



Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) in the Danube Region/Western Balkans

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Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC)

- The Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs draws up ADC strategies.
- The Austrian Development Agency (ADA) is the operational unit of the ADC & implements the strategies in cooperation with public institutions, development organisations and enterprises.
- Local offices in the priority countries coordinate the projects and oversee the efficient application of funds.
- Danube Region/Western Balkans: Albania, Macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Hercegovina – and Moldova.
- Local offices: Tirana, Prishtina, Chisinau



Austrian Strategy on Danube Region/Western Balkans

- DRAFT stage, finalization in early 2015
- Duration: **2015 – 2020**
- **Annual budget: 4 MEUR** (*doubled!* ☺)
- **Goals:** Intensify regional cooperation and support EU approximation
- **Focus:**
 1. Sustainable, social inclusive economic development
 2. Higher Education and Vocational Education & Training
 3. Good Governance, Human Rights and Rule of Law
- **Cross-cutting issues:** Gender equality and environment

Close cooperation & alignment with RCC in Sarajevo!

Current ADC Projects I

Environment:

- ENVSEC: Transforming Environmental and Security Risks into Cooperation in the SEE; and Climate Change and Security in Dniester River Basin [OSCE/REC/UNEP...]
- Themis Network: Promoting regional cooperation via networking within the authorities responsible for the environment and justice sectors [REC]

Gender:

- Promoting Gender Responsive Policies in SEE [UN Women]
- Boys and Men as Allies in Violence Prevention and Gender Transformation in the Western Balkans [CARE]

Current ADC Projects II

Children's rights:

- Breaking the cycle of exclusion for Roma children through ECD (early childhood development) and education [UNICEF]
- Regional Child Protection Resource Centre for SEE [Terre des hommes]

Minorities:

- Inclusion & Rights of Roma Women in South Eastern Europe [CARE]

Economy:

- Multi-Donor Trust Fund on Jobs, with special focus on Solutions for Youth Employment (S4YE) [World Bank]

