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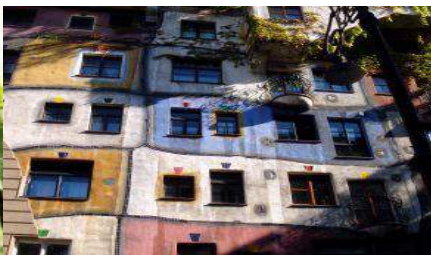
“Connecting youth in agriculture between tradition and innovation”

Vienna, Austria

IAAS ExCo Meeting 2017

connecting youth in agriculture - between tradition and innovation

2nd -9th of April 2017, Vienna





I am from Austria! – Australia? Oh, kangaroos! – Sorry, no kangaroos in Austria!

Once the centre of power for the large Austro-Hungarian Empire, Austria was reduced to a small republic after its defeat in World War I. The Republic of Austria is a landlocked country in Central Europe. Our country is mostly dominated in the west and south by the mountains, the Alps. However, Austria has a population of nearly 8.5 million people, our capital and largest city is Vienna with nearly 2 million inhabitants.

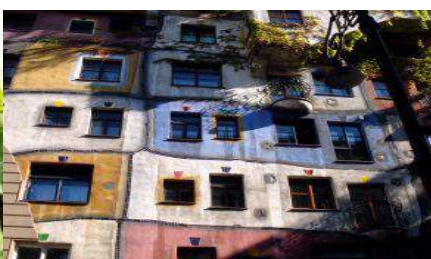


Austria, with its well-developed market economy, skilled labor force, and high standard of living, is closely tied to other EU economies, especially Germany's. Austria's economy features a large service sector, a sound industrial sector, and a small, but highly developed agricultural sector. About 20 % of Austria's agricultural acreages are managed organically, placing Austria as leading organic farming country in Europe.

In Germany you speak German, in Italy Italian, in France you speak French in Austria you speak... Well, technically we speak German. However, people from Germany find it sometimes hard to understand Austrians, since we have a staggering number of accents and dialects, although it is the supposed to be the same language. The Austrian Standard German differs to the German Standard German in vocabulary and grammar, similar to the differences between American and British English... There is also a great difference between the German spoken in Vienna and spoken on the countryside. This might be the reason why the Viennese are not that popular among the others, they do not have the best reputation and are called grumpy. Vienna is different – and everybody knows that!

Vienna - for the 7th time in a row most liveable city in the world!

It seems very weird that such a small country like Austria has a 2-million city as a capital. This comes from the Austro-Hungarian Empire of which Vienna was the capital city as well. People from the whole Empire came to Vienna to find work and settle down; this is why the number of inhabitants rose steadily in former times.





Vienna is a very green city, with a lot of parks, vineyards and agricultural lands, very well-developed public means of transport and a very good infrastructure with many working places.

Two thirds of Austria is covered by mountains but believe me we do have real cities as well! We even use cell phones to communicate, but only if there is no time to yodelling. Just a joke, of course we are not yodelling. Only a small percentage of the Austrians know how to yodel. Yodelling is a loud scream, sometimes also melodious as a song.

Sound of Music? Never seen that!



It's hard to understand, but true. Hardly anyone here in Austria has seen the musical of the famous Trapp Family. The songs "Edelweiss" and the movie Sound of music starring Julie Andrews is just a Hollywood production that us Austrians use as marketing gag to inspire especially American and Japanese tourists to leave some \$ and ¥ in our country – that's why you can call us "Austria – the marketing powerhouse."

I hope I will not disappoint you, but we do not always run around with our traditional garnets Dirndl and Lederhosen. In the mountains they wear these traditional costumes more often than in Vienna, were you can only see it on special occasions.

Servus, Grüß Gott und Auf Wiedersehen

In Austria it is very common to greet with „Grüß Gott“ which means „Greet God“. Do not use the German “Guten Tag” you might know from movies. “Servus” or even “Servas” is a more informal version to just say “Hello”. If you like to say “Goodbye” to somebody, just say “Auf Wiedersehen” or, even more common, “Auf Wiedersehen”.

