

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON AUSTRIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 13 August 1948
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** yes (Term expires in 2015). Previous term of membership: 1995-1999
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere. Member (Term expires : 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme. Member (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation. Member (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication. Member (Term expires : 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee. Member (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme. Rapporteur
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission. Member
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. President: Mrs Eva Nowotny (Term expires : December 2015), Member (Term expires : 2017)
4. **The Director-General's visits to Austria: 3**
 - 26-27 February 2013: on the occasion of the 5th Global Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations in Vienna
 - 31 May - 1 June 2012: on the occasion of the International Conference of National Commissions for UNESCO on "Euro-Arab Dialogue: Contribution to a New Humanism" in Vienna
 - 18 April 2012: visit to Vienna to sign an agreement with the OPEC Fund for International Development
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Austria: 4**
 - 18-20 August 2005: Gaming (21st Chopin festival)
 - 1-2 June 2005: Vienna (official visit)
 - 2-3 April 2004: Vienna. First Regular Session of the UN Chief Executives Board for Coordination.
 - 26-27 August 2002: Salzburg Festival (opera Turandot)
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mrs Ursula Plassnik, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since 29 September 2011)
 - H.E. Mr Harald Stranzl, Ambassador, Alternate Permanent Delegate (since July 2011) – responsible for relations with UNESCO.
7. **UNESCO Office:** none
8. **Austrian Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: 30 June 1949
 - President: Mrs Eva Nowotny (since January 2009)
 - Secretary-General: Mrs Gabriele Eschig (since March 2000)
9. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Mr Dietrich Schüller, Vice-President of the Intergovernmental Council for the Information for All Programme

- Dr Christiane Druml, Member of the International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (IBC) (term of office: 2008-2015)
- 10. UNESCO Chairs: 4**
- UNESCO Chair in Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue for South-East Europe, established at the Karl-Franzens University, Graz (2007)
 - UNESCO Chair in Peace Studies, established at the University of Innsbruck (2008)
 - UNESCO Chair in Cultural Heritage and Tourism, established at the University of Salzburg (2011)
 - UNESCO Chair on Integrated River Research and Management, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (2014)
- 11. Associated Schools: 94** (6 primary, 4 primary and secondary, 59 secondary schools, and 25 vocational and technical institutions). Austria joined the ASP Network in 1954.
- 12. UNESCO Clubs: 1 Club**
- 13. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: none**
- 14. Biosphere Reserves: 5**
- Lobau (1977)
 - Neusiedler See (1977)
 - Grosses Walsertal (2000)
 - Wienerwald (2005)
 - Salzburger Lungau & Kärntner Nockberge (2012)
- 15. Global Geopark Network: 4**
- Natur-und Geopark Steirische Eisenwurzten
 - Carnic Alps Geopark
 - Ore of the Alps Geopark
 - Karawanken/Karavanke Transnational Global Geopark (Austria and Slovenia)
- 16. World Heritage Sites: 9**
- Historic Centre of the City of Salzburg (1996)
 - Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn (1996)
 - Hallstatt-Dachstein / Salzkammergut Cultural Landscape (1997)
 - Semmering Railway (1998)
 - City of Graz – Historic Centre and Schloss Eggenberg (1999, extension in 2010)
 - Wachau Cultural Landscape (2000)
 - Historic Centre of Vienna (2001)
 - Fertő/Neusiedlersee Cultural Landscape (jointly with Hungary) (2001)
 - Prehistoric Pile dwellings around the Alps (jointly with France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland) (2011)
- 17. Tentative List: 12 properties**
- Cultural Landscape of "Innsbruck-Nordkette/Karwendel" (2002)
 - Iron Trail with Erzberg and the old town of Steyr (2002)
 - Bregenzerwald (Bregenz Forest) (1994)
 - Abbey of Kremsmünster (1994)
 - Heiligenkreuz Abbey (1994)
 - Hochosterwitz Castle (1994)
 - Cathedral of Gurk (1994)
 - National Park "Hohe Tauern" (2003)
 - Hall in Tyrol – The Mint (2013)
 - Great Spas of Europe (2014)
 - Frontiers of the Roman Empire (2015)

- Extension to the Joint World Heritage Property “Primeval Beech forests of the Carpathians (Slovak Republic and Ukraine) and the Ancient Beech forests of Germany (Germany)” (2015)

18. Intangible Heritage Lists: 2 elements on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

- Falconry, a living human heritage (2012), jointly with United Arab Emirates, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, and Syrian Arab Republic
- Schemenlaufen, the Carnival of Imst (2012)

19. Memory of the World Register: 14 inscriptions

- Vienna Dioscurides (1997)
- Final Document of the Congress of Vienna (1997)
- The Historical Collections (1899-1950) of the Vienna Phonogrammarchiv (1999)
- Papyrus Erzherzog Rainer (2001)
- The Vienna City Library's Schubert Collection (2001)
- The Atlas Blaeu-Van der Hem of the Austrian National Library (2003)
- Collection of Gothic Architectural Drawings (2005)
- Brahms Collection (2005)
- Bibliotheca Corviniana – jointly with Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, and Italy (2005)
- Tabula Hungariae – jointly with Croatia – recommended for inclusion (2007)
- Tabula Peutingeriana (2007)
- Arnold Schönberg Estate (2011)
- Mainz Psalter at the Austrian National Library (2011)
- The Golden Bull (All seven originals and the “King Wenceslaus’ luxury manuscript copy” of the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek) – jointly with Germany (2013)
- The Estate of Ingeborg Bachmann – Documentary heritage submitted by Austria for inclusion in the Memory of the World Register in 2014.

20. Creative Cities Network: 2

- Graz: UNESCO City of Design (2011)
- Linz: UNESCO City of Media Arts (2014)

21. Legal instruments: 25 ratified and 15 non-ratified

- Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970. **ratified (15 July 2015)**.
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: **ratified (9 April 2009)**.
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: **ratified (18 December 2006)**.
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: **ratified (19 July 2007)**.
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: **non-ratified**

22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015: none

23. Participation Programme:

- 2014-2015: No request submitted
- 2012-2013: 1 project approved for US\$ 25,000: “Training Seminar on the Hague Convention and its two Protocols for Sub-Saharan African Countries (Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, South Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe) in Austria”
- 2010-2011: 2 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 58,000
- 2008-2009: 2 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 30,000

24. **Fellowships:** 3 fellowships awarded since 2006, for a total amount of US\$ 40,673

25. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015:** fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2014-2015: 0.798%
- Contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 5,210,940

26. **Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US\$):

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total	-	52,110	55,570	60,532	55,550

27. **Representation within the Secretariat:** normally represented

- 4 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 4, max. 6) :