

THE NETWORK

of Austrian Counselling Centres for Women and Girls is an umbrella organisation of 55 counselling centres for women and girls in all 9 Austrian provinces.

WE ARE

- a **gender competence centre**
- a **contact point** for women's issues
- a **platform for the exchange of information** for women's organisations and initiatives
- committed to **equal opportunities**

OUR AIMS

- Securing a high quality standard of counselling for Austrian and immigrant women and girls.
- Introducing the perspective of women and girls into all spheres of life.
- Making our contribution to improving the living conditions of women and girls.

OUR ACTIVITIES

We are active in the fields of

networking women's organisations

representing counselling centres for women and girls

counselling women and women's organisations

planning and implementing women's projects

developing further education and training programmes, quality standards, working papers

organising expert meetings

communicating women's issues

promoting cooperation with organisations, initiatives, institutions and all those who work for equal opportunities in Austria and Europe

THE AUSTRIAN COUNSELLING CENTRES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Organised as non-profit associations, the 55 counselling centres affiliated with our Network are open to all women and girls for their private and career concerns. They offer a broad range of women-friendly, holistic and professional services.

SERVICES

Information

e. g. on education and training opportunities, child care facilities, allowances

Counselling

e.g. in psychosocial, legal, job market-specific or health-related matters

Assistance

e. g. during phases of career orientation, career planning or personal crises

Education and training

e. g. seminars, workshops, meetings, lectures, literature

Communication

e. g. in open groups, by organising leisure-time activities and events

Promoting Self-help

e. g. by supporting founders of self-help groups

Annually, more than 100.000 women and girls rely on these services.

The most frequent reasons for attending are problems in connection with

- securing financial means and/or remunerated work
- experience of violence
- relationships

OUR PROJECTS

Since 1996 we have taken part in joint initiatives and programmes within the framework of the EU, some of them were selected as Good Practice Examples by the EU.

RESULTS

Expansion of the services of the Austrian Counselling Centres for Women and Girls

Design and organisation of training programmes (e.g. basic training for women working in women- and girl-specific organisations, career counselling for women, further training as equitable income expert)

Preparation of the **job profile** for women counselling women

Quality standards for women- and girl-specific counselling

Creation of regional gender competence centres

Mentoring for migrant women

Cooperation with partner organisations in Austria and abroad

PUBLICATIONS (in English)

Women change the labour world. Guidelines for socio-political and individual strategies against discrimination. 2004

Observatoria. Gender Mainstreaming – a Strategy to Reduce Wage Differences between Women and Men? 2003

XChange. Transnational Cooperation in Focus. 2007

Video:

WEGA – Ways to Equality. 2007
Women deserve to earn more! 2007

CURRENT FOCUSES OF OUR WORK

Equitable income: research, further training, information, creating a nationwide network of experts

Gender democracy: representing the concerns of Austrian and migrant women and girls in society

TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS 2010

MIGRA – Promote Integration by Awareness Raising and Counselling

The aim of MIGRA is raising the awareness for the specific needs and problems of female migrants by providing information on the legal conditions as well as by contributing to a change of attitude – based on the European value system, e.g. tolerance, solidarity and mutual understanding.

11 partners from Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy and the Slovak Republic create a strong network of actors from public institutions and NGOs.

EQ-TRAIN – Equality-Training for Trainers

In the course of this international project we would like to add new angles and emphases to the area of gender-sensitive vocational orientation. The focus will be on Equal Pay: (Un)Fairness in income between women and men is one of the central issues of equality. One of the concerns of EQ-Train is to contribute to a raising of awareness on a broad scale and to connect all the main actors in the areas of education and training, labour market and equal treatment, in order to foster cooperation.

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REDA

The Network of Austrian Counselling Centres for Women and Girls is a co-founder of REDA, a European network providing assistance to women who enter the job market, with over 200 counselling services in 6 European countries and participates in other EU cooperations promoting equal opportunities.

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