

**SME Associations in Austria**  
an overview

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

## **SME in Austria**

The Austrian industry consists largely of SMEs (Small and Medium sized Enterprises). Around 298.000 SMEs account for 99,6% of all companies situated in Austria, not taken into account the field of forestry and agriculture (source: Austrian Institute for SME Research).

## **SME-Associations in Austria**

There is no so-called “SME-Association” existing in Austria. Given the above situation, though, associations for companies are nearly entirely made up of SMEs and represent their interests.

In this overview different Associations made up by companies from certain sectors are listed including

- **Trade Associations, National Associations, Federal Associations:**  
These include the so-called “Fachverbände“ and “Bundesinnungen“. The task of the different “Bundesinnungen“ is similar, the sectors they represent are self-explanatory from the title of the Association (e.g. Austrian Association of Shoemakers). Where no official English name of an Association was available, the official German name was translated by FFG.
- **Clusters:**  
These are regional networks made up from SMEs active in certain industry sectors, e.g. Automobile industry (supply-chain), wood etc.

The collected information about these organisations include

- number of members
- website
- contact details (telephone, email)
- mission statement

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## **2 AUSTRIAN TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

### **2.1 INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES & TRANSPORT**

#### **2.1.1 Association of Austrian Machinery and Metalware Industries Fachverband MASCHINEN & METALLWAREN Industrie**

**Number of members:** 1.376

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##### **Mission**

The Association of the Austrian Machinery and Metalware Industries (FMMI) is an autonomous professional organization within the framework of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber.

The FMMI represents the interests of its members in the industrial branches

- Agricultural machinery
- Bearings, gears, gearing and driving elements
- Central heating radiators and boilers
- Fittings and valves
- Foundry and metallurgy machinery
- Furnaces and furnace burners
- Gas and water gas generators
- Locks and hinges
- Machine tools
- Mechanical engineering
- Pumps and compressors
- Steel and light-alloy structures
- Surface refinement and heat treatment
- Tanks, reservoirs and containers
- Tools
- Tubes and Sections
- Wire and Wire Products
- Vehicle Components
- ...

and offers target-group oriented services and informations. The FMMI is partner and first contact for all kinds of inquiries.

The Austrian machinery and metalware sector is Austria's biggest sector of material goods (industry, trade and crafts).

In the year 2008 the production value of the Austrian machinery and metalware amounted to a total of 36,8 billion EURO. For the year 2009 a production increase of -15% was expected.

Due to the small domestic market, the Austrian manufacturers of machinery and metalware have been forced to increase their export activities, pushing the export quota to 62% which is far above the leverage level of the Austrian manufacturers of material goods.

### **2.1.2 Austrian Non-Ferrous Metals Association Fachverband der NE-Metallindustrie**

**Number of members:** 67  
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#### **Mission**

The Association of the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry is the representative body of all Austrian companies active in the field of non-ferrous metals.

The paramount object of the Association is to provide sustainable benefit to the NF metal sector, through its own activities within the framework of representation as well as through clearly defined, focussed services, in a cost-optimised structure and with a customer-oriented approach.

As a federation of employers, the Austrian Association of the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry negotiates collective agreements for its members.

In major issues, the Association provides members with relevant information already in the preparatory phases and attempts to find a timely settlement of interests within its own ranks. In a clearly defined lobbying process the Association acts in good time as a strong advocate for the sector within the WKÖ (Chamber of Economy), and, on a selective basis, vis-à-vis national and international authorities and federations.

In order to strengthen the representation of interests, the Association strives to concentrate its forces in theme-specific platforms and cooperations with other specialized organizations, as well as with foreign sister federations and other entities.

Desirous to ensure full operational capacity in a lean structure the Association continuously upgrades its scope of services in accordance with members' needs.

### **2.1.3 Association of the Austrian Mining and Steel Producing Industry Industrie Fachverband Bergbau-Stahl**

**Number of members:** 123  
<http://www.bergbaustahl.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Association of the Mining and Steel-Producing Industry is the representative body of all Austrian industrial steelmaking and mining concerns.

The paramount object of the Association is to provide sustainable benefit to the companies operating in that field, through its own activities within the framework of representation as well as through clearly defined, focussed services, in a cost-optimised structure and with a customer-oriented approach.

As a federation of employers, the Austrian Association of the Mining and Steel-Producing Industry negotiates collective agreements for its members.

In major issues, the Association provides members with relevant information already in the preparatory phases and attempts to find a timely settlement of interests within its own ranks. In a clearly defined lobbying process the Association acts in good time as a strong advocate for the sector within the WKÖ (Chamber of Economy), and, on a selective basis, vis-à-vis national and international authorities and federations.

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#### **2.1.4 Association of Austrian Foundry Association Fachverband der Gießereiindustrie**

**Number of members:** 52  
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##### **Mission**

This Association of Austrian Foundry represents all Austrian enterprises active in the field of metal casting (iron, AL, Mg and other metals).

The Austrian foundry industry's know-how and technology are high ranking at international level, with environmental friendly products that make better use of resources it faces worldwide competition with great success. Most of the products are exported in highly industrialised countries of the whole world.

Foundries are typical parts of the supply chain of vehicles, engines, machines and goods as well as for the communal sector.

#### **2.1.5 Austrian Association of Metal Design, Surface Treatment Technology and Metal Casting Bundesinnung Metalldesign, Oberflächentechnik und Guss**

**Number of members:** 503  
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##### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Metal Design, Surface Treatment Technology and Metal Casting are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representing the members towards the public, politics and authorities, other trade associations and social partners
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals

Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, providing information

## **2.1.6 Austrian Association of Locksmiths, Agricultural Machinery Technicians and Blacksmiths Bundesinnung der Schlosser, Landmaschinentechniker und Schmiede**

**Number of members:** 7.613  
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### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Locksmiths, Agricultural Machinery Technicians and Blacksmiths are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representing the members towards the public, politics and authorities, other trade associations and social partners
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, providing information

## **2.1.7 Austrian Association of Roofers and Coppersmiths Bundesinnung der Spengler und Kupferschmiede**

**Number of members:** 1.721  
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### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Metal Roofers and Coppersmiths are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representing the members towards the public, politics and authorities, other trade associations and social partners
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, providing information

### **2.1.8 Austrian Association of Mechatronic Contractors Bundesinnung der Mechatroniker**

**Number of members:** 5.574  
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The Association of Mechatronic Contractors is representing companies belonging to the sectors of mechanics and electronics. Its main tasks are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representing the members towards the public, politics and authorities, other trade associations and social partners
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, providing information

### **2.1.9 The Association of the Austrian Electrical and Electronics Industries - FEEI Fachverband der Elektro- und Elektronikindustrie**

**Number of members:** 442  
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#### **Mission**

The Association of the Austrian Electrical and Electronics Industries "FEEI" represents the interests of all Austrian companies which manufacture electrical and electronics products on an industrial basis, offer system solutions or supply services.

The main goal is to give an optimum support to the companies of the electrical and electronics industries in their efforts to reach common objectives, as well as to provide them with sustainable benefits through its activities.

They support their members through:

- Effective representation of members' interests and socio-political dedication
- Non-political and competent coordination of companies' interests
- Target-group-orientated service
- Continual public relations activity for the Austrian Electrotechnical and Electronics Industry

### **2.1.10 The Association of the Austrian Chemical Industry - FCIO Fachverband der chemischen Industrie (FCIO)**

**Number of members:** 330

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#### **Mission**

The Association of the Austrian Chemical Industry (FCIO) represents the interests of all Austrian companies which manufacture chemical products on an industrial basis.

Main tasks and activities:

- Representation of membership at all levels of government.
- Information and advisory service to members. Typical issues include chemical legislation, environmental protection, transportation of dangerous goods, public relations.
- Collective bargaining with trade unions.

### **2.1.11 Federal Guild of Chemical Trade and Monument-, Facade- and Building Cleaners Bundesinnung der chemischen Gewerbe und der Denkmal-, Fassaden- und Gebäudereiniger**

**Number of members:** 4.206

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Federal Guild of the Chemical Trade and Monument-, Facade- and Building Cleaners are in the lobby of their members, in the communication between public authorities, apprenticeship and further education, the assistance of their members in case of law and other matters.

The substitution of interest takes place towards the state in case of examination of law and guidelines and towards the sozial partners in case of realisation of collective agreement negotiations.

### **2.1.12 Association of the Austrian Petroleum Industry Fachverband der Mineralölindustrie**

<http://www.oil-gas.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Association of the Austrian Petroleum Industry represents the interests of the branches:

- co-ordination and elaboration of statements on EU-regulations and national regulations,
- spreading petroleum-specific information to member organisations
- platform for members and for SCC (Security Certificat Contractor)
- National and international market observations
- Weekly comparison of fuel prices at Austrian service stations for European comparison according to transparency regulations.
- Collective agreement negotiations for about 3.900 employees
- Organisation of numerous task forces and seminars for legal and technical topics
- Public relations
- Interest representation at organisations of chamber of commerce
- Co-operation and support of the Petroleum Institute and co-operation with the Society of petroleum sciences (ÖGEW)

### **2.1.13 Trade Association of the Construction Industry Fachverband der Bauindustrie**

**Number of members:** 170

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#### **Mission**

The basic legal and economic conditions are undergoing unprecedented changes. As a result, the companies of the construction industry are confronted with a myriad of conflicting interests.

