

Austria

ICAO Council Candidate 2022

Austria is honoured to be a candidate for membership in the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for the term 2022–2025 at elections to be held during the 41th Assembly in October 2022 in Montréal (Canada). Austria presents its candidature for part II of the ICAO Council in close cooperation with all member states of the Abis group: Belgium, Croatia, Ireland, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal and Switzerland.

The Abis group was formed in 1980 and has ever since been actively engaged in the work of the ICAO Council as a reliable partner supporting ICAO's strategic objectives, on the basis of a well-established rotation schedule. Abis is recognised for its integrity and professionalism in representing a group of states that are amongst the top four contributors to the ICAO budget.

Austria in close cooperation with its Abis partners firmly supports ICAO's strategic objectives, focusing on the further development of a safe, sound, and sustainable global civil aviation system. Austria is committed to civil aviation as an indispensable component of modern societies enabling global and regional connectivity.

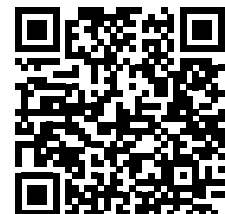
Austria experienced a constant increase in multimodal connectivity in which aviation plays an integral part. Vienna is home to one of the four United Nations headquarters, Vienna Airport therefore serves a high number of international destinations. Its ideal location makes Vienna Airport an important hub for connecting Eastern and Western Europe. With Vienna as its home base Austrian Airlines is Austria's largest airline and a member of Star Alliance.

Civil aviation is facing a wide range of different challenges. ICAO's continued efforts to facilitate aviation's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic is essential to ensuring the long-term resilience of international aviation. The sector's environmental performance and its contribution to human-made climate change constitute integral factors in civil aviation's main strategic objective. Seeking to foster sustainable aviation development taking account of environmental, social and economic concerns, Austria is strongly convinced that ICAO must show leadership in addressing these challenges on a global level.

Austria is fully committed to serve ICAO on the Council, to address the needs, targets and challenges of today and tomorrow in an agile, efficient and effective way to benefit aviation globally.



Find out more about the states forming the Abis group at abisgroup.org



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