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Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG I)

Austria

I Justice System

CEPEJ

The European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) regularly collects data on judicial systems concerning efficiency and quality of the justice system. In the framework of the CEPEJ Study for the EU Justice Scoreboard, CEPEJ prepares Country profiles annually, including for [Austria](#).

The 2024 data have been collected, quality checked and sent to DG-JUST in the framework of the 2026 EU Justice Scoreboard. The publication of the country profiles based on 2024 data will depend on final acceptance of the CEPEJ Study by DG-JUST. The CEPEJ Secretariat (christel.schurrer@coe.int) remains at the disposal of European Commission for any question related to these data.

CCJE

In October 2025, the Bureau of the Consultative Council of European Judges (CCJE) adopted an [Opinion](#) following a request by the Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ) as regards the systemic deficiencies of the disciplinary accountability of judges of the Administrative Court of Vienna .

II Anti-corruption framework

GRECO

[Third Interim Compliance Report](#) (26 March 2025)

4th round: Prevention of corruption in respect of members of parliament, judges and prosecutors

[Second Compliance Report](#) (26 March 2025)

5th round: Preventing corruption and promoting integrity in central governments (top executive functions) and law enforcement agencies

III Media pluralism

EXECUTION OF JUDGMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

STANDARD VERLAGSGESELLSCHAFT MBH v. Austria (final on 07/03/2022) concerns the violation of the applicant media company's right to freedom of press on account of domestic court decisions which were rendered in 2014 and 2015 and obliged the company, as host provider, to disclose personal data of its users who wrote offensive comments on two on-line articles the applicant company had published regarding two politicians and a political party (violation of Article 10).

The case was closed for supervision by the Committee of Ministers on 3 September 2025 ([CM/ResDH\(2025\)178](#)). As regards the general measures taken, the judgment was disseminated to the relevant authorities together with a circular note. Furthermore, a thorough analysis of the judgment by the Ministry of Justice was brought to the specific attention of the Supreme Court. Training courses and seminars were organised, to bring awareness of the requirements flowing from the present judgment.

IV Other institutional issues related to checks and balances

N/A