

Investment Incentives in Austria

Overview

Austria offers comprehensive incentive packages for investors including cash incentives, soft loans (ERP), subsidies for R&D projects and environmentally-friendly projects, export guarantees and research reserves.

The above mentioned incentives are offered in designated development areas by federal and regional authorities and are either provided in cash, as low interest loans or as credit guarantees. Some programs (R&D, environment, SME) are available in all areas of Austria.

Furthermore training grants and subsidized education programs for workers are available.

Furthermore, the counties assist investors by providing support for infrastructure developments.

In addition to incentives as mentioned above, Austria has developed one of the most competitive systems of export financing and export guarantees. These federal export guarantees offer competitive rates to protect your export business from political and economic risks abroad.

Incentives in general are possible for following sectors:

- Investment of big companies in designated areas
- Investment of small and medium-size companies for all areas
- Investment supporting environmental protection measures for all areas
- Incentives for R&D for all areas

The following range of incentive amounts (based on eligible investment amount) is applicable:

- Investment in designated areas:
 - > up to 15% (in the areas Waldviertel and Weinviertel up to 20%) plus a bonus for SMEs
 - > in the state of Burgenland up to 30% plus a bonus for SMEs
- Investment of small and medium-size companies outside of designated areas:
 - > 15 % for small companies and
 - > 7,5 % for medium-size companies
- Investment for special environmental protection in the whole of Austria: 15 to 30%
- For R&D projects depending on the research intensity in the whole of Austria: between 25% and 50%