

Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Priorities in Higher Education

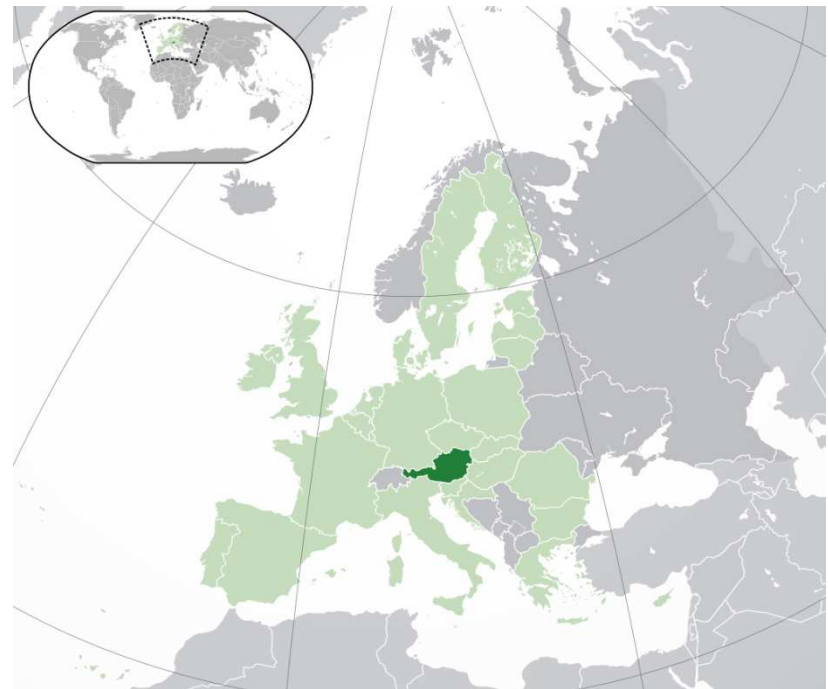
WELCOME TO AUSTRIA



FAST FACTS

Republic of Austria

- Area: 83,858 sq. km
- Population: 8,543,932
- Capital: Vienna
- Language: German
- Currency: EUR
- Climate: moderate, continental
- Time zone: +1 GMT



Vienna

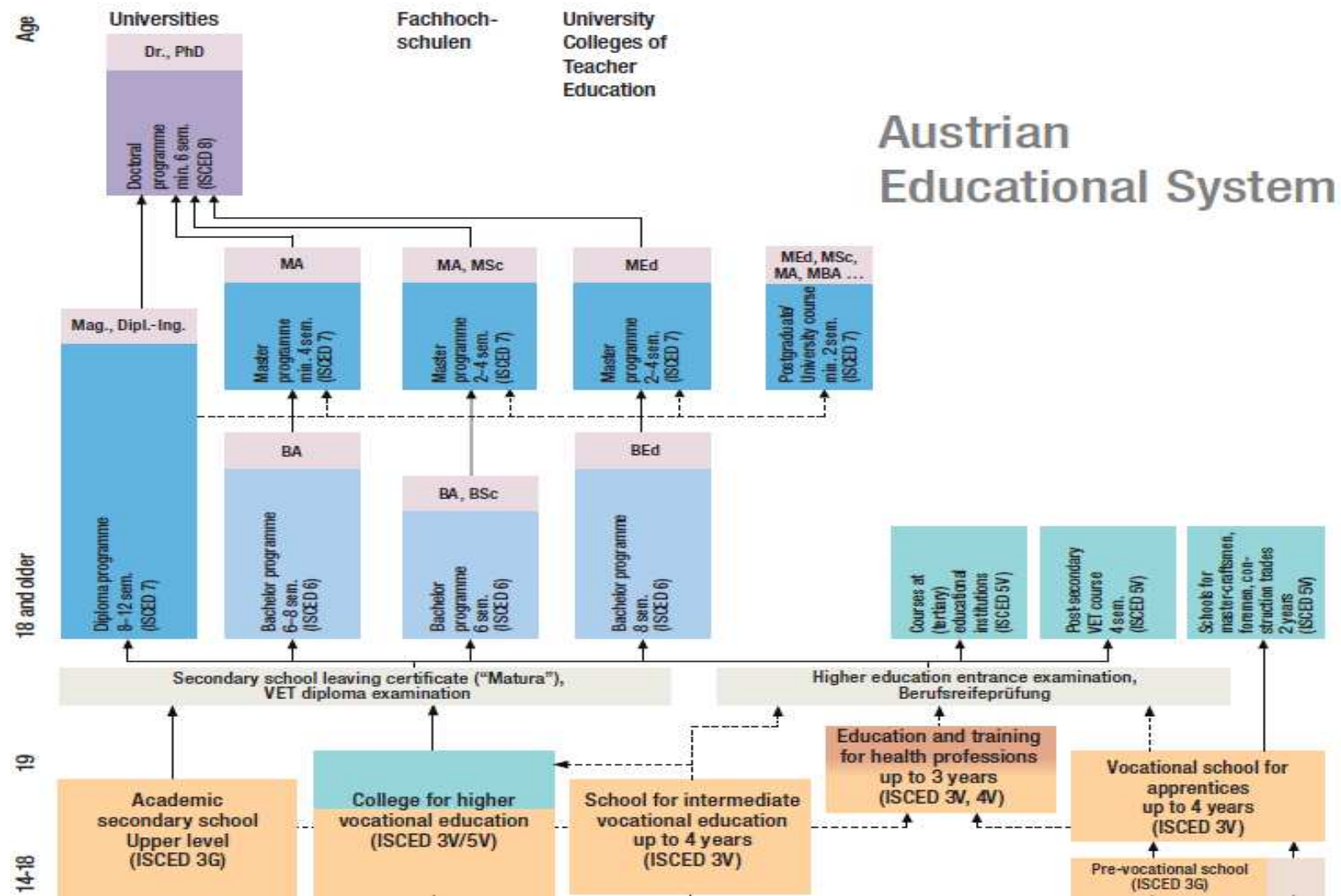
- Area: 414.65 km²
- Population: 1,867,960



