

NATIONAL REPORTING TO CSD-16: AUSTRIA

PART III: ANNEXED PROFILE ON NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES; INDICATORS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Information on National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS) or equivalent

WSSD JPOI in paragraph 162(b) specifies that national strategies for sustainable development could, where applicable, be formulated as poverty reduction strategies that integrate economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainable development, and that these should be pursued in accordance with each country's national priorities. A country's national strategy will therefore be considered an "NSDS or equivalent" if it integrates economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainable development.

Strategy Title:

The Austrian Strategy for Sustainable Development – An initiative of the Federal Government;

Strategy website:

<http://www.nachhaltigkeit.at>

Coordinating Body:

Committee for Sustainable Austria

Coordinating Body website: *n/a*

Strategy Status: The category here corresponds to the status of NSDS implementation reflected in the NSDS Global Map available at:

<http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/natlinfo/nsds/nsdsMap.htm>.

Please indicate whether your country's NSDS is: i) being implemented;

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Additional Information: *Information can be made publicly available on the website*

The national Strategy for Sustainable Development was adopted by the Austrian Government on April 30, 2002. The Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, who was mandated to coordinate the implementation policies at federal level, commissioned a "Committee for a Sustainable Austria". This Committee, which consists of high-level representatives of all Ministries, experts from the "Social Partners" and several members from the provincial governments ("Länder") is preparing annual work programs, which are to be submitted to the Council of Ministers.

As regards the interfaces between the federal and the provincial level, a standing committee of "provincial sustainability coordinators" meets with representatives from the provincial level at regular intervals, and reports to the Conference of the Environmental Ministers of the "Länder". To advise the Austrian Government and to review the activities set by the Committee, an expert panel was established - the "Forum for sustainable Austria". This forum consists of 30 members from the scientific community and key representatives from NGOs representing the environmental, social, and developmental focus.

Meantime the 2nd Progress Report on the implementation of the Austrian Strategy for Sustainable Development was submitted to the Council of Ministers. This report is based on the Work Programme 2004 and shows the measures and initiatives set during the past two years. It also provides information on relevant trends and on the development with respect to the key objectives as stated in the Strategy by means of a separate Indicator Report. More information you can find: <http://www.nachhaltigkeit.at/strategie>