The central task of the Trade Association of the Construction Industry is to ensure that the member companies take a united public stand on issues, particularly in debates on economic and social policy, and that they have the more compelling arguments on their side.

As a corporate body under public law, the Trade Association is a sub-organization of the Austrian Economic Chamber and has its own independent scope of authority. Its purpose is to represent the interests of the member companies effectively in relation to the political authorities, the Social Partners, public and private customers, and within international organizations.



Membership in the Trade Association gives companies a say in the formulation of new laws and ordinances which they would not otherwise have.

The Trade Association is also authorized to conclude collective agreements on behalf of member companies.

With its range of services, the Trade Association helps companies in the Austrian construction industry succeed in business on national and international markets and retain their long-term competitiveness. It constantly observes cyclical developments and compiles detailed statistics, giving companies a solid basis on which to sector customers, the Trade Association ensures that prices are not calculated in ways detrimental to member companies.

Employees at companies in the building industry are kept abreast of all the latest developments by attending information events, courses and seminars covering basic and advanced training, environmental protection, awarding of contracts, etc. Its constant PR efforts ensure that the public is always aware of the problems and concerns of the construction industry.

To represent the interests of the construction industry effectively, the Trade Association is active in national and international organizations and institutions:

- Federation of the European Construction Industry -FIEC
- Technical and vocational college operator companies
- Lehrbauhöfe Süd und Ost (training institutions)
- Bauarbeiter-Urlaubs- und Abfertigungskasse (leave and severance payment fund for construction workers)
- Arbeitsmarktservice Bau-Holz (public job referral service for the building and lumber sector)
- Arbeitsgerichtliche Senate (labor mediation board)
- Bundesvergabeamt (federal contracting office)
- Vergabekontrollkommission (supervisory board for the awarding of contracts)
- Österreichisches Normungsinstitut (Austrian standards authority)
- Österreichisches Statistisches Zentralamt (central Austrian statistical agency)
- Baustoff-Recycling Verband (association for the recycling of building materials)
- Recycling Börse Bau (construction recycling exchange)
- Arbeitsgemeinschaft Bauwirtschaft (joint venture of the construction industry)

### Organizational structure

The Trade Association of the Construction Industry carries out its responsibilities in a collaborative effort between its official bodies, the management, and the specialized committees.

The official bodies of the organization are made up of representatives of member construction firms who are democratically elected every five years to perform their duties in an honorary capacity.

### **2.1.14 Austrian Association of Construction Bundesinnung Bau**

**Number of members:** 11.000

<http://www.bau.or.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Construction are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desctop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.1.15 Austrian Association of Upholsterer and Saddler Bundesinnung der Tapezierer, Dekorateure und Sattler**

**Number of members:** 1.481

<http://www.raumausstatter.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Pholsterer and Saddler are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desctop, interventions, answering questions

## **2.1.16 Austrian Association of Painter, Varnisher, Signposts Supplier Bundesinnung der Maler, Lackierer und Schilderhersteller**

**Number of members:** 3.958

<http://www.wko.at/maler>

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### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Painter, Varnisher, Signposts Supplier are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, answering questions

## **2.1.17 Austrian Association of Sanitary, Heating and Ventilation Installation Contractors Bundesinnung der Sanitär-, Heizungs- und Lüftungstechniker**

**Number of members:** 4.778

<http://www.shk.at>

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### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Sanitary, Heating and Ventilation Installation Contractors are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representing the members towards the public, politics and authorities, other trade associations and social partners
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, providing information

### **2.1.18 Association of the Austrian Cement Industry (VÖZ) Vereinigung der Österreichischen Zementindustrie**

**Number of members:** 9

<http://www.zement.at>

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#### **Mission**

The aim of the Austrian Cement Association is to promote the interests of the cement industry.

Main tasks are:

- Public relations
- Representation of the members' interests
- Maintenance of national and international contacts and memberships
- Running of a cement research institute
- Cooperation in standardisation and directives works
- Participation in international projects

### **2.1.19 Austrian Association of Plastics Processing Bundesinnung der Kunststoffverarbeiter**

**Number of members:** 724

<http://www.kunststoffverarbeiter.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Plastics Processing are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desctop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.1.20 Federal Association of the Austrian Glass Industry Fachverband der Glasindustrie**

**Number of members:** 66

<http://www.fvglas.at>

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#### **Mission**

66 enterprises are represented by the Association of the Austrian Glass Industry, coming from different branches of the Austrian Glass industry.

### **2.1.21 Austrian Association of Flazier Bundesinnung der Glaser**

**Number of members:** 1.102

<http://www.glaser.bau.or.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Flazier are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desctop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.1.22 Austrian Association for Building Materials and Ceramic Industries Fachverband der Stein- und keramischen Industrie**

**Number of members:** 430

<http://www.baustoffindustrie.at>

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#### **Mission**

The General Management of the Austrian association for Building Materials and Ceramic industries co-ordinates and supports the organs and the expert committee. The General Management consists of employees of the Austrian Federal Chamber of Commerce. It is responsible to take care of resolutions the organs have taken.

### **2.1.23 Austrian Association of Mason Bundesinnung der Steinmetzmeister**

**Number of members:** 771

<http://portal.wko.at/steinmetzmeister>

<http://www.steinmetz.bau.or.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Mason are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desctop, interventions, answering questions

#### **2.1.24 Association of the Austrian Leather Producing Industry Fachverband der Leder erzeugenden Industrie**

**Number of members:** 4

<http://www.leather-industry.at>

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##### **Mission**

The Association of the Austrian Leather Producing Industry includes all 4 leather producing companies of Austria, with around 2.200 employees in 2008. It represents the interest of its members.

#### **2.1.25 Association of the Austrian Leather Processing Industry Fachverband der Leder verarbeitenden Industrie**

**Number of members:** 36

<http://www.shoes-leather.at>

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##### **Mission**

The Association of the Austrian Leather Processing Industry includes 36 enterprises of the

- Austrian Association of shoe industry and the
- Austrian Association of leather goods and suitcases

With around 1.880 employees in 2008 these enterprises produced goods worth 300 Mio. Euro.

#### **2.1.26 Association of the Austrian Textile Industry Fachverband der Textilindustrie**

**Number of members:** 163

<http://www.textilindustrie.at>

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## **Mission**

The Association of Austrian Textile Industry is the interest group and the service centre of Austria's textile enterprises. This industry comprises 169 textile companies with a total staff of 15.200 employees who achieve a yearly turnover of over euro 2,7 b. The high export share of 83 percent proves that Austrian textiles are in great demand and highly esteemed all over the world. The products and services of Austria's textile industry stand for high quality, creativity, flexibility and reliability.

### **2.1.27 Austrian Clothing Industry Association Fachverband der Bekleidungsindustrie**

**Number of members:** 195

<http://www.fashion-industry.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Association of the Austrian Clothing Industry, as an independent organization within the Austrian Chamber of Economy, is the legal representation of the Austrian clothing industry.

Members of the Austrian clothing industry also include allied industry sections such as the

- bedding industry,
- industrial laundries,
- dry cleaners and dye companies,
- industrial manufacturer of buttons,
- umbrellas,
- flags,
- car ancillary industry as well as
- textile automotive suppliers.

You will find a detailed listing of all lines of manufacturing under Industrial sectors or the individual presentation of the sectors.

As a representative, the association acts on behalf of the interests of its members primarily towards national and EU-authorities, within the Austrian Chamber of Economy versus unions, up- and downstream parts of the textile chain and other national and international professional bodies. As a provider of substantial services, it is the principal task of the association to strengthen the competitiveness of its member companies.



## **2.1.28 Federal Guild of Master Tailor Bundesinnung der Bekleidungsgewerbe**

**Number of members:** 1.902

<http://wko.at/bekleidungsgewerbe>

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### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Federal Guild of Master Tailor are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desctop, interventions, answering questions

## **2.1.29 Federal Guild of Dry Cleaner, Launderer and Dyer Bundesinnung der Textilreiniger, Wäscher und Färber**

**Number of members:** 754

<http://wko.at/textilreiniger>

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### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Federal Guild of Dry Cleaner, Launderer and Dyer are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desctop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.1.30 Federal Guild of Furrier Bundesinnung der Kürschner, Handschuhmacher, Gerber, Präparatoren und Säckler**

**Number of members:** 310  
<http://wko.at/pelz-leder>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Federal Guild of Furrier are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desctop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.1.31 Federal Guild of Healthcare Professions Bundesinnung Gesundheitsberufe**

**Number of members:** approx. 2.000  
<http://wko.at/Gesundheitsberufe>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Federal Guild of Shoemaker and Orhtopaedics Shoemaker are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desctop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.1.32 Federal Guild of Embroideries, Knitter, Weaver and Roaper Bundesinnung der Sticker, Stricker, Wirker, Weber, Posamentierer und Seiler**

**Number of members:** 880  
<http://www.textilgewerbe.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Embroiderer, Knitter, Cordmaker and Weaver are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desctop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.1.33 PPV Association of the Austrian Paper and Board Converting Industry Fachverband der Papier und Pappe verarbeitenden Industrie**

**Number of members:** 107  
<http://www.ppv.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Association of the Austrian Paper and Board Converting Industry is a corporation under public law and represents by law the interests of the members. Members of the PPV-Association are all enterprises which are authorised for paper treatment in industrial scale. The Association supports the different branches of this industry. The branches are organised in groups.

