

# **Austria's second Voluntary National Review on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

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## Introduction

- Austria's 1<sup>st</sup> VNR was presented in 2020
- AT ranks high globally and EU-wide in SDG implementation
- Maintain achievements and build on them
- the 2<sup>nd</sup> VNR was compiled during multiple global crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic
- preparations started in October 2022

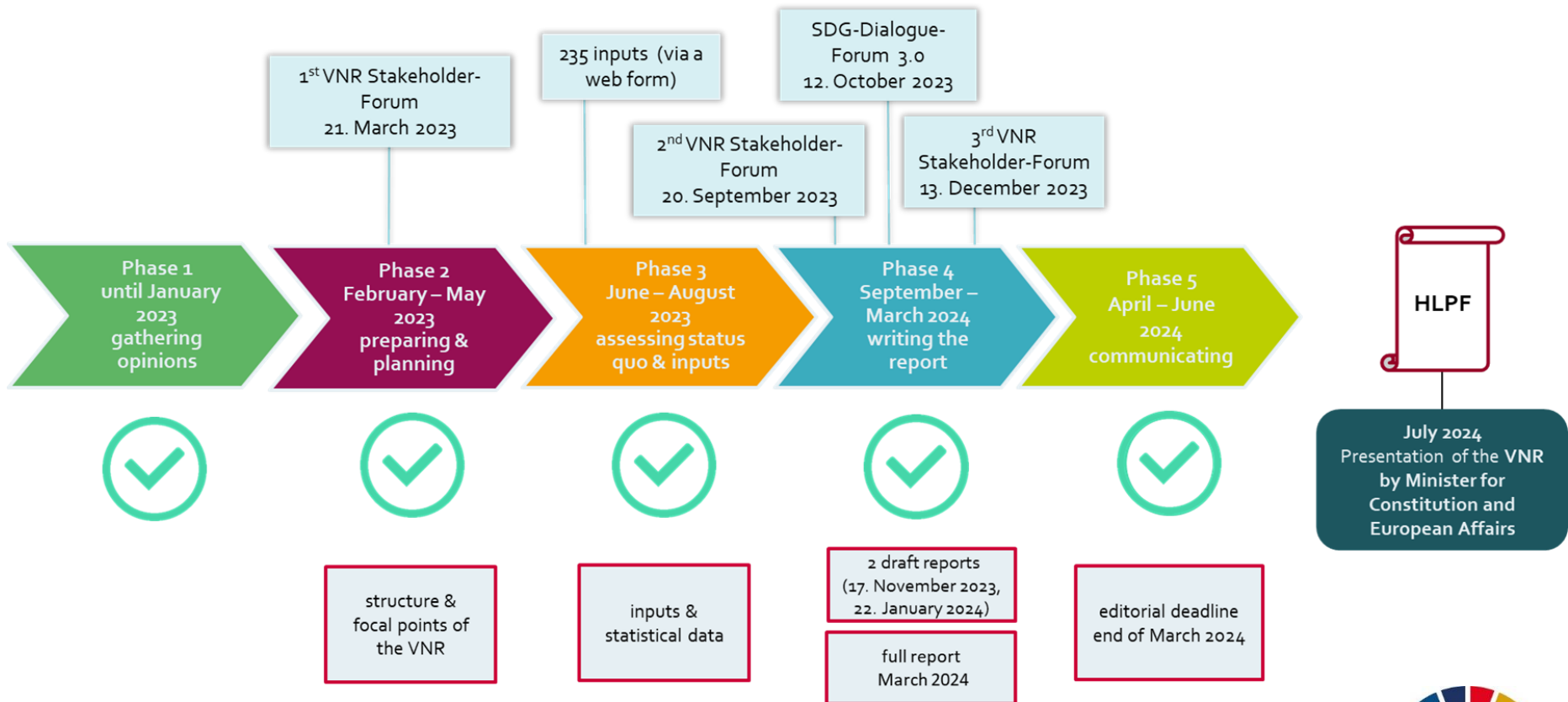


## Laying out a path into the future: What transformations towards sustainability are needed to achieve the 2030 Agenda goals?

- guiding principles for implementation: “mainstreaming” approach, the common European framework as well and UN guidelines
- Emphasis on:
  - A transparent and participatory multi-stakeholder process was continued through various cooperation formats over 15 months
  - A solid database from the national statistics office was developed, data gaps closed with the support of universities, and data positioned as a central element in this report
  - Three intersectional priorities for transformation were included throughout the VNR: gender equality, the youth’s perspective, and the international dimension