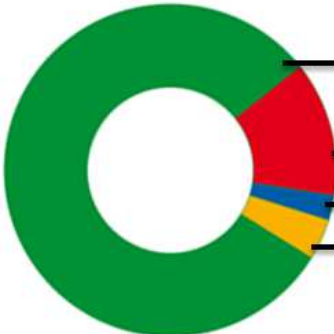
Climate data for Vienna							
Month	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average high °C	24.0	26.7	26.6	21.1	15.3	8.1	4.6

SCIENCE AND RESEARCH IN AUSTRIA

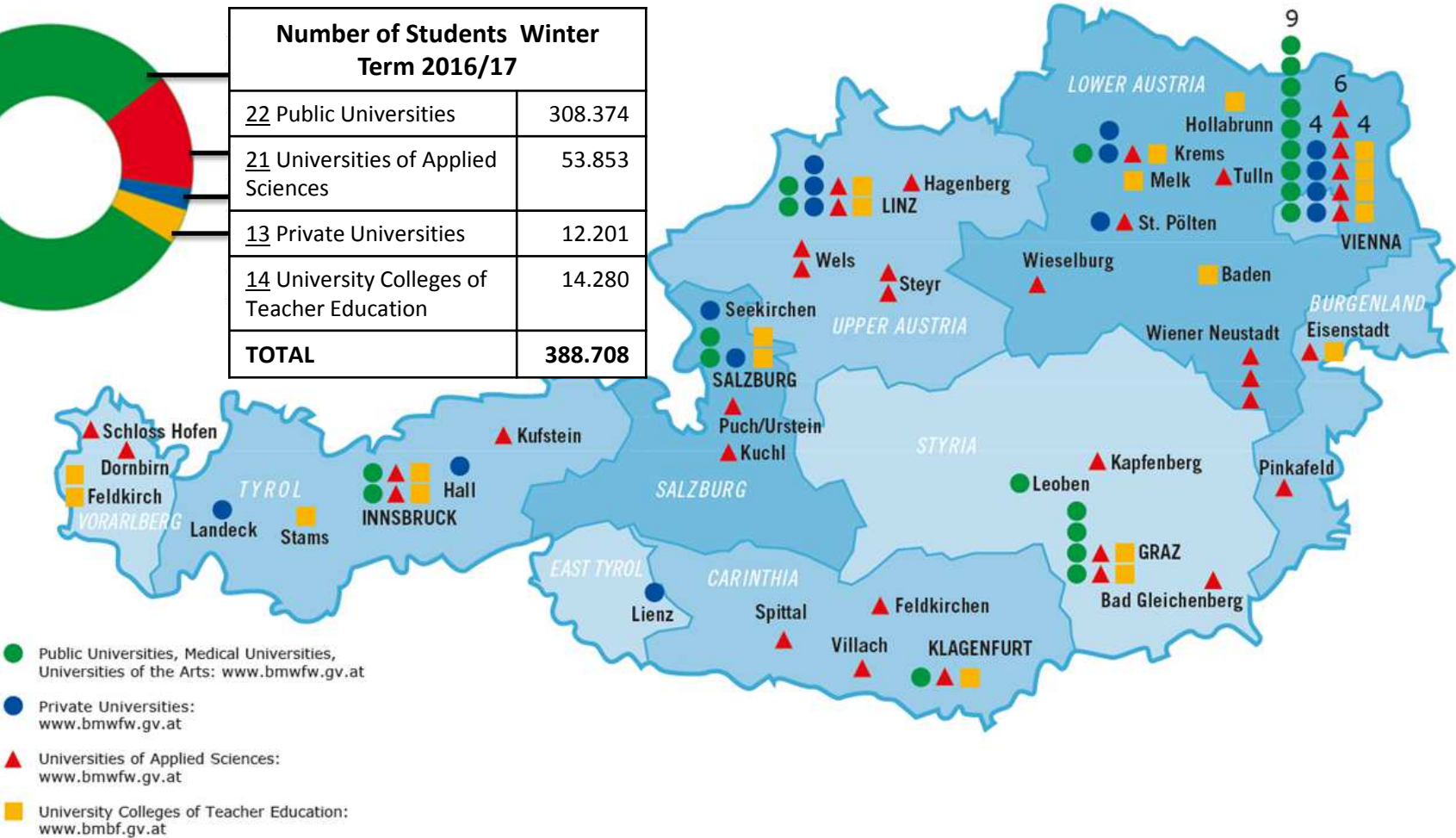
HIGHER EDUCATION IN AUSTRIA



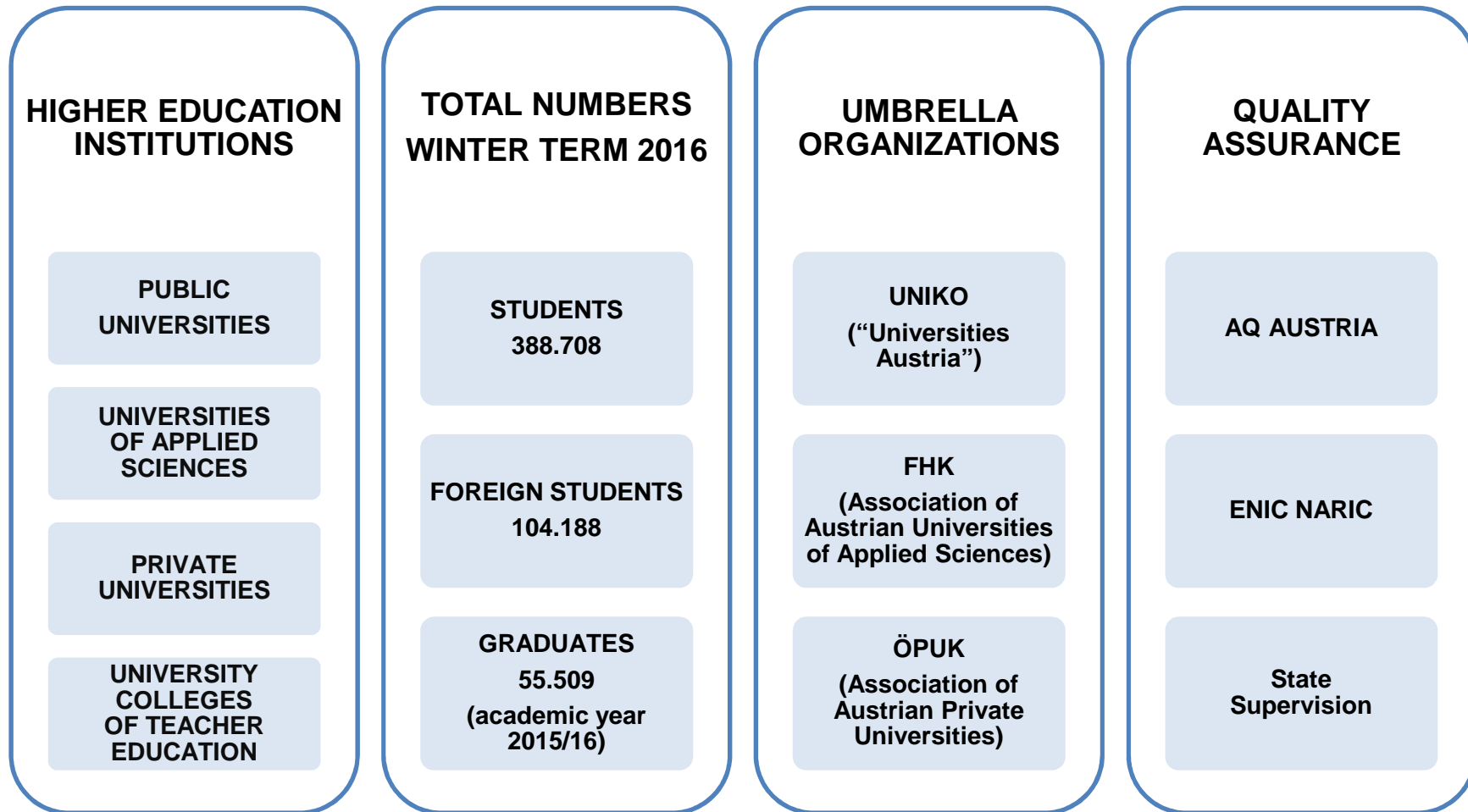
Higher Education in Austria



Number of Students Winter Term 2016/17	
22 Public Universities	308.374
21 Universities of Applied Sciences	53.853
13 Private Universities	12.201
14 University Colleges of Teacher Education	14.280
TOTAL	388.708



Higher Education System - Key Facts



PRIORITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

AUSTRIAN PRESIDENCY

Trio Programme (Estonia, Bulgaria, Austria)

Main objectives in education:

- Focus on *investment in growth and jobs, including human capital* and fostering *entrepreneurial mind-set* as well as *digital competences*
- Reinforcing *modernisation of education* as well as promoting equity and equality in education with a focus on transversal skills and empowerment