The main tasks are:

- co-ordination of interests of enterprises and branches
- articulating and implementing the interests of the PPV-Industry and their branches
- representing the interests of the PPV-Industry
- appraisal of regulations and laws
- bargaining collective agreements
- support of economy and education

- public relation
- representation at European organisations
- support of enterprises and branches
- member information and member-service

### **2.1.34 Austropapier - Association of the Austrian Paper Industry Fachverband der Papierindustrie**

**Number of members:** 23

<http://www.austropapier.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Association of Austro-Hungarian Paper Manufacturers was set up in 1872. Together with the Fachverband der Papierindustrie as part of the industrial section of the Federal Economic Chamber, Austropapier represents the interests of the Austrian pulp and paper industry. Its main tasks are

- Information about any area of justice (regulations, etc.)
- Written and oral consultancy
- Collective bargaining
- Training and education
- Representation of interest and membership towards national public authorities
- Member of international organisations

### **2.1.35 Federal Association of the Printing Industry Fachverband Druck**

<http://www.wko.at/druck>

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#### **Mission**

Representations towards the authorities of the members coming from the fields of

- Printing
- Pre-press

The Association of the Printing Industry is mainly Representative of Interests for its members, the groups in the regions are responsible for direct services for their members.

### **2.1.36 Association of the Austrian Wood Industries Fachverband der Holzindustrie Österreichs**

**Number of members:** 1.500  
<http://www.holzindustrie.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of the Austrian Wood Industries are:

- Representation of membership at all levels of government
- Information about any area of justice (regulations, prescriptions, qualifications, price mechanism)
- Written and oral consultancy
- Representative of Interest towards national public authorities
- Member of international organisations

The Association of the Austrian Wood Industries represents approximately 1.500 companies with 33.000 employees. It is the platform of the Austrian Timber Industry. The majority of the members are private medium-sized companies. The production value of these companies is approximately 5,4 billion euros.

### **2.1.37 Austrian Association of Joiner Bundesinnung der Tischler**

**Number of members:** 9.347  
<http://www.tischler.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Austrian Association of Joiner are:

- Representation of membership at all levels of government
- Information about any area of justice (regulations, prescriptions, qualifications, price mechanism)
- Written and oral consultancy
- Representative of Interest towards national public authorities
- Member of international organisations

Members: joiners, boatbuilder, model maker, parquet recliner, planing and milling plants, marquee producers

### **2.1.38 Austrian Association of Master Carpenter Bundesinnung Holzbau**

**Number of members:** 1.917

<http://www.zimmermeister.bau.or.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Master Carpenter are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.1.39 Association of Transport Allgemeiner Fachverband der Fahrschulen und des allgemeinen Verkehrs**

<http://www.wko.at/afv>

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#### **Mission**

The Association of Transport is the legal representation of Austrian transport enterprises. The aim is the maintenance and improvement of the national and international competitiveness of the Austrian transport economy and enhancing the image of the Austrian transport economy according to its importance. The association represents the interests of its members in a differentiated pluralistic order of society within a social free market economy.

An objective is to remain and expand the dispositive autonomy in transport economy. The autonomy is the basis for the innovation capability of enterprises.

## **2.1.40 The Austrian Vehicle Industry Association Fachverband der Fahrzeugindustrie**

**Number of members:** 170  
<http://fahrzeugindustrie.at>

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### **Mission**

The Association of the Austrian Vehicle Industry is a corporation under public law and represents by law the interests of the holders of a trading licence of the vehicle industry.

In 2005, the approximately 200 member companies of our association achieved with a total staff of 35.000 employees a production value of about 12,0 billion euro (estimation). Due to the small domestic market, these companies are bound to export their excellent products to all international markets. The high quota of direct exports of 87 % is an ample proof of their success. The products of this branch enjoy a high worldwide reputation and our member companies are frequently trendsetters for new technologies on international level.

The member companies dedicate their activities to the following branches:

- vehicles,
- two-wheelers,
- surface mountings, trailers and car bodies,
- motor vehicle parts and components (especially motors and gear boxes),
- motor vehicle repair work and
- aircrafts as well as
- engineering and construction of prototypes.

## **2.1.41 Association of Coach, Aviation and Shipping Companies Fachverband der Autobus-, Luftfahrt- und Schifffahrtunternehmen**

<http://wko.at/bus-luft-schiff>

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### **Mission**

- professional and trade specific representation of the private autobus industry at national and international level
- representative of member interest at regional, countrywide and european level
- information und assistance of member organisations for example in the areas of:
  - working law and tarif
  - EU-law / EU-social regulations
  - public transport of persons
  - crossborder transport
  - tax law

### **2.1.42 Association of Railways Fachverband der Schienenbahnen**

<http://www.schienenbahnen.at>

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### **Mission**

The Association of Railways is the representative of interests for all enterprises in the railway business. It works closely together with departments of the Federal Economic Chamber, uses available resources efficiently and makes use of synergies wherever it is possible.

Most members are active in different areas, the tasks of the Association take care of this:

- efficient and effective representation of interests of the members of the Association
- support in the central communication with public bodies
- implementing agreed positions of all member organisations
- creating an information platform
- individual assistance in legal and sociopolitical aspects of single enterprises
- continue public relations

### **2.1.43 Association of Cablecars Fachverband der Seilbahnen**

<http://www.seilbahnen.at>

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**Mission**

- public relations (marketing forum of the Association)
- environment: publications, expert pool, conception of guides, studies
- law
- technology
- economy
- statistics

**2.1.44 Professional Association of Forwarding Agents  
Fachverband der Spediteure**

<http://www.wk.or.at/spediteure>

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**Mission**

Professional Association of Forwarding Agents is the representative of interests for all enterprises of the forwarding business. It works closely together with departments of the Chamber of Commerce, uses available resources efficiently and makes use of synergies wherever possible.

**2.1.45 Austrian Road Haulage Association  
Fachverband Güterbeförderung**

<http://www.dietransporteure.at>

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**Mission**

Association of Goods Transport is the representative of interests for all enterprises of the goods transport business. The Association is mainly Representative of Interests for its members.

## **2.1.46 Austrian Association of Motor Vehicle Technicians Bundesinnung der Kraftfahrzeugtechniker (einschließlich Vulkaniseure)**

**Number of members:** 5.438

<http://www.kraftfahrzeugtechniker.at>

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### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Motor Vehicle Technicians are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representing the members towards the public, politics and authorities, other trade associations and social partners
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals

Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, providing information

## **2.1.47 Austrian Association of Roofers and Varnisher for Coachwork Bundesinnung der Karosseriebauer einschließlich Karosseriespengler und Karosserielackierer sowie der Wagner**

**Number of members:** 1.154

<http://www.autorep.at>

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### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Roofers and Varnisher for Coachwork are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.1.48 Federation of Austrian Industry / SME Working Group KMU-Arbeitskreis der Industriellenvereinigung**

**Number of members:** approx. 200  
<http://www.iv-net.at>

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#### **Mission**

Industrial SMEs have industrial concerns. Therefore, the Federation of Austrian Industry has established a SME-Lobbying-Group with approx. 200 members. This SME-Lobbying-Group is organized regionally with subgroups in each federal state. These subgroups define regional issues and cooperate with each other. Besides this, key issues of the SME-Lobbying Group are being identified each year.

### **2.1.49 General Trade Association Allgemeiner Fachverband des Gewerbes**

**Number of members:** 80.740  
<http://wko.at/bsgh>

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#### **Mission**

- Representative of Interests for its members,
- SME-policies and
- Information

### **2.1.50 General Federal Association Allgemeines Bundesgremium**

**Number of members:** 5.887

<http://www.wko.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the General Federal Association are:

- Representative of the Austrian Trade
- Information about any area of justice (regulations, prescriptions, qualifications, price mechanism)
- Written and oral consultancy
- Representative of Interest towards national public authorities
- Member of international organisations

### **2.1.51 Austrian Association of Consulting Engineers Fachverband Ingenieurbüros**

<http://www.ingenieurbueros.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Austrian Association of Consulting Engineers is a legally established body of independent consulting engineers who offer their services in every field of technology and natural science. It represents the professional and business interests of its members in order to influence national and European legislation affecting the profession and to obtain the best possible business conditions for Consulting Engineers.

The Association creates framework conditions such as calculation guidelines, general terms of business and insurance framework programme for Consulting Engineers.

## **2.1.52 Association of Recycling and Disposal Fachverband Abfall- und Abwasserwirtschaft**

**Number of members:** 3.407

<http://www.dieabfallwirtschaft.at>

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### **Mission**

This Association of Recycling and Disposal gathers around 3000 companies active in

- collecting of waste,
- disposal of waste,
- recycling of waste,
- cleaning of transport surfaces,
- treatment of waste water,
- - waste consultancy and waste logistics,
- appropriation, service and disposal of mobile toilets,
- sewerage clearing,
- cleaning of tanks.

