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Prison system in Austria

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Legal basis

The legal basis of the penal system in Austria is the “Strafvollzugsgesetz” from 1969 (StVG). Among general regulations based on it, the “Vollzugsordnung für Justizanstalten” is of special relevance.

Purpose of the execution of sentences

According to § 20 „Strafvollzugsgesetz“, the execution of a prison sentence should help the convicted criminal to develop his/her attitudes towards life in a way that they are adjusted to community’s needs and should prevent them from following their detrimental addiction. In addition the execution should show the worthlessness of the sentenced behaviour.

Leadership/Administration

Responsible public authority for the penalty system is the Federal Ministry of Justice. Since 2007, managerial functions are assigned to the „Vollzugsdirektion“. It supervises all 27 prisons in Austria as well as the training academy (“Strafvollzugsakademie”).

Personnel

3892 employees are working in the Austrian prisons, 3124 of as prison guards. The others represent different professions, including doctors, psychologists, pastors, sociologists, trainers, social workers, therapists, nurses, administration staff. The personnel’s training takes place at the „Strafvollzugsakademie“.

Budget

The average net costs per inmate and day in prison in 2011 were 98,80€. The total spending was 373.273.368,70 €.

Prisons

Austrian prison system consists of:

- **7 penal institutions for men**
Stein, Graz-Karlau, Garsten, Suben, Sonnberg, Hirtenberg, Wien-Simmering
- **1 penal institution for adolescents**
Gerasdorf
- **1 penal institutions for women**
Schwarzau
- **3 institutions for involuntary detention („Maßnahmenvollzug“)**
Göllersdorf, Wien-Mittersteig, Wien-Favoriten



- **15 court institutions („gerichtliche Gefangenenhäuser“)**
Eisenstadt, Wien-Josefstadt, Wr. Neustadt, St. Pölten, Krems, Korneuburg, Graz-Jakomini, Leoben, Klagenfurt, Linz, Wels, Ried i.L., Salzburg, Innsbruck, Feldkirch
- **„Wiener Jugendgerichtshilfe“**

Penalties

There are three types of imprisonment: remand, imprisonment and the so-called „Maßnahmenvollzug“. „Maßnahmenvollzug“ is a prison sentence for mentally disordered lawbreakers with diminished responsibility (§21 Abs1 oder §21 Abs2 StGB, §23 StGB). Since September 1st, 2010, there is also the possibility for electronically attended house arrest in case specific requirements are complied..

Inmates

The average prison population in 2011 was 8.816. On September 1st, 2011 among the inmates 4.027 were non-Austrians, 572 women and 149 adolescents. There is an increase in the number of inmates in „Maßnahmenvollzug“, although number of long-term inmates (penalties of 10 and more years or life imprisonment) slightly decreased.

Working in prison

Inmates are obliged to work. Therefore prisons run work shops and companies in about 50 branches.

For their work, inmates receive a salary, of which 75 % are withheld as a contribution to the execution of the sentence. The rest is divided: one half of the money can be used as pocket money during imprisonment, half is used for savings for the time after release. In addition the inmates, who fulfil their working obligation contribute to unemployment insurance and are therefore entitled to receive unemployment benefits after release from prison.

Working in prison shall

- prepare inmates for the time after release
- provide practical activity as a therapy with time- shortening function
- contribute to order in prison
- contribute to the costs of imprisonment



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WIEN		
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<u>Wien-Josefstadt, 1082 Wien, Wickenburggasse 18-20</u>	01/40403	01/40403-3297
<u>Wien-Mittersteig, 1050 Wien, Mittersteig 25</u>	01/5451691	01/5451691-236
<u>Wien-Simmering, 1110 Wien, Kaiserebersdorferstr. 297</u>	01/7696919	01/7696919-352608
<u>Jugendgerichtshilfe Wien</u>	01/40403-3237	01/40403-3296
NIEDERÖSTERREICH		
<u>Gerasdorf, 2731 St. Egyden/Steinfeld, Puchbergerstr. 1</u>	02638/77431	02638/77431-119
<u>Göllersdorf, 2013 Göllersdorf, Schloßgasse 17</u>	02954/2411	02954/2411-205
<u>Hirtenberg, 2552 Hirtenberg, Leobersdorferstr. 16</u>	02256/81192	02256/81192-279
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<u>Krems, 3500 Krems, Kasernstr. 9</u>	02732/77722	02732/77722-16
<u>Schwarzau, 2625 Schwarzau, Wechselbundesstr. 23-25</u>	02627/82352	02627/82352-215
<u>Sonnberg, 2020 Hollabrunn, Sonnberg 1</u>	02952/2308	02952/2308-64
<u>St. Pölten, 3100 St. Pölten, Andreas Hoferstr. 3</u>	02742/840	02742/840-114
<u>Stein, 3500 Stein, Steiner Landstr. 4</u>	02732/890	02732/890-250
<u>Wr. Neustadt, 2700 Wr. Neustadt, Maximiliangasse 3</u>	02622/90600	02622/90600-460
BURGENLAND		
<u>Eisenstadt, 7001 Eisenstadt, Landesgerichtstr. 4</u>	02682/75555	02682/75555-445
STEIERMARK		
<u>Graz-Jakomini, 8010 Graz, C.v.Hötzendorf-Str. 43</u>	0316/832832	0316/832832-453
<u>Graz-Karlau, 8011 Graz, Herrgottwiesgasse 50</u>	0316/2705	0316/2705-363
<u>Leoben, 8700 Leoben, Dr. Hanns Groß-Str. 9</u>	03842/44443	03842/44443-5575
KÄRNTEN		
<u>Klagenfurt, 9020 Klagenfurt, Purtscherstr. 2</u>	0463/57560	0463/57560-13
OBERÖSTERREICH		
<u>Garsten, 4451 Garsten, Am Platzl 1</u>	07252/576	07252/576-354 049
<u>Linz, 4020 Linz, Pochestr. 9</u>	05/7601-21	05/7601-21-14400
<u>Ried, 4910 Ried, Bahnhofstr. 56</u>	05/7601-21	05/7601-21-53039
<u>Suben, 4975 Suben, Kirchenplatz 1</u>	07711/2311	07711/2311-200
<u>Wels, 4600 Wels, Hamerlingstr. 1</u>	05/7601-21	05/7601-21-43099
SALZBURG		
<u>Salzburg, 5020 Salzburg, Schanzlgasse 1</u>	0662/840531	0662/841334
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VORARLBERG		
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