

# Territorial Employment Pact Burgenland

Provincial Government, Public Employment Service, Federal Office of Social Affairs, Economic Chamber, Chamber of Labour, Austrian Federation of Trade Unions, Federation of Austrian Industry, Provincial Chamber of Agriculture, Wirtschaftsservice Burgenland AG (WIBAG), Provincial School Board, Gender Mainstreaming Expert, Association of Municipalities, Association of Social Democratic Municipal Representatives

## Main Partners

2000  
2001  
2002  
2003  
2004  
2005  
2006

**Contractual Partners** Provincial Government, Public Employment Service

**Description of the Partnership** The Burgenland Pact was stipulated between the contractual partners in 2001. The partnership consists of: a steering committee, responsible for taking decisions regarding the annual strategy and for defining framework conditions and priorities; a piloting group which holds consultations on project proposals and recommends projects deemed suitable for approval; and the pact coordination, for which WIBAG is responsible.

**Contractual Period** July 2001 – December 2006

**Objectives** With respect to labour market policy, the pact's priorities and objectives focus on creating jobs which hold promise for the future, facilitating access to the labour market by means of appropriate measures for raising qualification levels, combating unemployment and exclusion from the labour market and on improving chances for placing jobseekers.

**Areas of Action and Target Groups** Areas of action in 2005 encompass: continued training and qualification; promoting the ability to adapt to structural change; new employment opportunities; developing a spirit of entrepreneurship; and gender mainstreaming. Target groups include older people and youth, women, people with disabilities as well as the long-term unemployed or those threatened by long-term unemployment.

**Activities and Results in 2004** In 2004, measures that were focused on the target groups of older people and youth were implemented, and regional projects were developed that more closely involve pact partners in the region (round tables). Cooperation with Hungary was intensified within the framework of the „Cross-Border Territorial Employment Pact“. These efforts resulted in the Austro-Hungarian Territorial Employment Pact being agreed upon for the region of Lövö in order to promote co-operative efforts as well as to develop economic and human resources in an ongoing way.

**Contents in 2005** One of the priorities in 2005 is to continue existing project activities within the framework of the regional round tables, with the goal of joint efforts toward identifying and elaborating on regional issues pertaining to the target groups of „older people“ and youth, developing approaches for possible solutions and implementing these. Cross-border cooperation with neighbours in Hungary represents a further priority. Within the framework of the PHARE CBC project, representatives of the Employment Pact of the region of Alpokalja and of the district of Oberpullendorf are discussing a variety of issues concerning the labour market and employment policies of both areas, toward the end of defining potential joint problem-solving strategies.

**Financing** There is no separate budgeting for the Territorial Employment Pact Burgenland. Projects are carried out within the framework of existing funding measures (Objective 1 programme for Burgenland 2000-2006).

**„Added Value“ of the Pact** The Employment Pact Burgenland identifies its added value as being in particular the coordination, spanning measures of joint projects among partners.

**Further Development of the Pact** The Burgenland pact has set its focus on stronger integration of the partners' regional decision-making structures to the end of developing and implementing joint projects within the region as well as across borders. By more clearly positioning pact coordination as a sort of „network management“, with the mission of further developing existing partnerships, the pact seeks to ensure that its structure, which presently functions well, will be retained beyond 2006.

**Objective 1 Support** Burgenland's status as an Objective 1 region ensures funding of pact coordination within the framework of the Objective 1 programme 2000-2006. WIBAG has been commissioned with pact coordination.



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