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FEDERATION OF
AUSTRIAN INDUSTRIES



The Federation of Austrian Industries

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Presentation – Industry and IV

Industry as a Growth Driver

- Industry is the driver of innovation and growth in Austria,
 - ...accounting directly and indirectly for up to 60% of the country's value added,
 - ...exporting goods worth EUR 12.600 per inhabitant per year,
 - ...securing two out of three workplaces in the country,
 - ... pays 61 percent of the domestic expenditures for research and development.

IV in Brief

- **The Federation of Austrian Industries (IV) is a voluntary body representing the interests of about 4.200 members**
 - It is our **goal** to represent the interests of our members in Austria and at the European level in a targeted and sustainable manner.
- The **structure of IV** is based on office-holders serving on a voluntary basis as well as staff in paid employment.
 - Nine Regional Groups, the Federal Organisation and the Brussels office provide a broad range of services for our members.

IV – History

- 1862:** Foundation of the „**Association of Industrialists**“ as the first supra-regional body representing the interests of industry in Austria
- 1911:** Construction of the „**House of Industry**“ in Vienna
- 1946:** Constituent Assembly of the „**Federation of Austrian Industrialists**“
- 1986:** **Accession to UNICE** (now BUSINESSSEUROPE), the Brussels-based Confederation of European Business

IV – Today

- **Top-level contacts** with politicians and opinion-makers enable IV to effectively represent the interests of its members.
- **Long-standing tradition of co-operation** with the social partners in Austria and Europe.
- **Broad-based network** supporting IV in its work on specific topics.

IV in Europe

- Industry pioneered the cause of Austria's integration into the EU.
- As early as 1988, IV was the first Austrian association to open an office in Brussels.
- Today, IV's Brussels office serves as
 - an interface to the European institutions and
 - a communication and lobbying platform between the national and the European level

IV in Europe

- IV is the Austrian member of BUSINESSSEUROPE, the Confederation of European Business.
- BUSINESSSEUROPE represents
 - over 20 million small, medium-sized and large enterprises
 - grouped in 40 associations from 34 countries
 - Social Partners in the European Social Dialogue
- Through our input to the organisation's work programme, our interests and concerns are well represented at the European level.

IV in Europe

- Within the framework of the informal Central European Group, IV co-operates closely with its sister associations in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia, Bulgaria and Romania on central topics, such as
 - labour-market policy,
 - infrastructure and
 - energy policy.

IV International

- IV is a member of BIAC (Business and Industry Advisory Committee of the OECD)
 - Established in 1962 as an independent organisation, BIAC is the official body representing the interests of the OECD business community.
 - The BIAC membership comprises the major employer organisations of 31 OECD Member States – representing the interests of over 8 million enterprises.

IV International

IV is also a member of IOE (International Organisation of Employers), an international organisation founded in 1920.

- IOE represents the interests of employers, above all in matters of labour and social policy, in international organisations, such as ILO (International Labour Organisation)
- Currently, IOE comprises 147 national employer associations from 140 countries of the world.

IV International

- IV is a member of the Istanbul-based UBCCE (Union of Black Sea and Caspian Confederation of Enterprises).
 - Currently, UBCCE has 22 member associations, all of them voluntary national bodies representing the interests of the business communities of 17 countries
 - bordering the Black Sea or the Caspian Sea and/or maintaining close relations with the region



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