- Fostering *social cohesion* and the *role of teachers, school leaders* and other educators in supporting the learners.

Priorities of the Austrian Presidency in Higher Education

- **Next generation of the EU Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport (Erasmus+ post 2020)**
 - May 2018: The Commission will present its proposals for the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework
 - June/July 2018: Presentation of a draft legal basis for the future programme
 - November 2018: Partial general approach (or progress report) in the Council of the EU (EYCS)
- **Strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training post 2020**

Priorities in Higher Education of the Austrian Presidency

- **Taking forward the education aspects of the European Council conclusions of 14 December 2017**

Proposals relevant for HE announced for May 2018:

- Council Recommendations on the **mutual recognition of higher education and school leaving diplomas**
 - Council Recommendations on improving language learning
- **The new student: Flexible learning paths and future learning environments**
 - Higher Education Presidency Conference
 - Meeting the Needs of a Diverse Student Body
 - Flexible learning paths & Opportunities of digitalisation for teaching and learning

Calendar for the Higher Education events in Austria

- **HLG on Education and Training** (11-12 June 2018, Vienna)
- **Higher Education Expert Conference**, “The new student: flexible learning paths and future learning environments” (20-21 September 2018, Vienna)
- **Bologna Follow-Up Group meeting** (27-28 September 2018, Vienna)
- **DG Higher Education** (18-19 October 2018, Vienna)
- **13th European Quality Assurance Forum** (15-17 November 2018, Vienna)
- **EYCS Council** (26-27 November 2018, Brussels)
- **Education Committee** (6-7 December 2018, Vienna)

BFUG Meeting 63, Austria

- Vienna, 27 - 28 September 2018

