 1010 Vienna, Themes: health, drugs
http://www.oebig.at/welcome-to-gesundheit-osterreich-gmbh?set_language=en&cl=en
- Institute for Advanced Studies, Stumpergasse 51; 1060 Vienna; Themes: employment, qualification <http://www.ihs.ac.at/>
- European Centre, Berggasse 17, 1090 Vienna
<http://www.gleichechancen.at/htm/orga/euzewo.htm>
- LBISucht, Mackgasse 7-11, A-1230 Vienna, Themes: addiction
<http://www.api.or.at/lbi/history.htm>
- Austrian Institute for Family Studies, Grillparzerstraße 7/9, A-1010 Vienna,
<http://www.oif.ac.at/englisch.asp>
- Austrian Institute of Economic Research, Arsenal, Objekt 20 1030 Vienna, Themes: labour market, economy <http://www.wifo.ac.at/www/jsp/index.jsp?&language=2&fid=23842>
- The Federation of Austrian Industry, Schwarzenbergplatz 4, 1031 Vienna, Themes: labour market, economy <http://www.iv-net.at/bm50>
- Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Themes: labour market, economy
<http://wko.at/awo/chamberinfo.htm>

1.4 NGOs dealing with youth issues

Many youth organisations are conducting research for their own purpose (for example to develop appropriate offers) and for gaining knowledge on youth in general. The Austrian National Youth Council (BJV) is as an umbrella organisation of youth NGOs a main actor of research and as carrier organisation of the Austrian Youth research Institute a main actor of youth research. Beside that the umbrella organisation of open youth work – KOJE is also a main actor of gaining knowledge on young people.

Examples:

Austrian National Youth Council, Praterstraße 70/13, 1020 Vienna

<http://www.jugendvertretung.at/>

Catholic Youth, Johannesgasse 16, 1010 Vienna <http://www.kath-jugend.at/>

Euro<26, Glockengasse 4d, 5020 Salzburg, (youth and leisure, participation)

<http://www.euro26.at/>

Austrian Alpine Society, Wilhelm-Greil-Straße 15, A-6010 Innsbruck, (peer education evaluation, offers) <http://www.alpenverein.at/jugend/>

Austrian Youth Red Cross, Wiedner Hauptstraße 32, 1040 Wien (youth under pressure)

<http://www.jugendrotkreuz.at/>

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www.Jugendinfo.cc is also doing research via focus groups to improve the information products.

1.5 Youth researchers or experts

Due to the fact that the number of researchers dealing with youth issues is very large and any list could only be incomplete and since no ranking should be induced no detailed list is provide.

For further details please contact the Austrian correspondent to the EKCYP, Manfred Zentner, mzentner@jugendkultur.at; Furthermore you will find contact details for the researchers on the webpages of most of the institutes mentioned.

1.6 Private companies dealing with youth issues

Since many social research institutes and most market research institutes are doing some studies on youth the list would be too large. We name only some that deal mainly with youth issues.

- *Private associations:*

Austrian Institute for Research on Vocational Training, Biberstraße 5/6, 1010 Vienna, vocational training <http://www.oeibf.at/TCgi/TCgi.cgi?target=home>

Austrian Institute for Youth Research; Maria-Theresienstraße 24/10; 1010 Vienna, Austria; OeIJ is a registered association that is both non-partisan and non-profit; membership is granted to Austrian youth organizations. Themes of research: values, youth work, gender <http://www.oeij.at/>

IBW - Institute for research on qualifications and training; Rainergasse 38;1050; Vienna; education, training <http://www.ibw.at/>

jugendkultur.at – Institute for Youth Culture Research, Alserbachstrasse 18/7.OG; 1090 Vienna, Themes of research: employment, education, values, participation, youth work, evaluation youth work, media, youth cultures <http://www.jugendkultur.at/index-en.php>

- *Private companies:*

tfactory; Alserbachstraße 18 1090 Vienna <http://www.tfactory.com/>

Institute for Social Research and Analysis – SORA; Linke Wienzeile 256, 1150 Vienna; market research, politics, participation <http://www.sora.at/en/start.asp>

2 Legal basis or guidelines for activities leading to a better knowledge and understanding of youth

Following the decision of the parliament from September, 28th 1998, the youth department of the Federal Ministry in charge of youth issues is obliged to provide a report on the situation of

youth each period of legislation. The last report – the 5th report on the situation of youth in Austria with the topic “Gender mainstreaming in youth work” – was presented to the parliament in 2008. The call for the next report is currently prepared.

Parallel to that the provinces are conducting their own researches – in some of the Bundesländer these research is also carried out following provincial on a regular basis.

3 Funding for research on youth

3.1 International funding for carrying out activities aimed at youth research

Austria is partner in many international youth research projects – like the WHO-HSBC study, the European value survey and others.

Programmes funding research but no specific funding youth research (see www.eurodesk.org > Search for funding > Theme search > Research)

A complete list of international funding used for youth research in Austria is not available.

3.2 EU funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better knowledge and understanding of youth

Please visit the corresponding EU webpages (research, public health, youth, ...)

3.3 Public and private national funding for carrying out activities aimed at acquiring a better knowledge and understanding of youth

The *Forschungsförderungsfonds* promotes all kinds of research not only youth research. Furthermore many institutions and organisations mentioned in 1.2 and 1.3 are funding research and issuing calls for tender for special youth related research.

3.4 Actor(s)/structure(s) mainly receiving funding

N/A – following the data protection philosophy in Austria these information will not be provided.