## **2.1.53 Austrian Association of Gold- and Silversmiths, Jewellers and Watchmakers Bundesinnung der Gold- und Silberschmiede, Juweliere und Uhrmacher**

**Number of members:** 1.257

<http://www.goldschmiede-uhrmacher.at>

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### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Gold- and Silversmiths, Jewellers and Watchmakers are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representing the members towards the public, politics and authorities, other trade associations and social partners
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, providing information

## **2.1.54 Federal Guild of Healthcare Professions Bundesinnung Gesundheitsberufe**

**Number of members:** approx. 2.000  
<http://wko.at/Gesundheitsberufe>

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### **Mission**

The main tasks are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, answering questions

## 2.2 LIFE SCIENCES

### 2.2.1 Federal Association of Tobacconist Bundesgremium der Tabaktrafikanten

**Number of members:** 7.967

<http://www.tabaktrafikanten.at>

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#### Mission

The main tasks of the Food-Association of Tobacconist are:

- Representative of the Austrian Tobacconist
- Information about any area of justice (regulations, prescriptions, qualifications, price mechanism)
- Written and oral consultancy
- Representative of Interest towards national public authorities
- Member of international organisations

### 2.2.2 Federal Wholesalers Association Bundesgremium des Agrarhandels

**Number of members:** 4.951

<http://wko.at/agrarhandel>

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#### Mission

The main tasks of the Federal Wholesalers Association are:

- Representative of Wholesalers of grain, seed and feed, fruit and vegetable, livestock and meat, wine and liquors
- Information about any area of justice (regulations, economy, qualifications, market structure)
- Written and oral consultancy
- Representative of Interest towards national public authorities
- Member of international organisations

### **2.2.3 Federal Association of Trade of Photo-, Optic- and Medical Products Bundesgremium des Foto-, Optik- und Medizinproduktehandels**

**Number of members:** 3.084

<http://wko.at/fotohandel>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Trade of Photo-, Optic- and Medical Products are:

- Representative of the Austrian Trade of Photo-, Optic- and Medical Products
- Information about any area of justice (regulations, prescriptions, qualifications, price mechanism)
- Written and oral consultancy
- Representative of Interest towards national public authorities
- Member of international organisations

### **2.2.4 Federal Food Retailers and Wholesalers Association Bundesgremium des Lebensmittelhandels**

**Number of members:** 15.906

<http://wko.at/lebensmittelhandel>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Federal Food Retailers and Wholesalers Association are:

- Representative of Food Retailers and Wholesalers
- Information about any area of justice (regulations, economy, qualifications, market structure)
- Written and oral consultancy
- Representative of Interest towards national public authorities
- Member of international organisations



## **2.2.5 Federal Guild of Healthcare Professions Bundesinnung Gesundheitsberufe**

**Number of members:** approx. 2.000  
<http://wko.at/Gesundheitsberufe>

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### **Mission**

The main tasks are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, answering questions

## **2.2.6 Austrian Association of Bakers Bundesinnung der Bäcker**

**Number of members:** 1.767  
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### **Mission**

The Austrian Association of Bakers supports the economic development of the bakery trade by influencing the frame conditions in a positive way.

The mains tasks are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations, e.g. UIB and CEBP
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of the baker-apprenticeship
- Cooperation on inquiries about bakery trade in Austria compared to other trades
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, answering questions

## **2.2.7 Federal Guild of Chemical Trade and Monument-, Facade- and Building Cleaners Bundesinnung der chemischen Gewerbe und der Denkmal-, Fassaden- und Gebäudereiniger**

**Number of members:** 4.206  
<http://wko.at/chemie-gewerbe>

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### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Federal Guild of the Chemical Trade and Monument-, Facade- and Building Cleaners are in the lobby of their members, in the communication between public authorities, apprenticeship and further education, the assistance of their members in case of law and other matters.

The substitution of interest takes place towards the state in case of examination of law and guidelines and towards the sozial partners in case of realisation of collective agreement negotiations.

## **2.2.8 Austrian Association of Butchers Bundesinnung der Fleischer**

**Number of members:** 1.584  
<http://www.fleischer.at>

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### **Mission**

The Austrian Association of Butchers supports the economic development of the butchery trade  
The mains tasks are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations, e.g. CLITRAVI, IMV
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of the butcher-apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, answering questions

## **2.2.9 Federal Guild of Pedicure, Cosmetics and Massage Bundesinnung der Fußpfleger, Kosmetiker und Masseur**

**Number of members:** 6.774

<http://www.fkm.at>

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### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Austrian Federal Guild of Pedicure, Cosmetics and Massage are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations, e.g. UIB and CEBP
- Contribution to work out the occupational image, the education and the examination of the baker-apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, answering questions

## **2.2.10 Austrian Association of Gardeners and Florists Bundesinnung der Gärtner und Floristen**

**Number of members:** 3.258

<http://www.gaertner-floristen.at>

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### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Austrian Association of Gardeners and Florists are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations, e.g. ELCA
- Contribution to work out the occupational image, the education and the examination of the gardeners and florists-apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.2.11 Austrian Association of Confectioners Bundesinnung der Konditoren (Zuckerbäcker)**

**Number of members:** 1.168

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#### **Mission**

The Austrian Association of Confectioner supports their members in the following way:

- We will do it better: Scientific reports prove that chocolate lifts the mood of people
- Art is a part of ability: The apprenticeship of our members is excellent, but we want to get better and better.
- Everybody to his taste: The variety of our ability and the experience of every member create a new generation of products and creations.
- All for one, and one for all: Our employers, our distributors, our suppliers and our consumers live together for a better world.

### **2.2.12 Austrian Association of Miller Bundesinnung der Müller**

**Number of members:** 309

<http://www.mueller-mischfutter.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Austrian Association of Millers are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations, e.g. FEFAC
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of the miller-apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.2.13 Austrian Association of Food Manufactures Bundesinnung der Nahrungs- und Genußmittelgewerbe**

**Number of members:** 1.056

<http://www.nahrungsmittel.or.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Austrian Association of Food and luxury Foodstuffs represents the interests of their members in case of education, information, public relation, national and international affairs. The main goal is to be a contact person for the members in any form of consultancy.

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations, e.g. EDA
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.2.14 The Association of the Austrian Chemical Industry- FCIO Fachverband der chemischen Industrie**

**Number of members:** 330

<http://www.fcio.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Association of the Austrian Chemical Industry (FCIO) represents the interests of all Austrian companies which manufacture chemical products on an industrial basis.

Main tasks and activities:

- Representation of membership at all levels of government.
- Information and advisory service to members. Typical issues include chemical legislation, environmental protection, transportation of dangerous goods, public relations.
- Collective bargaining with trade unions.

### **2.2.15 Food Industries Association of Austria Fachverband der Nahrungs- und Genußmittelindustrie (Lebensmittelindustrie)**

**Number of members:** 408  
<http://dielebensmittel.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Food Industries Association of Austria are in the representation of their members towards public authorities, politics and the public, in the supportance of the economic development and as representative in European organisations.

### **2.2.16 Austrian Professional Restaurant Association Fachverband Gastronomie**

<http://www.gastronomieverband.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Austrian Professional Restaurant Association are in the representation of their members towards public authorities, european organisations, politics, unions and other interest groups in order to support the economic development.

## **2.2.17 Austrian Chamber of Pharmacists Österreichische Apothekerkammer**

**Number of members:** 5.326

<http://www.apotheker.or.at>

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### **Mission**

The main task of the Austrian Chamber of Pharmacists is the representation of more than 4100 pharmacists towards public authorities, politics and the public, in the supportance of the economic development and as representative in European organisations.

## 2.3 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

### 2.3.1 Association of Transport Allgemeiner Fachverband des Verkehrs

<http://www.wko.at/afv>

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#### Mission

The Association of Transport is the legal representation of Austrian transport enterprises. The aim is the maintenance and improvement of the national and international competitiveness of the Austrian transport economy and enhancing the image of the Austrian transport economy according to its importance. The association represents the interests of its members in a differentiated pluralistic order of society within a social free market economy.

An objective is to remain and expand the dispositive autonomy in transport economy. The autonomy is the basis for the innovation capability of enterprises.

### 2.3.2 Federal Wholesalers Association Bundesgremium des Agrarhandels

**Number of members:** 5.030  
<http://www.wko.at/agrarhandel>

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#### Mission

The main tasks of the Federal Wholesalers Association are:

- Representative of Wholesalers of grain, seed and feed, fruit and vegetable, livestock and meat, wine and liquors
- Information about any area of justice (regulations, economy, qualifications, market structure)
- Written and oral consultancy
- Representative of Interest towards national public authorities
- Member of international organisations



### **2.3.3 Federal Association of Recycling and Disposal Bundesgremium des Sekundärrohstoffhandels, Recycling und Entsorgung**

**Number of members:** 926

<http://www.sekundaerrohstoffhandel.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Federal Association of Recycling and Disposal are:

- Representation of membership at all levels of government
- Information about any area of justice (regulations, prescriptions, qualifications, price mechanism)
- Written and oral consultancy
- Representative of Interest towards national public authorities
- Member of international organisations

### **2.3.4 Federal Guild of Chemical Trade and Monument-, Facade- and Building Cleaners Bundesinnung der chemischen Gewerbe und der Denkmal-, Fassaden- und Gebäudereiniger**

**Number of members:** 4.206

<http://wko.at/chemie-gewerbe>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Federal Guild of the Chemical Trade and Monument-, Facade- and Building Cleaners are in the lobby of their members, in the communication between public authorities, apprenticeship and further education, the assistance of their members in case of law and other matters.

