

Supporting elections with geodata in Austria

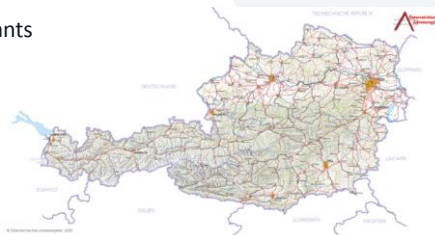
A Central-Constituency-Tool built upon public registers

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Austria - Statistics & Facts (Status 2020)

- Area of Austria: approx. 84,000 km²
- Population: approx. 8.8 mio inhabitants
- 9 federal provinces
- 94 districts
- 2,095 municipalities
- 7,850 cadastral units



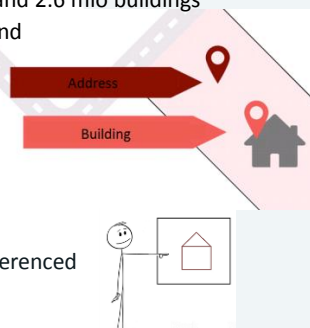
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Austrian Address Register



- Address Register
comprehensive with 2.4 mio authentic addresses and 2.6 mio buildings
as allocated by the 2,095 Austrian municipalities and
constituency data (geo-referenced attributes)
→ no person-related data
- BEV is responsible for data management of the
Austrian Address Register
- Central Register of Residents
datasets of permanent residents in Austria geo-referenced
to building data from Austrian Address Register

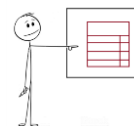


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Austrian Electoral System

- Austria is a democratic republic whose law emanates from the people (Art 1
Fed.Const.Law)
- “Federal Electoral Board” is the supreme electoral authority,
an independent body chaired by the Federal Minister of the Interior
- in general, Austrian citizenship is a pre-condition to enjoy active and passive rights
to vote
*Exception: in EU elections and municipal elections citizens of
EU member states also enjoy voting rights*
- right for active vote starts at age of 16 years

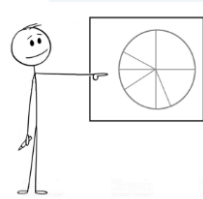


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Elections - Statistics & Facts

- approx. 6.4 mio citizen/residents entitled to vote (out of 8.8 mio inhabitants)
- approx. 10,000 constituencies / polling stations
- voting is not mandatory
- however - voter turnout in Austria is reasonably high
 - elections for President: approx. 74.2 %
 - elections for EU Parliament : approx. 59.8 %
 - elections for the Provincial Parliaments: up to 81 %



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Austrian Electoral Counting Process

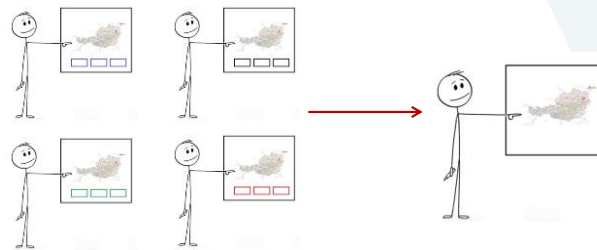
- constituencies are administrated by municipalities in local databases
- content of databases depends on kind of election (EU, federal, e.a.)
- release process for content of Electoral Register for every single election event
- municipalities feed data on constituencies (attributes on polling stations) into the Central-Constituency-Tool for subsequently getting checked for polling station data by districts and provinces
- final release of information for polling stations is made by Federal Ministry of the Interior
- data in Central-Constituency-Tool to be obtained from municipalities and used for publication of voting lists prior to elections

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Austrian Electoral Register (1)

- Federal Electoral Register Law 2018 provides the legal basis for the Austrian municipalities to integrate their data in a **centrally** managed application
- since no more physical submission of data to Federal Electoral Board

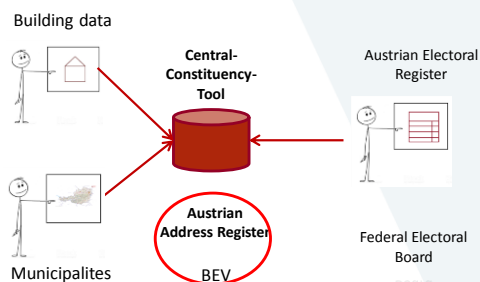


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Austrian Electoral Register (2)

- BEV is responsible for data administration of parts of the Electoral Register
 - administrative boundaries of municipalities
 - constituency data/geometry
 - cadastral units
 - buildings
 - addresses



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Towards a Central-Constituency-Tool

- initial steps to create a **centrally** managed application:
 - define data content for elections and all municipalities
 - create a database schema
 - create a Management system and interfaces
 - design of the central application “Central-Constituency-Tool”
- BEV provides IT-infrastructure
 - costs for development shared between Federal Ministry of the Interior, Provinces and Austrian Association of Cities and Towns and Austrian Association of Municipalities
 - updates and change requests to be covered by initiating institution
- references buildings where persons entitled to vote are registered to constituencies and polling stations