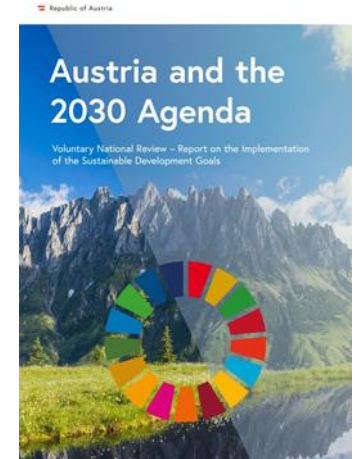
# Profiting from an early start – the timetable of Austria's 2<sup>nd</sup> VNR



## Improving the process of compiling a VNR – Austria's path from its 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> National Review

- improving the multi-stakeholder approach of Austria's 1<sup>st</sup> NR
- through various cooperation formats over 15 months with an early start
- informal phase of consultation on VNR's structure and priorities
- enabling cross-sectional work harnessing competences of all ministries in an interministerial working group (IMAG)
- broad participation of governmental and civil stakeholders, including business, science, civil society and social partnership (*Sozialpartnerschaft*) in so called VNR-Stakeholder-Forums
- exchanging experiences and peer-learning with other countries

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## Involvement of stakeholder and civil society

- civil society was part of the VNR-Stakeholder-Forums, but also dedicated exchange on specific issues
- special emphasis on youth organisations (*“youth check”*)
- involvement of the “broader public”: incorporating success stories spotlighting practical implementation of all SDGs
- building “ownership” with the intention to make implementation “visible”



# Incorporating success stories to represent the entire societies efforts

- Aim is to show in concrete terms how the 2030 Agenda is implemented and demonstrate what this broad commitment has already achieved
- Submission of SDG projects via a web form
- 120 of 252 initiatives are featured as success stories in the 2<sup>nd</sup> VNR
- Projects stem from all over Austria and many different stakeholders from business, social partnership, administration at all levels, civil society and science

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## Einmeldung von Erfolgsgeschichten und Good-Practice Beispielen zur Umsetzung der Nachhaltigen Entwicklungsziele/SDGs (FNU)

### Eingangsbestätigung

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Project  
Lead

### Daten zur Person / einreichenden Organisation

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SDG  
Impact

### Einmeldekriterien

Thematischer Schwerpunkt der nachhaltigen Entwicklung FNU Schwerpunktthemen Soziale Dimension  
SDG-Zuordnung 5. Geschlechtergleichstellung erreichen und alle Frauen und Mädchen zur Selbstbestimmung befähigen  
Beitrag zu weiteren SDGs 4. Inklusiv, gleichberechtigte und hochwertige Bildung gewährleisten und Möglichkeiten lebenslangen Lernens für alle fördern  
8. Dauerhaftes, breitenwirksames und nachhaltiges Wirtschaftswachstum, produktive Vollbeschäftigung und menschenwürdige Arbeit für alle fördern  
9. Eine widerstandsfähige Infrastruktur aufbauen, breitenwirksame und nachhaltige Industrialisierung fördern und Innovationen unterstützen  
Mainstreaming der Agenda 2030 Menschen (People)  
Umsetzung des Mainstreamings nachhaltiger Wohlstand und Fortschritt (Prosperity)  
Die Initiative soll Mädchen und junge Frauen für den MINT-Bereich begeistern. Die Initiative trägt zur Sensibilisierung von Entscheidungsträgerinnen und Entscheidungsträgern bei.  
Für Wohlstand sorgen: von Wohlstand geprägtes und erfülltes Leben:  
Langfristiges Ziel ist es, dem Fachkräftemangel entgegenzuwirken und den Wirtschaftsstandort Österreich zu stärken.

Project  
Description

### Einmeldung

Überschrift Beitrag MINT-Girls Challenge  
Textbeitrag Die MINT-Girls Challenge ist ein Ideenwettbewerb für Mädchen und Frauen zwischen 4 und 19 Jahren und ist eine gemeinsame Initiative der BM für Frauen, Familie, Integration und Medien (BKA), dem BM für Arbeit und Wirtschaft in Kooperation mit der Industriellenvereinigung. Die Initiative startete 2021 und hat das Ziel, mehr Mädchen und Frauen für MINT zu begeistern. Die besten und kreativsten Ideen in den Kategorien Kindergarten, Volksschule, Sekundarstufe I und Sekundarstufe II werden prämiert.  
Weblink www.mintgirlschallenge.at

### Foto zur Initiative

### Datenschutzinformation

Hier finden Sie unsere [Datenschutzinformation](#) :



## Key Area 1: Leaving no one behind – social cohesion and solidarity in times of multiple crises

- In Austria, people affected by poverty and social exclusion can rely on a well-developed welfare state. It encourages transformation through solidarity, inclusivity, and equal opportunities so that "no one is left behind".
- Families, children and young people are supported with the "Frühe Hilfen" and "Schulstartklar!" programmes.
- The "National Action Plan on Disability II" paves the way for numerous measures implementing the UN CRDP.
- "Gender budgeting" is promoted for gender equality.
- Long term care: two comprehensive reform packages and "Community Nursing" were introduced.