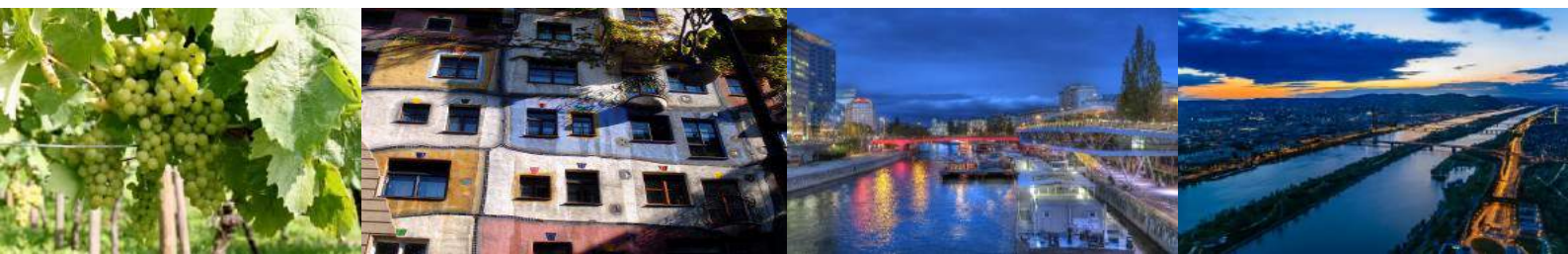


It's so BOKU to be green!

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (short: BOKU) is one of the oldest universities in Austria. Rated as N° 1 university regarding sustainability in all German speaking countries and N° 6 worldwide, we are looking forward to showing you our green university during ExCo at our Campus Tour.

Founded in 1872, there are now 13,000 students studying at BOKU. Every fifth student at BOKU is an international student.

At BOKU you can study 9 different Bachelor's programs, among them Agricultural Sciences, environmental resource management, Food & Biotechnology, forestry and landscape design etc., and choose from a variety of 25 Master's programs.





Arriving in Vienna

By plane from Vienna International Airport:

Vienna International Airport is situated a bit outside the city in the south-east. You do not have to take a taxi to come to the city centre. The best and cheapest way is to take the railway S7 in direction Floridsdorf, which departs every 30 min. If you get off at Wien Mitte - Landstraße Bahnhof, which will take you approximately half an hour, there you will have the underground lines U3 and U4 to move on in the city.

Another possibility is taking the Railjet train in direction to Salzburg, Munich, Zurich or Innsbruck and get off at Wien Hauptbahnhof (underground line U1) or Wien Meidling (underground line U6), Railjets depart every 25-35 min.

Taking the railway costs approximately 4 €.

The fastest way to the center is the CAT, which goes directly to the Wien Mitte – Landstraße Bahnhof, it only takes 10 minutes, but taking this special airport train is **way more** expensive than taking the usual public transport systems.

By plane from Bratislava Airport:

The Slovakian capital Bratislava is only 1 hour from Vienna. Ryan Air offers cheap flights to Bratislava, but also other airlines. Check out, if it is way more cheaper to fly to Bratislava instead of Vienna.

From Bratislava Airport there are special shuttle busses to Vienna!

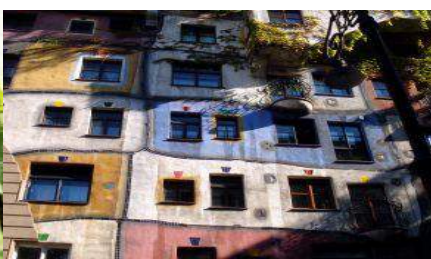
By train:

There are 2 main railway station in Vienna, the Vienna Main Station (Wien Hauptbahnhof) and Wien Westbahnhof. From Vienna Main Station you can easily take the underground line U1 right to the city centre. At Wien Westbahnhof you will find the underground lines U3 and U6 where you could also easily find your way to the centre.

By bus:

The main stop for busses in Vienna is Wien Erdberg, which is situated in the west of the centre. The underground line U3 departs from there.

Welcome to
Vienna!





Your accommodation in Vienna – “Palace Hostel Vienna”



The Palace Hostel Vienna is located in the middle of a green park area, offering a breath-taking view on the city and its vineyards.

There are various common areas offered, an indoor lounge room, table-soccer and board games. Free Breakfast, sheets, internet, lockers and luggage storage is of course included.