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Accessibility

- access to the “Central-Constituency-Tool”
 - Mutual standardised access to applications of public authorities by portal network
 - Communication within the portal network is managed, both technically and organisationally, by the portal group protocol (PVP) and the use of security classes
- authorized persons in Federal Ministry of the Interior, Province, District or Municipality offices are entitled to access data for the purposes defined by law
- BEV provides user support for any kind of requests
- no costs apply for any of the users

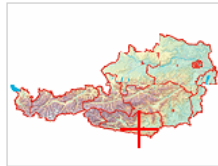


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Demonstrator

Central-Constituency-Tool



Example: municipality "Keutschach/See"
(approx. 2,450 inhabitants)

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Keutschach - Constituencies

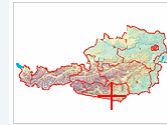


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Central-Constituency-Tool (1)

- layers from "Keutschach/See"



1,000 buildings

3 constituencies
(Approx. 2,000 entitled voters)

Austrian Basemap

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Central-Constituency-Tool (2)

Zentrales-Wahlsprengel-Tool V 13.2.97

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Municipality
„Keutschach/See“

Name of municipality

Wahlsprengelübersicht

Aktuelle Gemeinde	Gemeindekennziffer	Gemeindename	Status	Aktive Wahlart	Anzahl Wähler	Aktion
20412		Keutschach/See	In Übernahme	1 - Europa-/Bundespräsidentenwahl		

Keutschach/See (20412) Wechslen

Wahlart
1 - Europa-/Bundespräsidentenwahl

Electoral authority

ConstituencyID	ConstituencyCode	Wahlbehörde	Wahllokal	Anzahl Wähler	Aktion
1	20412-1-00001	3	Schlossstadel Keutschach Ort 1, Keutschach 1, Keutschach/See		Detail
2	20412-1-00002	1	Traffic/Bistro der Fam. Kaufitsch ES, Plätschen 40, Keutschach/See		Detail
3	20412-1-00003	1	Zaubenwald- Familienparadies Reichenhauser EG, Reauz 3, Keutschach/See		Detail

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Central-Constituency-Tool (3)

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Benutzerhandbücher
Betriebshandbuch PVP
Benutzerhandbuch
Schnittstellenbeschreibung
Release-Notes
Folien

Objektzuordnungen

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Gemeinde: Keutschach/See
Status: Rechtstand
Aktive Wahlart: 1 - Europa-/Bundespräsidentenwahl
Anzahl Wähler: 1
Aktion: [Uf](#) [Ändern](#)
[Wechseln](#)

Object reference
Object ID: 133656
Straße (SKZ): Keutschach (076472)
Hausnummer: 1
Nummerierungsart: Alle

every building is located within a constituency

Objekt-ID	Ausnahme WSP-Shape	Adresse	Wahlsprengel-Code	Änderungsart	Anzahl Wähler
133656		Keutschach 1	20412-1-00001	Zentrales Wahlsprengelregister manuell	
133657		Keutschach 2 Pfarramt	20412-1-00001	Zentrales Wahlsprengelregister manuell	

Auswahl: 20412-1-00001
Wahlsprengel visualisieren

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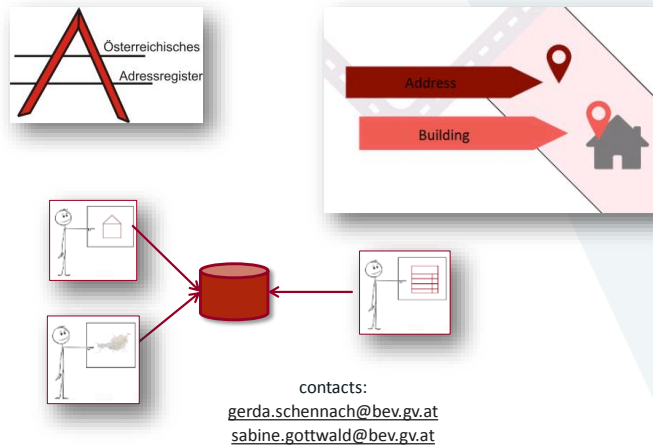
Conclusion

- “Central-Constituency-Tool” is a central application fed with data from all of the 2,095 Austrian municipalities in a standardized way
- centralised data management guarantees nationwide consistency of data
- authorized persons or organizations get access to this data and use it for their purposes defined by law
- data only need to be changed once in the source (by the competent authorities)
- joining Austrian Address Register, Austrian Federal Register of Residents and Austrian Electoral Register facilitates additional services for the relevant authorities. i.e. monitoring number of voters per constituency
- relevance of BEV for improvement of process considerable

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