The substitution of interest takes place towards the state in case of examination of law and guidelines and towards the sozial partners in case of realisation of collective agreement negotiations.

### **2.3.5 Austrian Association of Gardeners and Florists Bundesinnung der Gärtner und Floristen**

**Number of members:** 3.258  
<http://www.gaertner-floristen.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Austrian Association of Gardeners and Florists are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations, e.g. ELCA
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of the gardeners and florists-apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.3.6 Austrian Association of Motor Vehicle Technicians Bundesinnung der Kraftfahrzeugtechniker (einschließlich Vulkaniseure)**

**Number of members:** 5.438  
<http://www.kraftfahrzeugtechniker.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Motor Vehicle Technicians are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
  - Representing the members towards the public, politics and authorities, other trade associations and social partners
  - Teamwork with international organisations
  - Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
  - Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, providing information

### **2.3.7 Austrian Association of Sanitary, Heating and Ventilation Installation Contractors Bundesinnung der Sanitär-, Heizungs- und Lüftungstechniker**

**Number of members:** 4.778  
<http://www.shk.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Sanitary, Heating and Ventilation Installation Contractors are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representing the members towards the public, politics and authorities, other trade associations and social partners
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, providing information

### **2.3.8 Austrian Association of Locksmiths, Agricultural Machinery Technicians and Blacksmiths Bundesinnung der Schlosser, Landmaschinentechniker und Schmiede**

**Number of members:** 7.613  
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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Locksmiths, Agricultural Machinery Technicians and Blacksmiths are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representing the members towards the public, politics and authorities, other trade associations and social partners
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, providing information

### **2.3.9 Federal Guild of Dry Cleaner, Launderer and Dyer Bundesinnung der Textilreiniger, Wäscher und Färber**

**Number of members:** 754  
<http://wko.at/textilreiniger>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Federal Guild of Dry Cleaner, Launderer and Dyer are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representations of the members towards the public, politics and authorities
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desctop, interventions, answering questions

### **2.3.10 Association of Recycling and Disposal Fachverband Abfall- und Abwasserwirtschaft**

**Number of members:** 3.407  
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#### **Mission**

This Association of Recycling and Disposal gathers around 3000 companies active in

- collecting of waste,
- disposal of waste,
- recycling of waste,
- cleaning of transport surfaces,
- treatment of waste water,
- waste consultancy and waste logistics
- appropriation, service and disposal of mobile toilets
- severage clearing
- cleaning of tanks

### **2.3.11 The Association of the Austrian Chemical Industry - FCIO Fachverband der chemischen Industrie**

**Number of members:** 330

<http://fcio.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Association of the Austrian Chemical Industry (FCIO) represents the interests of all Austrian companies which manufacture chemical products on an industrial basis.

Main tasks and activities:

- Representation of membership at all levels of government.
- Information and advisory service to members. Typical issues include chemical legislation, environmental protection, transportation of dangerous goods, public relations.
- Collective bargaining with trade unions.

### **2.3.12 Austrian Tile Stove Association Österreichischer Kachelofenverband**

**Number of members:** 70 (industry and guilds of stove fitters)

<http://www.kachelofenverband.at>

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#### **Mission**

Improving and maintaining of the appreciation of tile stoves and stove fitters.

The main tasks of the Austrian Tile Stove Association are:

- Research and Testing Institute
- technical teaching for stove fitters
- organisation of technical conferences and exhibitions
- public relations

### **2.3.13 Austrian Association of Consulting Engineers Fachverband Ingenieurbüros**

<http://www.ingenieurbueros.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Austrian Association of Consulting Engineers is a legally established body of independent consulting engineers who offer their services in every field of technology and natural science. It represents the professional and business interests of its members in order to influence national and European legislation affecting the profession and to obtain the best possible business conditions for Consulting Engineers.

The Association creates framework conditions such as calculation guidelines, general terms of business and insurance framework programme for Consulting Engineers.

### **2.3.14 Austrian Road Haulage Association Fachverband Güterbeförderung**

<http://www.dietransporteure.at>

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#### **Mission**

Austrian Road Haulage Association is the representative of interests for all enterprises of the goods transport business. The Association is mainly Representative of Interests for its members.

### **2.3.15 Professional Association of Insurance Broker and Insurance Consultant Fachverband der Versicherungsmakler und Berater in Versicherungsangelegenheiten**

**Number of members:** 5.823

<http://www.versicherungsmakler.at>

#### **Contact**

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### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Professional Association of Insurance Broker and Insurance Consultant are:

- Representation of membership at all levels of government
- Information about any area of justice (regulations, prescriptions, qualifications, price mechanism)
- Written and oral consultancy
- Representative of Interest towards national public authorities
- Member of international organisations

### **2.3.16 Austrian Association of Insurance Companies Fachverband der Versicherungsunternehmen**

<http://www.vvo.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Austrian Association of Insurance Companies deals mainly with

- insurance issues on an international level; this includes matters relating to the so-called "Green-Card Office" and car insurance contracts entered at border-stations;
- responsibilities assigned to the Trade Association of Insurance Companies under the law on the extended coverage for accident victims (personal injury in hit-and-run cases, personal and property damage following accidents with stolen cars) and the law on third-party liability car insurance;
- entering collective-bargaining agreements for staff members of insurance companies;
- complaints, where the VVO tries to mediate between the complainant and the insurance company;

### **2.3.17 Austrian Professional Restaurant Association Fachverband Gastronomie**

<http://www.gastronomieverband.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main field of activity of the Austrian Professional Restaurant Association is lobbying for the interests of the branche towards public authorities, European organisations, politics, unions and other interest groups and supporting the members in business matters.

### **2.3.18 Austrian Professional Hotel Association Fachverband Hotellerie**

<http://www.hotelverband.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association of Hotel Industry are:

- Representation of membership at all levels of government
- Information about any area of justice (regulations, prescriptions, qualifications, price mechanism)
- Lobbyist
- Representative of Interest towards national public authorities
- Member of international organisations
- Part of the Austrian Social Partnership for the Hotelsector

### **2.3.19 Professional Association of Management Consultants and Information Technology Experts Fachverband Unternehmensberatung und Informationstechnologie**

<http://www.ubit.at>

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Professional Association of Management Consultants and Information Technology Experts are:

- Representation of membership at all levels of government
- Information about any area of justice (regulations, prescriptions, qualifications, price mechanism)
- Written and oral consultancy
- Representative of Interest towards national public authorities
- Member of international organisations

The Professional Association of Management Consultancy and Information Technology is the legally established body of consultants, information technology providers, telecom service providers and self-employed accountants.



### **2.3.20 Austrian Construction Materials Recycling Österreichische Baustoff-Recycling Verband**

**Number of members:** 59

<http://www.br.v.at>

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#### **Mission**

The „Österreichische Baustoff-Recycling Verband“ (Austrian Association for the Recycling of Construction Material) acts as interest group for the construction material recycling industry. The BRV is developing and issuing technical guidelines in co-operation with responsible ministries and local government offices in order to regulate the testing methods of recycled construction materials and to stipulate conditions for their further use and new practical applications.

Our members (currently 59) have the possibility to present their companies by using our special services and are supplied with detailed information on important developments concerning recycling of construction materials.

## 2.4 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

### 2.4.1 Austrian Association of Electrical, Alarm and Communication Installation Contractors Bundesinnung Elektro- und Alarmanlagentechnik sowie Kommunikationselektronik

**Number of members:** 8.008  
<http://www.elektrotechniker.at>

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#### Mission

The Austrian Association of Electrical, Alarm and Communication Installation Contractors is a lobbying organisation and represents around 7000 employers – mostly small and medium enterprises - in the sectors electrical, audio, video, communication and alarm installations in Austria. Its main tasks are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representing the members towards the public, politics and authorities, other trade associations and social partners
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, providing information

### 2.4.2 Austrian Association of Mechatronic Contractors Bundesinnung der Mechatroniker

**Number of members:** 5.574  
<http://www.mechatroniker.at>

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### **Mission**

The Association of Mechatronic Contractors is representing companies belonging to the sectors of mechanics and electronics. Its main tasks are:

- Examination of law, national and international guidelines
- Representing the members towards the public, politics and authorities, other trade associations and social partners
- Teamwork with international organisations
- Contribution to workout the occupational image, the education and the examination of apprenticeship
- Promotion, media reports, media talks, cooperation with trade journals
- Written and oral consultancy, help desktop, interventions, providing information

### **2.4.3 Austrian Association of Consulting Engineers Fachverband Ingenieurbüros**

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### **Mission**

The Austrian Association of Consulting Engineers is a legally established body of independent consulting engineers who offer their services in every field of technology and natural science. It represents the professional and business interests of its members in order to influence national and European legislation affecting the profession and to obtain the best possible business conditions for Consulting Engineers.

