



# Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) Austrian Development Agency (ADA)

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- The Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs (MFEIA) draws up ADC strategies and programmes.
- The Austrian Development Agency (ADA) implements these in cooperation with public institutions, development organisations and enterprises.
- More than 17 local offices coordinate the projects and oversee the efficient application of funds.

# Austrian Development Cooperation

Ministry for European and  
International Affairs  
(FMEIA)

Department for Development  
Cooperation and Cooperation  
with Eastern Europe

Austrian Development Agency  
(ADA)

The Operational Unit of the  
Austrian Development  
Cooperation

# Austrian Development Cooperation

## FMEIA

- Overall-coordination of the Austrian public development cooperation
- Formulation of development cooperation strategies and policies
- Policy-dialogue in Austria and at international level

## ADA

- Implementing Austrian development cooperation strategies and programmes
- Management of bilateral development cooperation budget
- Policy dialogue in Austria and partner-countries
- Advising the MFEIA

# References & legal basis

- International commitments
- Development Cooperation Act 2002
- Three-year-Programme on Austrian Development Policy

# Objectives

Main objectives of the Austrian Development Cooperation:

- reducing global poverty
- safeguarding peace and human security
- preserving the environment and natural resources



# Principles

- Partnership and ownership
- Consideration of the social and cultural context
- Promotion of gender equality
- Consideration of the needs of children and persons with disabilities



# Priority Countries

- Nicaragua
- Cape Verde, Burkina Faso
- Ethiopia, Uganda
- Mozambique
- Bhutan
- Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Serbia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Moldova
- Palestinian Territories



# Sector priorities

The Austrian Development Cooperation offers and implements special know-how in following priority areas:

- Water & sanitation
- Rural development
- Energy
- Privat sector development
- Education & science
- Governance



# Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) in Moldova (1)

- Priority country of the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) since January 2004
- Coordination Office for Technical Cooperation in Chisinau: January 2005
- Austrian Embassy/Coordination Office for Technical Cooperation in September 2007
- October 2008: Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on Development Cooperation

# ADC in Moldova (2)

## Country Strategy 2010 - 2014

- Overall goal:
  - Creation of livelihood opportunities
  - Creating Income and Employment
- Thematic priorities
  - Water/Sanitation
  - Vocational education and training
- Geographic focus:
  - South-West-Moldova

## ADC in Moldova (3)

- Budget for 2010 and 2011: approx. EUR 2 Mio per year
  - incl. country and regional activities, cooperation with NGOs and the private sector
- 2004 – 2009
  - EUR 7,8 Mio –

# ADC in Moldova (4)

- **Thematic priorities**

- **Water/Sanitation**

- **Water and Sanitation in cooperation with the SDC, so called Apa San Program**
    - **Developing a mid-term Investment/Action Plan for Water and Sanitation in Moldova in cooperation with OECD**
    - **Institutional strengthening Cantemir**

- **Vocational education and training**

- **VET Center Grigorauca, HWA**
    - **Promotion of Development and Networking of Training Firms in SEE and Moldova**

# ADC in Moldova (5)

Currently 6 new projects under preparation:

- Water:
  - Water Supply Nisporeni
- Education:
  - Support to Vocational Schools in the field of Water and Sewerage, IFCP
  - Support of the Cancer Clinic in Chisinau
  - Agricultural Schools in Nisporeni and Leova, Kulturkontakt Austria
- Education:
  - Support to the social housing network, Concordia
  - Community Development and conflict resolution, HWA

# Private Sector & Development

Economic growth is a prerequisite for development. Companies generate income and jobs.

ACD seeks to

- improve the business environment
- strengthen the private sector of its partner countries
- make use of potential synergies between the private sector and official development cooperation.



# Business Partnerships

ADA provides the following assistance to Austrian or European enterprises:

- Financial support for projects of developmental relevance
- Professional advice and placement of experts
- Project support

## Criteria for cooperation

- Long-term commitment in a country in the South or East
- Benefit to the local population beyond corporate core business
- Substantial input by the company and its partners
- Assurance by the company or local partner to continue its commitment after project completion
- Compliance with national laws and international environmental and social standards
- No unfair competition posed by project to other enterprises in the industry

# Business Partnerships

- **Established in 2004 by Republic of Austria under umbrella of Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs (BMeiA)**
- **In charge of managing official Austrian development aid worldwide (€ 100m p.a.)**
- **Currently offices in 15 priority countries (Africa, Central America, Himalaya/Hindukush, SEE)**
- **Based on bilateral country strategies, ADA tenders or awards projects (to IO, NGO, businesses)**

# Business Partnerships

**Exceptionally, private companies can actively apply for grants:**

- **Company from EU/EEA country**
- **Investment on the basis of sound business case**
- **In Official Development Aid (ODA) recipient country**
- **Non-refundable subsidy for package of measures ("project")**
  - **Aimed at improving social, ecological or economical environment of business investment**
  - **Initiated, designed and implemented by company itself**
- **Subsidy of up to 50% of project costs for**
  - **Feasibility Study (up to €20,000)**
  - **fully fledged Business Partnership (up to €200,000)**

# NGO Co-financing

NGOs are important partners in development cooperation. Through co-financing ADC supports Austrian civil initiatives in development countries.

Conditions for NGO cofinancing:

- Projects and programmes are carried out together with a local implementing partner
- NGOs develop the projects on their own initiative
- NGOs contribute with a percentage of own funds to the project costs





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