The Palace Hostel Vienna is connected to all of the city's major terminals like the central station (Wien Hauptbahnhof) or the airport and major bus stop via the U3 underground line. Simply exit the underground line U3 (orange line) at its final station “Ottakring” and take either bus 46A or 46B to “Wilhelminenberg”. Busses leave from Ottakring approximately every 7 minutes.

The Hostel reception is open from 8 am to 7.30 pm. **If you are planning to arrive not in time, please contact us on austria@iaasworld.org.** Check-in starts at 2 pm, please check-out until 10 am.

**Palace Hostel Vienna
Savoyenstrasse 2
1160 Vienna**

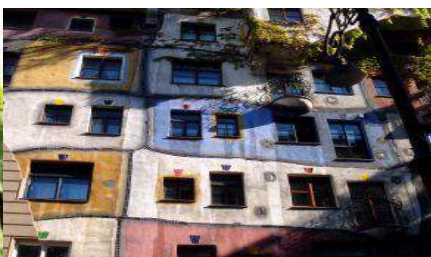
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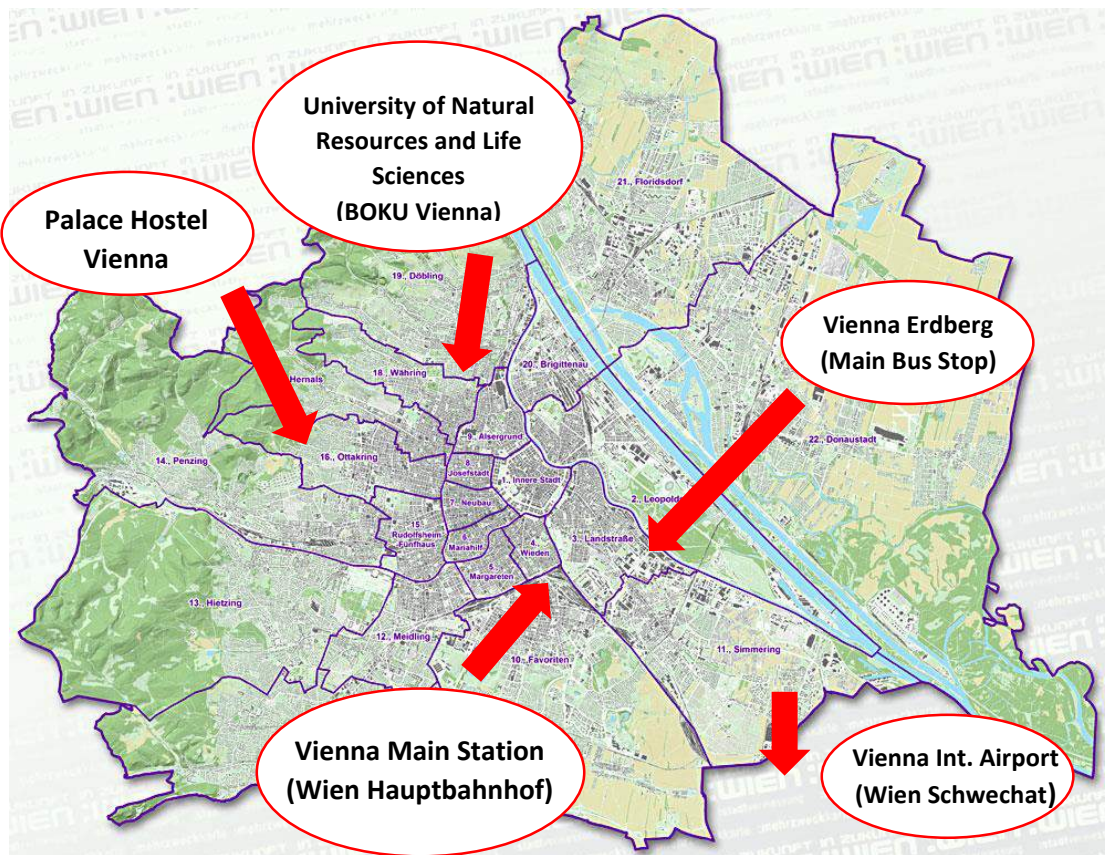
Public transport in Vienna

Vienna has a very well-developed public transport system. We have 5 underground lines: U1, U2, U3, U4 and U6 – don't ask why U5 is still missing ;)

The network of tramways and busses is also very well-developed. Even at night there are always night busses to come back home safely, they are usually departing every 30 minutes.