The Association creates framework conditions such as calculation guidelines, general terms of business and insurance framework programme for Consulting Engineers.

### **2.4.4 Association of Telecommunications and Broadcasting Companies Fachverband der Telekommunikations- und Rundfunkunternehmen**

<http://wko.at/telekom>

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### **Mission**

The Association of Telecommunications and Broadcasting companies represents over 200 Cable-TV companies, about 250 telecommunication companies, about 30 TV-broadcasting companies and over 50 private radio stations (incl. the national public service broadcaster ORF) in the whole of Austria:

- Representation and enforcement of the interests of the members against government, public authorities and other institutions
- Promotion of awareness of the relevance of telecommunications and broadcasting
- Balancing of interests
- Administration of working groups on legal, regulatory and technical topics

### **2.4.5 ISPA - Internet Service Providers Austria**

**Number of members:** 202

<http://www.ispa.at>

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### **Mission**

ISPA is the Austrian Association of Internet Service Providers, representing approximately 200 ISP's. ISPA is a major voice of the Austrian Internet Industry. Our goal is to shape the economic and legal framework supporting an optimal growth of the Internet and Internet services. We regard the use of the Internet as an important cultural skill and acknowledge the resulting social-political responsibilities.

### **2.4.6 VITE - Vienna IT Enterprises**

**Number of members:** 120

<http://www.vite.at>

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## **Mission**

Mission Vienna IT Enterprises (VITE) is a network and information platform for ICT Companies of all sizes, as well as research-, development- and educational institutions in Vienna. By connecting partners from the IT field, VITE promotes efficient cooperations and provides its members with a multitude of services and know-how such as consultation on location, legislation and sponsorship, concrete support with projects, event organisation, seminars, lobbying, international appearance and many more. VITE has its own distribution system GoVITE, in order to offer the network partners' products and services on a national and international market.

What VITE offers:

- Networking and events
- VITE Groups and workshops
- Presentations at home and abroad
- Support of co-operations and projects
- Information on public funding
- Professional location consulting
- Strengthening of competitiveness

Every tenth Viennese company is an IT or telecom enterprise. More than a third of all Austrian enterprises in this industry are located in the capital city and generate about 75% of the Austrian total turnover. Vienna is thus not only the major national IT location, but has even developed into the IT capital of Central Eastern Europe. VITE acts as a catalyst. The main target of VITE is to strengthen co-operations and to initiate projects between IT enterprises.

VITE is located on Höchstädtplatz in Vienna's 20th municipal district, which together with parts of the 2nd district is an Objective 2 area.



## **3 CLUSTER AND MISCELLANEOUS**

Clusters are regional networks of companies, and are made up nearly entirely of SMEs.

### **INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES**

- **Austrian Automotive Association Service GmbH**
- **AC – Automobilcluster Upper Austria**
- **AC – Styria Automobilcluster**
- **Automotive Cluster Vienna Region**
- **RTCA – Rail Technology Cluster Austria**
- **AAI – Austrian Aeronautics Industry Group**
- **Wood Cluster**
  - **Wood Cluster Upper Austria**
  - **Wood Cluster Salzburg**
  - **Wood Cluster Styria**
  - **Wood Cluster Lower Austria**
- **Construction Cluster Austria**
- **Plastics Cluster**
- **Austrian Association of Prefabricated Houses**

### **LIFE SCIENCES**

- **Food-Cluster Upper Austria**
- **Austrian Farm Products Market Organisation**
- **National Trust of Agrarian Machines**
- **Austrian Cattle Breeders´ Federation**
- **Assosiation of Organic Farmers**
- **Association of Demeterfarmer**
- **Federal Association of Sheep and Caprines**

- **The Austrian Poultry Federation (ZAG)**
- **Austrian Nutrition Society**
- **Federal Association of Pork**
- **Austrian Biotech Industry (ABI)**
- **Pharming – Vereinigung pharmazeutischer Unternehmen**

#### **ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

- **Austrian Agricultural Cluster – Landwirtschaft**
- **Austrian Water Cluster – Wasserwirtschaft**
- **Cluster Austrian Environment**
- **OEC – Oekoenergie-Cluster Upper Austria**
- **Wood Cluster**
- **Austria Solar – Austrian Solar Thermal Association**

#### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES**

- **[micro]electronic cluster**
- **OCG – Austrian Computer Society**
- **AMMA – Austrian MultiMedia Association**
- **Austrian Electrotechnical Association**
- **Austrian Association for Data Processing**



## **3.1 INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES & TRANSPORT**

### **3.1.1 Austrian Automotive Association Service GmbH**

<http://www.aaa.co.at>

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Austrian Automotive Association Service GmbH

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#### **Mission**

The Austrian Automotive Association Service GmbH is a service platform for the automotive industry in Austria. The main task of Austrian Automotive Association Service GmbH is to present the assets of the Austrian automotive industry abroad. These strengths are technology driven development of new innovative products, flexibility, the ability to react quickly to changing market demands and the fulfilment of highest quality standards.

Fields of activity are the support of joint exhibitions abroad, the organisation of supplier workshops, and the enhancement of the international presence as well as the international presentation of the Austrian automotive industry. The Austrian Automotive Association Service GmbH also provides information about future markets and their opportunities.

The founders and stake holders of the Austrian Automotive Association Service GmbH are the Automotive-Clusters in Austria (Styria, Upper Austria, Vienna, Austria/Lower Austria), the Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of the industry.

### **3.1.2 AC - Automotive Cluster Upper Austria Clusterland Oberösterreich GmbH, Automobil Cluster**

**Number of members:** 264

<http://www.automobil-cluster.at>

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Clusterland Oberösterreich GmbH

Automobil Cluster

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## **Mission**

The Automotive Cluster (AC) represents the largest superordinated network of leading industrial companies and their direct and indirect suppliers in the road vehicle industry, which includes cars, trucks, special vehicles and motorcycles.

The focus of its activities is the expansion of the existing strengths of its partner companies and the long-term protection of competitive strength. This is intended to answer major challenges, such as cost pressure, overcapacity, falling prices as well as production and innovation cycles that are constantly growing shorter.

The Automotive Cluster – Innovative suppliers along the entire Supply Chain

### **3.1.3 AC Styria Automobilcluster AC styria Autocluster GmbH**

**Number of members:** 188

<http://www.acstyria.com>

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In the last 15 years, Styria has advanced to become an important location in the European automobile and automobile supply industries. ACstyria reinforces the cluster of all of the regional potential within the automotive value chain thus increasing the strength of innovation and international competitiveness.

#### **Mission**

- to strengthen the cooperation between public facilities, politics and the economy within the value chain
- to provide the partners of ACstyria with first class communication and information
- to promote the image of ACstyria and to put Styria in a better marketing position as a location for the automobile industry
- to expand current networks, making them available for everyone
- to form interest groups and to initiate cooperation projects in order to achieve cost saving synergy effects
- to make technology and information transfer possible
- to initiate vocational and educational programs with regard to demands of the current and future labour market
- to promote the strategic orientation of ACstyria towards an automotive center of excellence, especially in terms of e-mobility.

### **3.1.4 Automotive Cluster Vienna Region** **VIENNA REGION Wirtschaft. Raum.Entwicklung.GmbH, Automotive Cluster Vienna Region**

**Number of members:** 130  
<http://www.acvr.at>

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#### **Mission**

The ACVR is the network for innovative enterprises and trend-setting technologies. The medium and long-term goals of the Automotive Cluster Vienna Region (ACVR) are the increase of the innovation level and of the creation of value of the enterprises in the Vienna Region.

The overriding objective of ACVR is to network the existing expertise in the Vienna region and to initiate innovative cross-border projects together with partners in the automotive region CENTROPE where 5% of the worldwide car production will take place up to the year 2008. The close geographic position to the booming automotive production sites in Eastern Europe and the good contacts to their decisive actors are the axes the ACVR primarily focuses on its work for the automotive supplier companies of the Vienna Region.

The strength of the Vienna region lies in the cross section technologies: not only the classical automobile subcontractors but also electronics and telematics subcontractors as well as various service providers, research, development and educational facilities are ACVR partners. The thematic combination of means of transport and traffic routes are the focus of the network activities.

### **3.1.5 RTCA – Rail Technology Cluster Austria**

**Number of members:** 47  
<http://www.rtca.at>

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### **Mission**

Rail Technology Cluster Austria is a technology oriented platform for:

- creation of an R&D network for sustainable development of future rail technologies (operators, manufacturers, SAME, universities and research institutes)
- the provision of market, technology and industry information
- networking and lobbying for common Austrian interests
- national and international cooperation

### **3.1.6 AAI - Austrian Aeronautics Industries Group**

**Number of members:** 31

<http://www.aaig.at>

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AAI-Austrian Aeronautics Industries Group

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#### **Mission**

The AAI has been founded as a non profit association in January 1999 and is representing the common interests of the members on national and international matters.

The AAI members are companies and organisations with business activities in the Aeronautics/Supply/Industry as well as in the Aircraft Maintenance & Service sector. In the AAI approx. 31 active and observing members are registered.

