SCHOOL MEAL/FEEDING PROGRAM(S)
School year: 2020–2021
• E.U. School Scheme for Fruits, Vegetables and Milk

Lead Agency: Federal states of Austria; the Ministry of Health; the Ministry for Agriculture, Regions and Tourism

NATIONAL LAWS, POLICIES, AND STANDARDS
☐ National school feeding policy
☐ Nutrition
☐ Food safety
☐ Health
☐ Agriculture
☐ Private sector involvement

Line item in the national budget...
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No response

BUDGET
Total: USD 3,929,216*
☐ Government: USD 0
☐ International donors**: USD 3,929,216
☐ Private sector: USD 0
☐ Other donors: USD 0

Includes funding from the United States Department of Agriculture ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No response

Infrastructural

All schools in Austria have electricity, piped and clean water, and gender-private flush toilets; some have dedicated eating spaces/cafeterias and kitchens.

SPECIAL NOTES
School enrollment numbers from the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) were used to complete this report. Austria does not have a centrally-managed, national school feeding program. Rather, school snacks are organized by the schools themselves. Other initiatives related to healthy eating in schools are organized by the federal states of Austria, and the Ministry of Health harmonizes the various programs in this field.

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### NUTRITION
School feeding program(s) included/involved the following:

- Fortified foods
- Bio-fortified foods
- Micronutrient supplements
- Nutritionists involved
- Special training for cooks/caterers in nutrition
- Objective to meet nutritional goals
- Objective to reduce obesity

**Food items fortified/biofortified:**
Not applicable

**Micronutrients:**
Not applicable

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Efforts to prevent or mitigate overweight/obesity include the limitation of added sugar in sweetened milk products. Two nutritionists are engaged in school meal programs in Austria.

### STUDIES CONDUCTED
An evaluation of the implementation of the School Scheme for Fruits, Vegetables and Milk in Austria will be available on the European Commission website in 2023.

### RESEARCH NEEDED
Not specified

### AGRICULTURE, EMPLOYMENT, AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

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<th>Jobs created by school feeding programs*</th>
<th>Coooks and food preparers</th>
<th>Transporters</th>
<th>Off-site processors</th>
<th>Food packagers and handlers</th>
<th>Monitoring</th>
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*If blank, no response was provided.

**Farmers were involved with the school feeding program(s)...**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] No response

**Other private sector (for profit) actors were involved...**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] No response

**There was a focus on creating jobs or leadership or income-generating opportunities for...**

- [ ] Women
- [ ] Other groups
- [ ] No response

**There was community engagement (by parents or others) in the school feeding program(s)...**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] No response

**Were there links between food banks and the school feeding program(s)?**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] No response

*There are no food banks in this country.*

### EMERGENCIES/COVID-19 PANDEMIC
**Schools in Austria were open for either in-person or remote learning throughout the 2020–2021 school year.**

### SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES
Among the successes related to school feeding in Austria, parents report that students' awareness of healthy dietary practices and agricultural production has increased, and school staff estimate that the scheme led to an increase in students’ consumption of fruit, vegetables, and milk. As consumption behavior is difficult to change, a challenge remains that students prefer sweetened cocoa to dairy milk.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Farms of all sizes supply tubers, legumes, dairy products, fruits, and vegetables for the School Scheme for Fruits, Vegetables and Milk, and private sector companies are contracted to provide food trading and processing services.

### CONTACTS: AUSTRIA
**Agency:** Federal Ministry for Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection  
**Website:** www.sozialministerium.at
E.U. SCHOOL SCHEME FOR FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND MILK

Lead implementer(s): Agromarkt Austria

OBJECTIVES:
- To meet educational goals
- To meet nutritional and/or health goals
- To prevent or mitigate obesity
- To meet agricultural goals

MODALITIES OF PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FOOD:
- In-school snacks

FREQUENCY AND DURATION:
- Varies by school and ranges from daily to biweekly during the school year

TARGETING:
Schools apply to participate in the program.

HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVED SCHOOL FOOD IN 2020–2021 SCHOOL YEAR?

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<th>School level</th>
<th># