

# THEMATIC COMPILATION OF RELEVANT INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY AUSTRIA

## ARTICLE 10 UNCAC

### PUBLIC REPORTING

#### AUSTRIA (SEVENTH MEETING)

**In relation to public reporting (article 10)**, States parties and signatories may wish to provide information on measures that:

Here links to national and international organizations as well as to the main legal texts that deal with the issues of corruption, corruption prevention and integrity in the public service can be found easily:

[https://www.oeffentlicherdienst.gv.at/moderner\\_arbeitgeber/korruptionspraevention/infos/links.html](https://www.oeffentlicherdienst.gv.at/moderner_arbeitgeber/korruptionspraevention/infos/links.html)

Particularly the “The RESPONSibility rests with me” can be emphasized as one of many examples of a Code of Conduct to Prevent Corruption:

[https://www.oeffentlicherdienst.gv.at/moderner\\_arbeitgeber/korruptionspraevention/infos/VerhaltenskodexEnglish\\_2012\\_druck.pdf?4ppzt1](https://www.oeffentlicherdienst.gv.at/moderner_arbeitgeber/korruptionspraevention/infos/VerhaltenskodexEnglish_2012_druck.pdf?4ppzt1)

Regarding information on the organization, functioning and decision-making processes of the public administration and on decisions and legal acts can not only be found in the Rechtsinformationssystem (RIS), <https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/>, but simplified explanations and general descriptions and depictions of the processes are generally also displayed on the homepages of the respective federal ministry. For the Austrian Federal Chancellery it would be the following website: <http://www.bundeskanzleramt.at/>.

The Auskunftspflichtgesetz, BGBl. Nr. 287/1987 as amended from time to time, is the legal basis to provide sufficient information to the general public at federal level. The proactively made available as well as the automatically published information generally depends on the competence of the respective organizational unit, which are also responsible for updates. One of the main efforts is to provide accessible access to all kinds of information and platforms. In the case of the above mentioned Code of Conduct to Prevent Corruption it would be the following example:

[https://www.oeffentlicherdienst.gv.at/moderner\\_arbeitgeber/korruptionspraevention/infos/VerhaltenskodexEnglish\\_2012\\_barrierefrei.pdf?4ppzt3](https://www.oeffentlicherdienst.gv.at/moderner_arbeitgeber/korruptionspraevention/infos/VerhaltenskodexEnglish_2012_barrierefrei.pdf?4ppzt3)

Also different font sizes and the offer of audio files are part of this strategy.

Federal organs and institutions of self-government regulated by the federal legislation have to furnish particulars if the respective sphere of action is affected, but for any operation of law due to secrecy. Of course, the high standards of the Datenschutzgesetz 2000, BGBl. I Nr. 165/1999 as amended from time to time, have to be complied with.

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The Austrian Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAK) issues an annual report which is published on the homepage of the BAK<sup>1</sup> and, in doing so, corresponds to the promotion of transparency in public administration according to Art 10 lit c of the UNCAC. Additionally, information on all important events are published on the homepage of the BAK under the heading “News”<sup>1</sup>.

#### **AUSTRIA (THIRD MEETING)**

All **federal employees can report** suspicious circumstances concerning criminal offences falling within the remit of the Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAK) (see § 4, paragraph 1, BAK-G -Law on the BAK- Federal Law Gazette No. 72/2009) directly to the Bureau without going through the official channels. The employees are informed about this possibility – inter alia – on the website of the BAK (see already mentioned Reporting Centre for Corruption and Abuse of Authority, URL [http://www.bak.gv.at/cms/BAK\\_en/spoc/start.aspx](http://www.bak.gv.at/cms/BAK_en/spoc/start.aspx)).

Reports can be made by post, telephone, fax, email or in person. The introduction of an anonymous whistleblower system increasing the number of reports on corruption and at the same time protecting the whistleblower is currently being discussed.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.bak.gv.at/cms/BAK\\_dt/\\_news/start.aspx](http://www.bak.gv.at/cms/BAK_dt/_news/start.aspx)