AAI is a member of ASD – Aerospace & Defence Industries association of Europe and fully integrated in respective European information and decisive processes.

### **3.1.7 Wood Cluster Upper Austria Clusterland Oberösterreich GmbH, MHC – Möbel- und Holzbau-Cluster**

<http://www.m-h-c.at>

#### **Contact**

MHC - Möbel- und Holzbau-Cluster

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## **Mission**

The Upper Austrian Wood Cluster (MHC) is a cross-branch network for supporting and promoting partnerships with innovative wood suppliers and processors. We support the competitiveness and innovation of businesses that

- manufacture furniture with wood and wood-based materials,
- use wood and wood-based products as building materials, and
- use wood for interior decor, including their suppliers (manufacturers of semi-finished products, professional tradesmen and machine and plant builders).

The aim is to make use of all opportunities for innovation in the value-adding processes, strengthening the supplier functions and stimulating co-operation between the businesses themselves, and between the businesses, their suppliers, related trades, research and development facilities and training and further education institutes.

The Upper Austrian companies have clear fields of expertise in the furniture, interior decor and wood construction sectors. The MHC is designed to boost their market position by pooling resources and marketing them using new projects.

These activities are to especially involve small to medium sized businesses. We aim to improve innovation capabilities and increase the national and international competitiveness of our partner companies.

### **3.1.8 Wood Cluster Salzburg Clustermanagement Holz**

**Number of members:** contacts approx. 1.000  
<http://www.holzcluster.at>

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#### **Mission**

We empower enterprises to co-operate with each other, thus enhancing their corporate earning power.

Our goals:

- Propagating the activities of the cluster
- Putting the co-operations of the Salzburg Wood Cluster on a secure and sustainable basis
- Focusing the cluster services on open-minded enterprises that are willing to learn and to co-operate
- Continuing and implementing the formulated innovation projects, implementing the results in the practical work of the respective enterprises

### **3.1.9 Wood Cluster Styria Holzinnovationszentrum GmbH**

**Number of members:** 145

<http://www.holzcluster-steiermark.at>

<http://www.hiz.at>

#### **Contact**

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#### **Mission**

Compare with mission of the Wood Cluster Upper Austrian (HC).

### **3.1.10 Wood Cluster Lower Austria ecoplus.Niederösterreichs Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH, Bau. Energie. Umwelt Cluster Niederösterreich**

**Number of members:** 173

<http://www.bauenergieumwelt.at>

#### **Contact**

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#### **Mission**

Compare with mission of the Upper Austrian Wood Cluster (HC).

### **3.1.11 Construction Cluster Austria Fachverband Stein & Keramik**

<http://www.baustoffindustrie.at>

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#### **Members**

Members of the Construction cluster are mainly national associations, trade associations and other associations related to this topic.

For details see chapter Trade Associations.

### **3.1.12 Plastics Cluster Clusterland Oberösterreich GmbH, Kunststoff Cluster**

**Number of members:** 385

<http://www.kunststoff-cluster.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Plastics Cluster represents a platform for joint projects, which concentrate the potential available in the plastics sector and stimulate innovative product and process design. The aim of the Cluster is to maintain and enhance the competitiveness of both its individual segments and the branch as a whole. An important concern is a focus on the special needs of small and medium sized enterprises.

One of the most important aspects of Cluster activities is constituted by co-operation projects between the partners. The Upper and Lower Austria provincial governments provides special funding to companies based in these regions for projects involving at least three Cluster companies and including a minimum of one SME.

### **3.1.13 Austrian Association of Prefabricated Houses Österreichischer Fertighausverband**

**Number of members:** 58

<http://www.fertighaus.org>

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#### **Mission**

The Austrian Association of Prefabricated Houses represents the requests of the industrialised building industry and is the independent service centre for building planers, media and for all other interested parties in this sector.

The main task and activities

- Advancement of the industrialised buildings
- Quality assurance
- Consolidation of positive images

Responsibilities of the Association

- Platform between customers and producers
- Monitoring and analysis of the market
- Contribution to technical guidelines and norms in general
- Creation of quality guidelines and minimum requirements of members
- Analysis of all industrial buildings regarding scientific, technical and economical questions
- Support of the member's interests



## 3.2 LIFE SCIENCES

### 3.2.1 Food-Cluster Upper Austria Lebensmittel-Cluster Oberösterreich

**Number of members:** 243  
<http://www.lebensmittel-cluster.at>

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#### Mission

The main goal of the Food-Cluster Upper Austria is the formation of a network of food producing companies, direct and indirect suppliers and of RTD-companies and Certification constitutions.

The activities are targeted on enhancing the regional and national competitiveness, innovative strength through synergic effects and cooperation of the members to act as an unit on the food market providing complementary services.

### 3.2.2 Austrian Farm Products Market Organisation Agrarmarkt Austria (AMA)

**Number of members:** 220.000  
<http://www.ama.at>

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#### Mission

The main goals of the Austrian farm products market organisations:

- execution for the market organisation
- development of national furtherances
- information about prices and market changes
- agricultural marketing
- arrangements for quality assurance
- identification of animals

### **3.2.3 National Trust of Agrarian Machines Maschinenring Österreich**

**Number of members:** 77.000  
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#### **Mission**

The main goal of the national trust of agrarian machines is to organise agrarian machine sharing, e.g. a farmer has a high-tech harvester and borrows it to his neighbour without any further taxes. Now some further tasks has been developed:

- Manpower leasing for farmers
- Agrarian machine service for non agricultural sections, e.g. cleaning of the roadside, clearing away snow, pulling away garbage..
- Support in Data processing for farmers
- Support of Alternative power technologies

### **3.2.4 Austrian Cattle Breeders' Federation Rinderzucht Austria**

**Number of members:** 43  
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#### **Mission**

The ZAR is the lobby of the Austrian cattle breeders, which supports attempts and actions for the direct improvement of the domestic cattle breeding and their national and international reputation. Tasks of the Austrian Cattle Breeders' Federation:

- To control quality and performance; to process the performance data
- To design and execute the advertisement for the national and international sale of Austrian cattle (by performing national and international cattle exhibitions, promote lectures and presentations)
- To elaborate, support and announce scientific publications, also co-ordinate research activities in the cattle farming
- Breeding evaluation (jointly with ZuchtData)
- Representation of cattle-breeding interests and related interested in this agricultural sector
- Comment and evaluation of proposed legislation at the federal, national and EC level (animal protection, animal health services, and relevant agropolitical decisions)
- Education, Science and development

### **3.2.5 Association of Organic Farmers Bio Austria**

**Number of members:** 14.000  
<http://www.bio-autstria.at>

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#### **Mission**

BIO AUSTRIA is an association of the Austrian organic farmers. The major goal is to promote an ecological farming system, we stand for treating nature and man with responsibility.

BIO AUSTRIA is the union of over 14.000 organic farmers, a network for organic farming in Austria and a competent contact point for organic food.

BIO AUSTRIA offers contact to leading organic suppliers in Austria, expert advice for commodity groups and assortments, support with trade procedures for export- and import partners.

### **3.2.6 Association of Demeter farmers Österreichischer Demeterbund**

**Number of members:** 450 farmers, processors, traders and consumers  
<http://www.demeter.at>

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#### **Mission**

The fundamentals of Demeter can be found in the complete work of Dr. Rudolf Steiner. He developed a biological-dynamic economic model, which in our thoughts supports the trendsetting agricultural cultivation.

We want to produce, process, distribute and consume healthy food and other innovative products. We want to build a network of producers, bargainers and consumers to be an organ of common decision making.

### **3.2.7 Federal Association of Sheep and Caprines Österreichischer Bundesverband für Schafe und Ziegen**

**Number of members:** 22

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#### **Mission**

The federal association of sheep and caprines is the substitution of sheep and caprine farmers and distributors to strengthen their economical and political role in Austria and Europe.

Aims of the Federal Association of sheep and caprines:

- To foster the contact with political, economical and scientific institutions
- To organise presentations regarding to brand new information and further education
- To consult in legal, professional and economical questions
- To exchange information with international institutions

### **3.2.8 The Austrian Poultry Federation (ZAG) Zentrale Arbeitsgemeinschaft der österreichischen Geflügelwirtschaft**

**Number of members:** 2.500

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#### **Mission**

The Austrian Poultry Federation (ZAG) is the only accredited association of the Austrian poultry industry representing the whole chain of egg production as well as poultry meat production. The ZAG with its eleven member organisations see themselves as partnership for a growing profitable and responsible poultry industry in Austria.

Aims:

- Lobbying for the Austrian poultry industry
- ZAG acts as information platform for all stakeholders
- Provision of support and expertise in regard of new relevant legislation
- Organisation of technical conferences as well as trainings
- Contact with political, economical and scientific institutions
- Consultation in legal, professional and economical questions
- Exchange of technical information with international institutions
- Provision of various services for members

### **3.2.9 Austrian Nutrition Society Österreichische Gesellschaft für Ernährung**

**Number of members:** 1.000

<http://www.oege.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Austrian Nutrition Society persecutes their aims without any political or economic interest. Since 1951 the health of the population has been our main request.

Research, lectures and information, as well as adequate food is our request. Our recommendations are scientific proved, brand new, trendsetting and direct convertable.