For getting around you can simply use <https://www.vor.at/> or download the app “quando” of the “Wiener Linien”, which gives you the quickest routes and lets you know when the next connection will be available.





Additional information (IMPORTANT!)

- Please make sure to have a valid travel insurance while you are in Austria. IAAS Austria is not able to cover any expenses in case of accident etc.
- The Trade Fair will take place on Monday, 03rd of April. Unfortunately due to our tight schedule and limited cooking facilities at our university we ask you to bring, if possible, pre-cooked food that only needs to be heated up – we will provide a few hot plates to warm up things. If you still need to buy things or need to cook things in Vienna – please let us know **in advance**.
- We kindly ask you to arrive in Vienna at the hostel **by 2 pm on the 2nd of April**. We will be starting with our programme in the hostel at 2 pm.
- If you intend to come one day early, please let us know as soon as possible we can provide you with accommodation. Departure is on the 9th after breakfast.
- If possible please bring a head torch/normal torch for our evening hike on Wednesday evening and shoes and clothes that can get dirty.
- Furthermore we ask you to purchase a day ticket “Tageskarte” for your arrival day (2nd of April) which you can buy at the vending machines at the train station, airport, metro etc.





Payment information ExCo 2017

To confirm your registration, you need to transfer the participation fee for your country category to the account below, please note that if you transfer from **outside the European Union** the transfer may take a while and may also result in **additional bank charges for you**. Furthermore please be aware that neither IAAS World nor IAAS Austria covers transfer fees, these have to be paid by the applicant.

In any case the payment should be visible on our bank account **until March 1st 2017**.

Please be aware that in case of a cancellation after March 1st, 25% of your paid fee are non-refundable due to already made expenses for accommodation etc. The same goes for declined visa applications.

Categories	Countries per category	Fee in €
A	Benin, Mali, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe	90
B	Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guatemala, Kenya, Indonesia, Morocco, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Ukraine	110
C	Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Montenegro, Peru, Russia, Serbia, Taiwan, Venezuela	145
D	Argentina, Chile, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Uruguay	160
E	Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, USA	175

Payment information

Name of the bank account holder: Lukas Ossberger

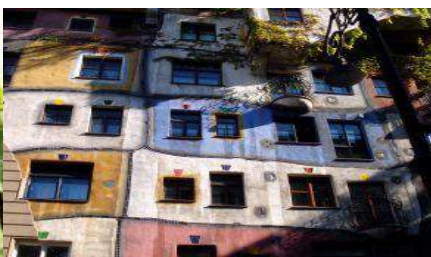
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Please also add **YOUR-NAME-COUNTRY-ExCo** as reference to your bank transfer

Furthermore for members from outside of Europe, there is the chance of transferring the fees via Pay Pal. Please write us an e-mail if you would like transfer your participation fee via Pay Pal.

If you are for some reason not able to pay via bank transfer or have any other questions concerning the payment or the fee, please feel free to contact us via mail at austria@iaasworld.org.





Preliminary Schedule*

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
	02.04.2017	03.04.2017	04.04.2017	05.04.2017	06.04.2017	07.04.2017	08.04.2017	09.04.2017	
07:00	Arrival	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
08:00		Official Meet & Greet with BOKU rectorate, guests, sponsors	IAAS General Assembly	IAAS General Assembly	IAAS General Assembly	BIOMIN (animal health and nutrition)	Wiener Schneckenzucht A.Gugumuck (Snail breeding)	Departure	
09:00									
10:00		BOKU-Campus Tour	YPARD – IAAS session	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break		Lunch break
11:00									
12:00		Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break		
13:00	14:00	IAAS General Assembly	Training by IAAS Training Committee (ITC)	Training by IAAS Training Committee (ITC)	Wine hike + tasting	HUT & STIEL (urban mushroom production)	AGRANA (food industry)		Brewery /Schnaps Museum
15:00	Welcome Meeting & City Tour							Free time	
16:00					Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner
17:00	Ice Breakers & Games							Trade Fair – Intercultural Dinner	
18:00									
19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00						

*Please note that this is preliminary. Some programme points might still change ;)



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