

Employment Pact Vorarlberg



Contractual Partners / Main Partners

Province of Vorarlberg, Labour Market Service, Economic Chamber, Chamber of Labour, Austrian Federation of Trade Unions, Federation of Austrian Industry, Federal Office of Social Affairs, Association of Municipalities Vorarlberg

2000

2001

2002

2003

2004

2005

2006

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- Pact Area** Federal Province of Vorarlberg
- Timeframe** July 2000 - December 2003
- Financing** Budgeting for measures in 2001 has not yet been finalised (status as of February/March 2001). Funding for the TEP 2001 will be applied for within the framework of the Objective 3 Programme (European Social Fund - ESF, priority area 6).
- Contract** The partners of the Employment Pact Vorarlberg (EPV) signed a co-operation agreement for 2000 - 2003 in the summer of 2000. The establishment and finalisation of the EPV is a result of the positive experiences gained from the Initiative for the Long-term Unemployed Vorarlberg, a programme supported within the framework of the TEP programme of the European Commission. The experimental approach followed by the European Commission, that is, of planning and carrying out projects by having the relevant actors work together in a comprehensive manner while giving attention to the „bottom-up principle“, has been elevated to the „mainstream“ approach in Vorarlberg with the finalisation of the EPV.
- Description of the Partnership** The organisation of the Employment Pact Vorarlberg is distributed between a strategic level (steering group) and an operational level (co-ordination office, project groups). The steering group consists of representatives of the contractual partners. Beyond this, special project groups can also be initiated. For the co-ordination and support of the Employment Pact Vorarlberg a separate co-ordination office was installed in the IAP.
- Objectives** The EPV will concentrate on three main issues in the year 2001 („pillars of the pact“): „equal opportunity“, „training“ and „particularly disadvantaged individuals on the labour market“. The relevant activities are currently still in the planning stage (status as of February/March 2001). In the framework of the Community Initiative EQUAL the EPV will furthermore apply for three development partnerships whose areas of concern (and thus the projects to be carried out) are closely related to the pact's three „pillars“. Beyond this, the EPV plans to implement a steering instrument on the super-institutional level within the framework of the EPV's three „pillars“ by the end of 2001. The necessary groundwork and adaptations will have been carried out by this point in time.
- Results in 2000** In the year 2000 the pact was redesigned and fitted into the National Action Plan for Employment (NAP). In the course of these efforts the number of issues included was broadened. In addition, the DOKU - System (Documentation and Monitoring System for the Secondary Labour Market) and the instrument „Total Quality Management“ were implemented.
- Contents** Plans in the year 2001 centre on carrying out the study „Long-term developmental perspectives of the labour market in Vorarlberg“. The application of this research will, of course, be subject to the results of the study, but it will focus particularly on the issues of training, of matching skilled workers with the requirements of the economy of Vorarlberg and of gender mainstreaming.

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opportunities

Examples for Projects

- DOKU - System (Documentation and Monitoring System for the Secondary Labour Market): this pilot project in the areas of quality assurance and management was carried out by two employment projects in Vorarlberg. The objective was to optimise efforts with respect to microeconomic criteria and to labour market policy as well as to develop a comprehensive tool for evaluation and analysis in co-operation with the pact partners involved.
- Web-site „ Employment Platform „: in order to successfully present the employment projects as well as to open up new marketing opportunities, a web-site was created within the framework of the EU pact. The web-site can be visited under the URL <http://www.arbeitsprojekte.at>