## Key Area 2: Skills for 2030 – competences for sustainable development

- Skills which foster personal, interdisciplinary and interpersonal competences are crucial for the envisioned transformations for the 2030 Agenda implementation.
- Digital skills and media & information literacy create opportunities for the economy and labour market.
- Companies play a key role in further training in “Skills for 2030”.
- Skills for “Responsible Business Conduct” are essential for achieving SDGs globally.
- The dual vocational training system is strengthened
- Active labour market policies: employment opportunities for jobseekers, target group-specific training opportunities, and employment incentives.




## Key Area 3: Protecting the biosphere – sustainable development within planetary boundaries

- Accelerated action in climate and environmental protection is a fundamental prerequisite for sustainable transformation.
- Energy transition: an “eco-social tax reform”, ambitious targets and measures for renewable energy and the expansion of the electricity infrastructure were implemented
- mobility transition: nationwide “Climate Ticket” for public transport and record investments in railway infrastructure
- protection of Austria's nature and biodiversity: "Biodiversity Strategy Austria 2030+" and the establishment of the Biodiversity Fund
- establishment of a climate-neutral, sustainable circular economy



## Data as a central element of Austria's 2<sup>nd</sup> VNR

- Monitoring according to appr. 260 national indicators remains an essential element of Austria's 2<sup>nd</sup> VNR
- made possible by Statistics Austria's continuously updated and refined set of SDG-indicators.
- Data chapter in 2<sup>nd</sup> VNR offers for every SDG:
  - Current data (January 2024)
  - Trend developments (2010 – 2022)
  - 5 main messages per SDG

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Target National Indicators (selected)	Trend
2.1 TARGET: End hunger	✓
2.2 Underweight in 8-year olds	⬇️(short)
Obesity in 8-year olds	⬇️(short)
2.3 TARGET: Equal access to agricultural production	✓
2.4 Proportion of area under organic farming on total agricultural are (excluding alpin pastures)	⬆️
Crop varieties secured for agricultural use	↗️
2.5 Livestock breeds secured for agricultural use	⬆️
Common Farmland Bird Index	⬇️

## Spillover-Effects in the AT VNR 2024

- In the reporting part three references to spillover effects:
  - Reference to the Sustainable Development Report and the work of OECD and the European Commission (EC) / Eurostat on a methodological approach to assessing these effects
  - 8th ESDN peer learning platform 2023 in Bern on the topic of "Spillover effects in the context of SDG implementation"
  - Chapter on ecological sustainability: The global challenges associated with the climate crisis require coordinated international cooperation to analyse negative cross-border spillover effects and take effective measures
- In the Outlook Chapter:
  - In the coming years, Austria will address the global spillover effects, taking its lead from the relevant work within the EU and the OECD.

## International Dimension

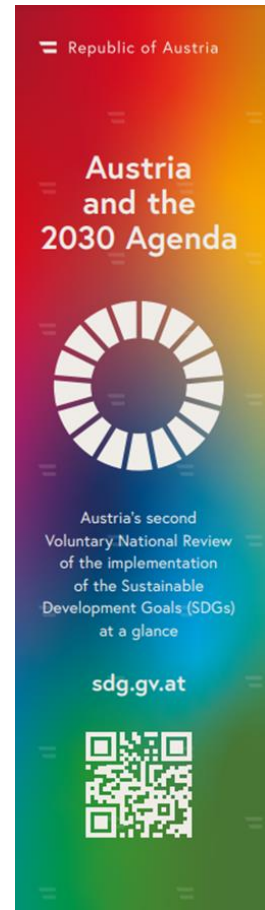
- All three Chapters on the economic, social and the environmental dimension of sustainability cover the “international dimension” (mainstreaming)
  - Spillovers
  - Development Cooperation (positive spillover)
  - AT engagement in Multilateral For a (OECD, UN, ...)
- Separate Chapter on Development Cooperation in the Outlook Chapter
- Best Practice Examples on development cooperation across the report

## Outlook

- Austria's renewed commitment to the 2030 Agenda and its goals
- To achieve these, Austria intends to implement the above-mentioned transformations
- Key is an indispensable, rules-based multilateral system
- the partnership principle enshrined in SDG 17 as a catalyst to achieving the SDGs
- Challenges to tackle:
  - Spillover-Effects are important to take into account
  - Further improvement of the Governance process
  - additional efforts for SDGs 12, 13, and 15 are needed

## Communication is key – Presenting Austria’s 2<sup>nd</sup> VNR

- Events:
  - Prelaunch-Event for the Austrian Community on 17 June 2024
  - Presentation for the Diplomatic Corps in Vienna
  - Taking the stage globally on the HLPF 2024 in New York
- Information materials:
  - Flyer/brochure
  - Feature on the Austrian SDG-Homepage
  - Branded Goodies



# Thank you for your Attention!

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