

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON AUSTRIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 13 August 1948.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (previous term of membership: 2011-2015).
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (term expires in 2020)
 - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (term expires in 2019)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The Director-General's visits to Austria:** none
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Austria:** 5
 - 13 – 14 September 2017: to take part in the General Assembly of Blue Shield International, Vienna
 - 26 – 27 April 2016: on occasion of the Austrian launch of the ICOM Emergency Red List of Libyan Cultural Objects at Risk, Vienna
 - 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
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Walter Grammer, Ambassador to France, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 2 October 2017)
 - H.E. Mrs Claudia Reinprecht, Ambassador, Alternate Permanent Delegate (since July 2017)
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Harald Stranzl (July 2011 – July 2017)
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 Helmut Habersack, Vice-Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 6
 - 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)
 - UNESCO Chair on Bioethics, Medical University of Vienna (2016)
 - UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Human Security, The University of Graz (2016)
- 11. Associated Schools:** 97 (5 primary, 5 primary/secondary, 57 secondary schools, 25 vocational and technical institutions and 5 others institutions). Austria joined the ASP Network in 1954.
- 12. UNESCO Clubs:** 2 Clubs
- 13. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** 1
- International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels (Graz) (2017)
- 14. Biosphere Reserves:** 3
- Salzburger Lungau & Kärntner Nockberge (2012)
 - Wienerwald (2005)
 - Grosses Walsertal (2000)
- 15. UNESCO Global Geopark Network:** 4
- Styrian Eisenwurzen Global Geopark
 - Carnic Alps Geopark
 - Ore of the Alps Geopark
 - Karawanken/Karavanke Transnational Global Geopark (transboundary with Slovenia)
- 16. World Heritage Sites:** 9 cultural and 1 Natural
- Cultural:*
- Prehistoric Pile dwellings around the Alps (jointly with France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland) (2011)
 - City of Graz – Historic Centre and Schloss Eggenberg (1999, extension in 2010)
 - Historic Centre of Vienna (2001) – on the List in Danger since 2017
 - Fertő/Neusiedlersee Cultural Landscape (jointly with Hungary) (2001)
 - Wachau Cultural Landscape (2000)
 - Semmering Railway (1998)
 - Hallstatt-Dachstein / Salzkammergut Cultural Landscape (1997)
 - Historic Centre of the City of Salzburg (1996)
 - Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn (1996)
- Natural:*
- Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe (2007, 2011, 2017), jointly with Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Ukraine.
- 17. Tentative List:** 12 properties
- Großglockner High Alpine Road / Großglockner Hochalpenstraße (2016)
 - Frontiers of the Roman Empire (2015)
 - Great Spas of Europe (2014)
 - Hall in Tyrol – The Mint (2013)
 - National Park "Hohe Tauern" (2003)
 - 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)
- 18. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 4
- 3 elements on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity*

- Falconry, a living human heritage, jointly with United Arab Emirates, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Spain, and Syrian Arab Republic (2016)
- Classical horsemanship and the High School of the Spanish Riding School Vienna (2015)
- Schemenlaufen, the Carnival of Imst (2012)

1 element on the Register of Good Safeguarding Practices

- Regional Centres for Craftsmanship: a strategy for safeguarding the cultural heritage of traditional handicraft (2016)

19. Memory of the World Register: 15 inscriptions

- The Documents on the Semmering Railway from the Imperial & Royal Historical Museum of Austrian Railways (2017)
- Philosophical Nachlass of Ludwig Wittgenstein (2017), jointly with the United Kingdom, The Netherlands and Canada.
- The Golden Bull (All seven originals and the “King Wenceslaus’ luxury manuscript copy” of the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek) – jointly with Germany (2013)
- Mainz Psalter at the Austrian National Library (2011)
- Arnold Schönberg Estate (2011)
- Tabula Peutingeriana (2007)
- Collection of Gothic Architectural Drawings (2005)
- Brahms Collection (2005)
- Bibliotheca Corviniana-jointly with Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, and Italy (2005)
- The Atlas Blaeu-Van der Hem of the Austrian National Library (2003)
- Papyrus Erzherzog Rainer (2001)
- The Vienna City Library’s Schubert Collection (2001)
- The Historical Collections (1899-1950) of the Vienna Phonogrammarchiv (1999)
- Vienna Dioscurides (1997)
- Final Document of the Congress of Vienna (1997)

20. Creative Cities Network: 2 cities

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

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: 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 2018-2019: none

23. Participation Programme:

- No requests submitted since 2014
- 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. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: 7

NGOs with Associate status: 1

- International Press Institute (IPI) 1996

NGOs with Consultative status: 6

- Consejo Europeo de Investigaciones Sociales de America Latina (CEISA) 1984

- European Dyslexia Association (EDA) 2009
- European Peace University (EPU) 1991
- Fédération Internationale des Professeurs de Langues Vivantes (FIPLV) 1958
- International Information Centre for Terminology (INFOTERM) 2010
- International Organization of Folk Art (IOV) 1983

26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2018: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2018: 0.720%
- Contributions assessed for 2018: US\$ 2,350,800

27. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Total	23, 508	102,978	-	52,110	55,570	60,532	55,550

28. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented

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