

Country	Austria
Number of higher education institutions in the country	73 (22 public universities, 21 public universities of applied sciences, 13 private universities, 17 colleges of education: 9 public and 8 private)
Description of national higher education system	http://www.bmwf.gv.at/uploads/tx_contentbox/hssystem_07.pdf (German version) http://www.forschungsatlas.at/
National Higher Education Strategy	
<p>To enhance the Austrian Higher Education System a Mapping Process was started. Overarching aim is to increase international competitiveness as well as to assure the highest possible level of research and quality of teaching. Therefore the process is focusing on closer cooperation between universities, better use of resources, mutually agreed-upon priorities, as well as on distinct institutional profiles. Within its purview as a comprehensive planning instrument, the Mapping Process for the Austrian Higher Education System is to coordinate all activities within it, without infringing on the autonomy of individual institutions. As an ongoing formative process in which the most important Higher Education institutions are involved, it facilitates an overall vision and the implementation of further steps. Every Item has to be handled differently. So there is not just one concept but a huge amount of single actions for realizing the European Higher Education Area. E.g.: An annual monitoring report is published by the Federal Ministry of Science and Research (see link below).</p> <p>Link to the appropriate document: Referring to the Austrian Higher Education Area: http://hochschulplan.at/ (German version) http://hochschulplan.at/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Hochschulplan.pdf (German version)</p>	
National Higher Education Strategy on Internationalisation	
<p>Implementation of all different steps will be accomplished through performance agreements between the federal ministry and each university.</p> <p>Link to the appropriate document: Referring to teaching in HEIs: http://www.bmwf.gv.at/startseite/studierende/studieren_im_europaeischen_hochschulraum/bologna_prozess/monitoring_report/ (German version) Referring to research: http://www.bmwf.gv.at/print/startseite/mini_menu/service/publikationen/forschung/berichte/forschungs_und_technologieberichte/ (German and English version) Referring to universities: http://www.bmwf.gv.at/startseite/mini_menu/service/publikationen/wissenschaft/universitaetswesen/hochschul_und_universitaetsberichte/ (German version) http://www.bmwf.gv.at/startseite/mini_menu/das_ministerium/katalog_offener_daten/wissensbilanz/ (German version)</p>	

Are joint programmes mentioned in:		
✓ the national higher education strategy	✓ the national strategy on internationalization in HE	
<p>Quotation of an appropriate paragraph: http://hochschulplan.at/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Hochschulplan.pdf quoted under 3.4.2. "Lehre" und 4.3.1. "Zentrale Eckpunkte für die erste Koordination der Fachbereiche"</p>	<p>Quotation of an appropriate paragraph: http://www.bmwf.gv.at/startseite/studierende/studieren_im_europaeischen_hochschulraum/bologna_prozess/monitoring_report/ quoted under "Teaching in HEIs" chapter 3.6 and 3.7 http://www.bmwf.gv.at/startseite/mini_menue/das_ministerium/katalog_offener_daten/wissensbilanz/: §5 h.2.A.8 „Key figures about students participating in international mobility programmes (outgoing)” §5h.2.A.9 „Key figures about students participating in international mobility programmes (incoming)”</p>	
Legislation on joint degrees		
<p>Joint Degree Programmes, Implementation (<i>Joint-degree-Empfehlung 2012</i>)</p> <p>Link to the appropriate document: http://www.bmwf.gv.at/fileadmin/user_upload/wissenschaft/naric/Joint_Degree_Diploma_Programmes.pdf</p>		
Involvement in Erasmus Mundus Programme		
	Number of joint study programmes:	Number of higher education institutions involved:
Erasmus Mundus Master Courses	12	8
Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates	1	1
Additional comments:		

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