

20 Years of Integration Strategies in Vienna



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City of Vienna
Vienna is special.

Migration Policy in Austria

Legal Basis of Immigration: Ministry of the Interior (National Authorities)

http://www.bmi.gv.at/cms/BMI_Service/

NAG 2011 (Niederlassungs- und Aufenthaltsgesetz)

National Action Plan for Integration

- Integration - Secretary of the State

http://www.bmi.gv.at/cms/BMI_staatssekretaer/

- Red-White-Red Card

- Integration Agreement (Language, 3.States)

Financing and Practical Implementation of Integration Measures (Local Authorities)

Vienna

1.719.730 (1.4.2011)

**33,4 % International Background (21,5%without
Citizenship, 12,0% Foreign born, 44% with only one
non-native parent)**

- **Melting Pot of Europe (20ies)**
- **Labor Migration (60+70ies)**
- **The Shrinking City (80ies)**
- **Changed Migration Patterns (1989)**

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Changed Framework

1989 The Fall of the Iron Curtains

1995 Accession of Austria in EU

2004 Enlargement of EU

2007 The next step of Enlargement

80% of Migrants from Europe

Internationalisation & Location

- **More than 300 Headquarters**
- **Major international organizations: UN, UNIDO, IAEA, OPEC and OSCE**
- **Economy**



Integration Policies

Vienna Integration Fund (1991-2004)

- **Coordination and Financing of Migrant Associations, Initiatives, Neighborhoods**
- **Elaboration of Integrations Strategies**
- **Diversity of Employees (Bridge to Migrant Communities)**

Mobile Youth Work- Leisure Time (since 1993)

<http://www.interface-wien.at/>

Social Housing – Cooperation of the City with Migrant associations –Emergency Flats 2001

www.wien.gv.at/wohnen/wienerwohnen



From Integration to ...

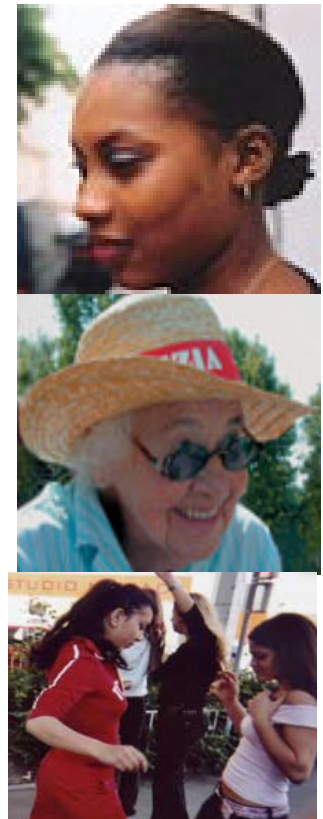
Diversity Policy

Objectives

Immigrants are not a minority, but are an essential part of the Viennese population.

Equal opportunities for all citizens

through measures in fields of education, employment, health sectors and the property market



Diversity Management in the City Administration

Department for Integration & Diversity Affairs

**The team of MA 17 includes 55 employees,
2/3 with migration background (from 14 countries with more than 23 languages)**

Diversity Management as part of Quality Management

City Administration as service provider

Support for migrants (newcomers)

**Equal Rights; Equal Opportunities in Social Life; Participation
in Economic Life**

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Neighborhood work

promotion of a harmonious living together

- **Neighborhood centers**
- **Cultural interventions in neighborhoods: “SOHO in Ottakring” & „District Center 20“**
- **Voluntary Conflict Workers**
- **Area Management Offices**
- **Association Platforms (local level)**
- **Language courses for different requirements and target Groups (low price/ financed by the city)**



„District Center 20“

Supporting of „living together“

- **Aid to self-help**
- **They create co-operations - start projects in networks**
- **Prevention and mediation of conflicts in neighbourhoods and public spaces**



SOHO in Ottakring (Annual Art Festival)

- **Since 1999 – Duration 2 Weeks**
- **Location: Brunnenviertel**
- **Initiators: Local Artists & Neighbourhood players**
- **Focus Points: Urban planning, Social & Economic Topics, Artistic Interventions with Participations in**
- **Public Spaces**
- **Interactive, Interdisciplinarily & Processoriented**
- **Leadership**
- **Media**



www.sohoinottakring.at



Wohnpartner – Resident Partner

We are your Partner!

The Vienna Municipal Service in neighborhood

- **Strengthens the community initiated projects**
- **Increases the residential satisfaction**
- **Encourages the improvement of residents own housing and living environment**

<http://www.wohnpartner-wien.at/>



Project Xchange

Sharing of Personal Experiences with Students

Meet your PXC-ambassadors and learn together more about the country, people, life ... and learn how “Living together” functions!

<http://www.projektxchange.at>



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