

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Bildungskonto Oberösterreich
Name of the instrument - English translation	Learning account of Upper Austria
Scheme ID	8
Country	 Austria
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for individuals
Sub-type of instrument	Cost-related support
Type of entry	Example for a group of instruments

Short description	Beneficiaries of this scheme include all types of learners (employees, persons with parental leave benefit, persons on parental leave, marginally employed, unemployed, self-employed, freelancer, academics with a max gross income of EUR 2 700, entrepreneurs with a maximum of 5 employees) as long as they are residents of Upper Austria. The co-funding share is 30% of the costs for training and education, up to EUR 2 000. Professionally oriented further training and re-training are the eligible types of training to be funded. Office of the Upper Austrian government, Department Education and Society, governs, administers, and takes responsibility for the whole scheme.
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Level of operation	Regional
Name of a part of the country	Not applicable
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	Upper Austria
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	Not applicable
Relevance	Key instrument
Legal basis	Decision of the government of Upper Austria

Objective(s) and target(s)	To advance employment and improve personal skills of individuals
Year of implementation	1994
Year of latest amendment	2018
Operation/management	Office of the Upper Austrian government, Department Education and Society, governs, administers and takes responsibility for the whole scheme. Responsible for monitoring/evaluation: IBE, Landesrechnungshof OÖ (Audit Court Upper Austria).
Eligible group(s)	employees, persons with parental leave benefit, persons on parental leave, marginally employed, unemployed, self-employed, freelancer, academics with a max gross income of 2700 EUR, entrepreneurs with a maximum of 5 employees
Group(s) with preferential treatment	persons with parental leave benefit, persons on parental leave, employees >50years with a gross income 2200, german course attendees, people with ISCED level 0-2, people not receiving unemployment benefit
Education and training eligible	Professionally oriented further training and re-training
Source of financing and collection mechanism	Upper Austria budget matching: individual
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	Co-funding: 30 % of the costs for education and training up to a maximum amount of 2 000 (preferential treatment: 60% up to 2 400) in period 1 January 2019 - 31 December 2022. If limit of reimbursement is reached, the next account can be claimed in 2023. Individuals may be granted more than 1 ILA per year, as long as the limit of reimbursement is not reached. Allocation: money is transferred to a learner's individual bank account.
Eligible costs	Fees only
Volumes of funding	2019: EUR 5 366 000 2018: EUR 6 705 000 2017: EUR 7 557 000
Beneficiaries/take up	2016: 15 650
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Oberösterreichischer Landesrechnungshof (2009) Bildungskonto des Landes Oö. Initi-ativprüfung (Bericht). Linz (online https://www.lrh-ooe.at/Mediendateien/Berichte2009/IP_Bildungskonto_Beri... letzter Zugriff: 9 November 2020
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	Lassnigg, Lorenz, & Baumegger, David. (2019). „Bildungskonto Oberösterreich ': Access to education/training for precarious/disadvantaged workers? A case study.
Most relevant webpage - in English	www.cedefop.europa.eu%2Ffiles%2F5192_en.pdf&ei=6XXTVKCqM8XLaNyXgZgG&usg...

Most relevant webpage - local language	https://www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at/170925.htm
Recent changes	2018. co-funding share was reduced from 40 to 30 Recent changes in response to COVID-19 No changes
Sources	https://www.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at/170925.htm https://www.eduresearch.at/fileadmin/DAM/Innovation/Bildungsforschung/B...