4 Paper publications on the youth field

4.1 Statistics of books on the youth field

- Statistical Handbook, Statistik Austria; annually, statistical data on population
- Statistical Pocketbook, Federal Ministry of Education, the Arts and Culture; annually, schools and education.
- Report on the Social Situation of Students; Federal Ministry of Science and Research,
- Report on the Situation on the Labour Market; AMS; annually,

4.2 Regular Youth reports

Every legislation period the Ministry in Charge for youth issues has to present a Report on the Situation of Youth in Austria to the government and the parliament. The topics of the reports are different. The last report was on "Gender mainstreaming in youth work".

Every ten years a Report on Families is issued by the Austrian Institute for Family Studies, containing also the situation of youth inside the families.

4.3 Journals and reviews on youth research

Schriftenreihe Jugendforschung (Publication series youth research) of the Federal Ministry for Health, families and Youth; different topics,

5 IT dissemination of knowledge in the youth field

5.1 Databases

The Federal Ministry of Science and Research provides a database for research in general: Many Institutes of the Universities also provide information on research of the departments. From autumn 2008 on the Federal Ministry for Health, Families and Youth will provide a special youth research related database.

5.2 Web-Portals

At the research section of the homepage of the Ministry for Health, Families and Youth (<http://www.bmgfj.gv.at/cms/site/thema.html?channel=CH0584>) a collection of recent research on youth conducted on behalf of the ministry is available. Furthermore a report on the International youth researchers meeting in Vienna including the papers of the meeting is available.

5.3 Statistics, reports, journals, reviews or other publications available on the internet

The Austrian Ministry of Health, Family and Youth offers the possibility to download recent and older studies and information on <http://www.bmgfj.gv.at/cms/site/bestellservice.html>. The institutes that primarily do youth research, OEIJ (<http://www.oeij.at/>) and jugendkultur.at (<http://www.jugendkultur.at/>), provide information on youth on their web pages. Both pages allow downloads of internal research results.

Facts, monthly online magazine, OEIJ,

http://oeij.at/site/article_list.siteswift?do=all&c=gotosession&d=de%2Fpublikationen%2Ffacts

Furthermore newsletters exist from jugendkultur.at, OEIJ, ibw, Sora and other organisations that do research.

6 Methods and tools developed for keeping knowledge updated and coherent

The research database of Federal Ministry of Science and Research aims to provide knowledge on ongoing research. Furthermore the research databases of universities allow researchers to get an overview on ongoing research. These databases should be understood as service for researchers not as instrument of guiding the research.

With the establishment of this database it is not intended to downsize the freedom of science of research, but it is in the interest of the initiators (and sponsors) of research projects to avoid overlaps, it is their task to formulate the call for tenders appropriate to keep the knowledge updated and coherent.

7 Methods and tools for ensuring and assessing quality of knowledge in the youth field

N/A

8 Promotion of youth researchers and their generational renewal and their actors who work towards a better knowledge of youth

8.1 Facilitating the exchange of experience and practice

Ongoing establishment of a national youth researcher's network on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Health, Families and Youth.

Continuation of the support of the International Youth Researchers Network (First Meeting 2006 in Vienna, last meeting April 2008 in Buenos Aires).

8.2 Supporting their mobility

Austria is Partner in many exchange programmes for researchers to which also youth researchers can apply. Examples for the Institutions engaged in exchange of researchers: Austrian Academy of Science, *Forschungsförderungsfond*, Institute for Advanced Studies,

8.3 Improving their skills

n.a.

8.4 Funding for PhDs and support of students in this field

Students can apply for a funding for their PhDs direct at the university, at the Austrian Academy of Science or the *Forschungsförderungsfond*. But also other (semi-)public bodies (see 1.3) and private companies provide funding for PhDs on an irregular basis.

9 Methods and tools to ensure exchanges and dialogue between all actors in the youth field

9.1 Seminars, working groups for a better knowledge and understanding of youth

The study group on youth research works on the establishment of a National Youth Research Network and works on the development of the Report on the Situation of Youth in Austria.

The strategy group on national youth policy discusses the development of evidence based youth policy in Austria.

9.2 Names and contacts for permanent national network for a greater knowledge and understanding of youth linking all actors in the field (policy makers, researchers, young people and their organisations, NGOs)

The national network for youth research is currently in the phase of establishing. For further details contact the Austrian correspondent to the EKCYP, Manfred Zentner, mzentner@jugendkultur.at.

9.3 Details on how this network works if it exists

Recently a feasibility study for the implementation of a national youth network was carried out. Based on the results of this study the national network should be established during the next months. The network shall also have a big influence on the development and quality management of youth research in Austria.

9.4 Strategy to set up a permanent national network linking all actors if not already existing.

Currently the National Network on Youth is being developed that will allow exchange of good practise between researchers and others dealing with youth issues. A feasibility study for the establishment of this network was finished 2007.

10 Other networks in the youth field

10.1 Transnational networks

Many Austrian youth researchers are members of different international networks like

- RC34 of the ISA (the youth research group of the International Sociological Association).

- INYR (International Network of Youth Researchers)

10.2 Networks specific to certain actors

- The study group on participation (*ARGE Partizipation*) is a joint initiative of the State and the Federal States dealing with measures for youth participation.
- The study group on youth information (*ARGE Jugendinformation*) is an association of the regional youth information offices.
- The study group on open youth work (*ARGE Offene Jugendarbeit*) works on the establishment of an umbrella organisation for the open youth work in Austria where also representatives of the *Länder* are involved.
- The inter-ministerial study group for the European Youth Pact is a working group on the implementation of the Youth Pact in Austria
- The study group on youth research works on the establishment of a National Youth Research Network.
- The strategy group on national youth policy discusses the development of youth policy in Austria and the development of a National Youth Plan.

10.3 Organisation and promotion of interdisciplinary dialogue for example between university departments and governmental departments

An example for this is the inter-ministerial study group on the implementation of the Youth Pact in Austria.