

Austria's health system has a complex governance structure. Responsibilities for health system governance in Austria are divided between the federal and the regional level. Governance of the COVID-19 response was divided between federal and state governments (from State of Health in the EU Austria Country Health Profile 2021 [https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-12/2021\\_chp\\_at\\_english.pdf](https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-12/2021_chp_at_english.pdf))

Austria has a bottom-up funding system and no specific dedicated funding schemes for research within pandemic preparedness.

Several institutions are also operating on an regional level that are not mentioned here - moreover, the list of related research initiatives below is not exhaustive

## **R&I Policies and Strategies**

Country has a dedicated strategy for research and innovation related to pandemic threat? No

R&I strategy URL

Country has an open science portal with information on publicly financed scientific research? Yes

R&I portal <https://eosc-austria.at/>

Country has R&I webpage on COVID-19; Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) threats; Other

Website open science/ open data initiative with respect to pandemic threats, such as COVID-19 open

| Name   | URL   | Short Description   |
|--|---|---|
| AGES research database   | <a href="https://www.ages.at/en/research/researchdatabase">https://www.ages.at/en/research/researchdatabase</a>   |   |
| Austrian COVID-19 data platform  | <a href="https://datenplattform-covid.goeg.at/">https://datenplattform-covid.goeg.at/</a>   |   |
| COVID-19 data portal   | <a href="https://www.covid19dataportal.org/">https://www.covid19dataportal.org/</a>   | Provided by EMBL and funded by EC   |
| COVID-19 research database of Institute for Advanced Studies (Vienna)                            | <a href="https://covid19studien.ihs.ac.at/">https://covid19studien.ihs.ac.at/</a>   |   |
| Disaster Competence Network Austria  | <a href="https://www.dcn.at/index.php/en/home.html">https://www.dcn.at/index.php/en/home.html</a>   | research partners in the field of disaster prevention and management who bundle the Austrian professional competence in the field of disaster research. |
| HE project Mobilise  | <a href="https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101073982">https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101073982</a>   | Development of mobile BSL3/4 Lab  |
| KIRAS Project Roads  |   | analysis of suitability of pandemic management (website under construction)   |
| Scientific studies on COVID-19 funded by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research | <a href="https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/Forschung/Aktuelles/Corona-Studien.html">https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/Forschung/Aktuelles/Corona-Studien.html</a>       | Scientific studies on the coronavirus funded by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research ( BMBWF )                                       |
| WWTF Covid-19 Rapid-Response-Project Highlights  | <a href="https://wwtf.at/upload/WWTF_Covid-19_RapidResponseProjekte_Highlights.pdf">https://wwtf.at/upload/WWTF_Covid-19_RapidResponseProjekte_Highlights.pdf</a> |   |

Country has coordinating structures to link public health needs and research needs? Yes

Coordinating structures URL <https://goeg.at/english>

## **R&I Infrastructures**

Country has the following research infrastructure for infectious diseases and outbreaks available, or under construction

BSL 3; Clinical trial units; High level isolation units; High level isolation transport; Reference centres of excellence

| Name Infrastructure  | Type Infrastructure | URL   | Max Capacity | Available for                         | Open to |
|--|---------------------|---|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| AGES Animal Health Biorisks  |                     | <a href="https://www.ages.at/en/ages/departments/animal-health">https://www.ages.at/en/ages/departments/animal-health</a>   |              |                                       |         |
| AGES db pathogens from A to Z  | db                  | <a href="https://www.ages.at/en/human/disease/pathogens-from-a-to-z">https://www.ages.at/en/human/disease/pathogens-from-a-to-z</a>                                   |              |                                       |         |
| AGES National Reference Centres (NRCs) and Reference Laboratories                  | NRC, NRL            | <a href="https://www.ages.at/en/ages/reference-centres-laboratories">https://www.ages.at/en/ages/reference-centres-laboratories</a>                                   |              |                                       |         |
| AGES research infrastructure ( reference labs, reference centres, 2 BSL3, 1 BSL3+) | labs, BSL3          | <a href="https://www.ages.at/en/research/knowledge-transfer-applied-research-c11977">https://www.ages.at/en/research/knowledge-transfer-applied-research - c11977</a> |              | no, but involved in research projects | yes     |

Country supporting the participation to the following ESFRI initiatives relevant for infectious diseases BBMRI

Website network of clinical trials (e.g. to facilitate the access to clinical trials) the country is involved in  
<https://eu-response.eu/>  
<https://vaccelerate.eu/>

## **Budget mobilisation mechanisms and funding sources**

### **Basic Research**

url <https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/>  
funding for basic research accessible for industry?  
source of funding Public (research) agencies

### **Applied Research**

url <https://www.ffg.at/en>  
funding for applied research accessible for industry? Yes  
source of funding Public (research) agencies

### **Translational Research**

url <https://www.ffg.at/en/programme/bridge>  
funding accessible for industry? Yes  
source of funding Public (research) agencies

### **Clinical Research (in general)**

url <https://www.ffg.at/en/AustrianLifeSciencesProgramme>  
funding accessible for industry? Yes  
source of funding Public (research) agencies

### **Clinical Research (in pandemic phase)**

url  
accessible for industry?  
source of funding  
phase funded ?

### **Innovation Projects**

url <https://www.ffg.at/en/fundings>  
funding for innovation projects accessible for industry? Yes  
source of funding Public (research) agencies

# *R&I actors, authorities and activated processes that are activated in case of a health threat*

R&I actors, authorities and

ministries involved in case of an outbreak; mobilisation processes of research forces; (existing) national or regional structures that advise governments on R&I during emergencies; incentives ensuring qualitative scientific dissemination during a crisis; international scientific collaboration in case of an outbreak

| Name  | Contactpoint              | Description  | url   |
|---|---------------------------|--|---|
| Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety GmbH (AGES)                                    |                           | Preventing and containing potential risks for humans, animals and plants by analysis, monitoring, evaluation, research and communication   | <a href="https://www.ages.at/en/">https://www.ages.at/en/</a>   |
| Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research - BMBWF                      |                           |  | <a href="https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/en.html">https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/en.html</a>   |
| Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH (AIT)   | office@ait.ac.at          | Research & Innovation, diagnostics, rapid test decision support for pandemic management  | <a href="https://www.ait.ac.at/">https://www.ait.ac.at/</a>   |
| Austrian National Public Health Institute (Gesundheit Österreich GmbH, GÖG)               | kontakt@goeg.at           | The Austrian National Public Health Institute (Gesundheit Österreich GmbH, GÖG) is the institution responsible for researching and planning public healthcare in Austria, and also acts as the national competence and funding center for the promotion of health. | <a href="https://goeg.at/english">https://goeg.at/english</a>   |
| Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)  |                           | The Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) is the national funding agency for industrial research and development in Austria.  | <a href="https://www.ffg.at/en">https://www.ffg.at/en</a>   |
| Federal Ministry Republic of Austria Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection | post@sozialministerium.at | Main actor in case of outbreak, issues laws and regulations  | <a href="https://www.sozialministerium.at/en/Ministry/Contact-us.html">https://www.sozialministerium.at/en/Ministry/Contact-us.html</a> |



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