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## **Austria**

### **Employment Pact for Vorarlberg**

**Territory covered by the partnership** Federal Province of Vorarlberg with a population of 379,642

**Policy areas** Labour market and employment policy

**Partners** Provincial Government, Public Employment Service, Federal Office of Social Affairs, Economic Chamber, Chamber of Labour, Austrian Federation of Trade Unions, Federation of Austrian Industry, Vorarlberg Association of Municipalities

**Description of the Partnership** The Employment Pact considers itself as a “think tank” having a high degree of competence in advising and making recommendations. The Pact aims at: defining strengths and potential of regional actors, better co-ordination of actions influencing employment and increasing the effectiveness of measures. The Pact thus intends to create and maintain new jobs as well as to secure funding for the region on a permanent basis.

The working programme for 2005 includes the following **activities**:

- “Low qualification job sector”: surveying potential within Vorarlberg’s industries to determine whether or which services might be outsourced to regional job creation programmes; and
- organising a conference for regional players and stakeholders concerning the issue “Optimal People Placement - Job-Oriented and Regional Offers”.

In parallel, the Pact will define policy recommendations on each priority area of the Pact.

**Duration of the Partnership:** until December 2006

**Added value of the Partnership** Implementing a “think tank” for labour market policy issues at the regional level taking into account a new approach for the province. Strategic recommendations based on medium- and long-term developments at the labour market were developed so that common views and joint actions in the region could be achieved.

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