Our Members are people from different themes of alimentation.

### **3.2.10 Federal Association of Pork Verband Österreichischer Schweinebauern**

**Number of members:** 10.000

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#### **Mission**

The main goals of the federal association of pork are the coordination and grouping of federal interests and the intermediation between the production periods breed, farow and mast.

Aims:

- To represent the porksection in federal ministries and international institutions (bodies)
- To create and promote the magazine „VOES-Magazin“, a professional and scientific board of information
- To be the contact point for any questions regarding breeding, farow and mast

### **3.2.11 Austrian Biotech Industry (ABI) Fachverband der Chemischen Industrie (FCIO)**

**Number of members:** 28  
<http://www.biotechindustry.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Austrian Biotech Industry (ABI) aims to make the public and decision makers more aware of the potential and requirements of biotechnology. With its seat at the "Association of the Austrian Chemical Industry", ABI represents the interests of members such as established companies and biotech "start-up" businesses from the field of medical biotechnology. ABI represents about 60 percent of the Austrian net value added in the field of biotechnology.

The sustained growth of this dynamic branch of the economy is dependent on investment in research and development. At the same time, a correct political framework must be created which meets the demands of economy and science.

Current ABI activities are particularly concerned with patent law and gene technology law. ABI is also at the forefront in assuring that sufficient venture capital is available for innovative companies.

Additionally, ABI offers well-researched scientific information for the formation of balanced opinions. With its aim to harmonize the demands of established and new biotech companies for a supportive framework, ABI is taking a leading role in Europe.

### **3.2.12 Pharmig – Vereinigung pharmazeutischer Unternehmen Verband der pharmazeutischen Industrie Österreichs**

**Number of members:** 123  
<http://www.pharmig.at>

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## **Mission**

Created in 1954 as a Non-Profit, Non-Governmental organization, the Pharmig represents the Austrian pharmaceutical industry and manufacturers (123 Members).

The pharmaceutical industry is an essential part of the community health system, and it should be heavily included in the development of the health care. The legal and economic conditions of the pharmaceutical industry must be reliable and confident to meet the obligations of health.

- To create an integrated health system
- To guarantee a high degree of transparency in the health system
- To build up a reliable partnership with social insurance
- To promote an intelligent contact with drugs
- To reduce the tax of drugs
- To create attractive frame conditions for the pharmaceutical market in Austria and Europe

## 3.3 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

### 3.3.1 Austrian Agricultural Cluster - Landwirtschaft

**Number of members:** 13

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#### **Mission**

The AAC - Austrian Agricultural Cluster is an innovative association of Austrian companies, which have been successfully active for several years in foreign trade.

Through the network of qualified companies out of various fields of agriculture and food-processing the AAC is a competent partner for complete solutions for companies of any capacity. The core competence of the AAC lies in the availability of scientific know-how, consulting and the possibility to offer first-quality technologies because of the coalition of technologically advanced Austrian companies.

An integration of banks as well as national and international financing and sponsoring institutions enables a diversity of finance models tailor-made to the specific needs of its clients.

### 3.3.2 Austrian Water Cluster - Wasserwirtschaft

**Number of members:** 26

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#### **Mission**

Austrian water is a voluntary co-operation of various enterprises which are active on the water sector. Each enterprise is "connected" with the other members of austrian water by mutual assistance in the performance of their tasks. The individual enterprise concentrates on its speciality and leaves the tasks where it is not so efficient to other enterprises which are specialized in these tasks. Such a co-operation depending on the strength of each enterprise overcomes individual shortcomings.

Austrian water not only concentrates on Water Supply and Waste Water Disposal. The self understanding of austrian water is such that Water Management is regarded on the whole: it is embedded in a real River Basin Management, from Storm Water and Water Supply to Waste Water Disposal, including Land Use and Flood Protection, Agriculture and Irrigation, Leisure and Tourism Activities, all in a healthy environment



### 3.3.3 Cluster Austrian Environment

**Number of members:** 26

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#### Mission

Austrian Environment is an Association of renowned Austrian companies in all sectors of Environmental Technologies and Waste Management. Established 1999 in the framework of the Austrian Export - Offensive Austrian Environment represents approx. 30.000 employees at a yearly turnover of approx. 5 bill. € and an export quota of 40%.

Austria has the strictest environmental regulations in the world, therefore Austrian companies developed high standards of Environmental – Friendly Technologies with the following targets:

- preventing pollution
- preserving nature / natural resources
- saving energy

### 3.3.4 OEC - Oekoenergie-Cluster Upper Austria Ökoenergie-Cluster

**Number of members:** 150

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#### Mission

The "Oekoenergie-Cluster" is a network of businesses from the following sectors:

- solar energy (solar thermal, photovoltaics)
- biomass and biogas
- wind energy
- heat pumps and geothermal energy
- small hydro power
- low energy buildings
- third party financing

### **3.3.5 Wood Cluster**

See chapter Industrial technologies

### **3.3.6 Austrian Solar Thermal Association Austria Solar**

**Number of members:** 50

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#### **Mission**

The main tasks of the Association Austrian Solar are:

- Strengthening the solar market in Austria for private, commercial and public buildings
- Promotion of best practice examples of solar systems
- Overview of national fundings
- Public relation activities

## 3.4 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

### 3.4.1 [micro]electronic cluster

**Number of members:** 71  
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#### **Mission**

The [micro]electronic cluster is a network of businesses, educational institutions and research centers involved in electronics and microelectronics. The Cluster's goals are to intensify cooperation among companies, to take advantage of varying capabilities and resources, and to develop new potentials together.

### 3.4.2 OCG - Austrian Computer Society Österreichische Computer Gesellschaft

**Number of members:** <1.500  
<http://www.ocg.at>

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#### **Mission**

The objective of our Society is the comprehensive and interdisciplinary promotion of information processing, with due regard to its effects on man and society. In fulfilling this objective, the Society performs five primary functions:

- It serves as an umbrella organization of associations, organizations, and institutions in Austria involved in information processing (institutional members).
- It represents Austria in the IFIP (International Federation for Information Processing) and in similar regional associations (e.g. CEPIS - the Council of European Professional Informatics Societies - and IMIA - the International Medical Informatics Association).
- It is affiliate member of ACM (Association of Computing Machinery) and of the IEEE Computer Society.
- It provides members with services, information and consultation.
- It promotes research and development projects, especially those of an interdisciplinary nature.

- It has established several Working Groups dealing with specialized aspects in the field of information technology.
- It organizes international conferences and congresses and helps its member institutions to organize such events.

At this time the Austrian Computer Society has more than 1500 individual members and more than 100 supporting and institutional members and it provides with our monthly mailings including information about national and international events such as conferences and congresses and our own journal "OCG Journal", which is published at least five times a year (in German language).

Members also have the advantage of obtaining reduced participation fees for conferences organized or supported by the Austrian Computer Society or any of their institutional members.

### **3.4.3 AMMA - Austrian MultiMedia Association Österreichischer Multitimedia Verband**

**Number of members:** ca. 100

<http://www.amma.at>

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#### **Mission**

The mission is to support the activities and ideas of professional companies in the multi-media sector. It is a lobbying non-profit organisation for multi-media companies.

- Promoting the Multi-Media concept
- Developing new multimedia concepts and infrastructures
- An open exchange-forum for all Multimedia producers
- Communication platform between multimedia producers, providers, educators, distributors, and authorities.
- Permanent quality assurance and promotion through support of regional and national competition
- Consulting for Multimedial Rights
- Copyright and utilization
- Co-operation with educational institutions and universities
- Supporting a multimedia information database with joboffers, jobsearch and teleworking.
- Freelancing, co-ordinating and developing an integrative marketing strategy

### **3.4.4 Austrian Electrotechnical Association Österreichischer Verband für Elektrotechnik**

**Number of members:** ca. 2.500  
<http://www.ove.at>

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#### **Mission**

The Austrian Electrotechnical Association (OVE) stands for a modern, dynamic association offering an extensive service portfolio for the vibratn branch of electrotechnology. Today, approx. 2.000 experts, companies and organizations take advantage of special benefits for OVE members. Electrotechnological standardization and certification ensure safety as well as technological and subsequently economic advance. OVE supports the economy in the global market and guaranties the compliance with national as well as interantional standards and guidelines in an objective and independent manner.

The OVE academy offers professional training and provides experts, producers and operators with a platform for knowledge exchange in close cooperation with universities and technical colleges.

With ALDIS Austrian Lightning Detection and Information System, one focus of OVE in on lightning detection, documentation and on interantionally renowned research activities.

The OVE societies give a platform to the branches of electrical engineering and stimulate the dialogue between science, economy and the interested public.

### **3.4.5 Austrian Association for Data Processing ADV Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Datenverarbeitung**

**Number of members:** ca. 800  
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#### **Mission**

Since the last 40 years ADV is a platform for communication between interested parties and specialists in the Informationtechnology and data processing sector. The mission is to give ADV members and the public authorithies information about the optimal usage of computers and networks.

There are around 300 companies and public institutions and more than 500 specialists from industry, administration, sciences joing ADV. ADV is organising conferences, seminars, presentations and discussions etc. for the members.

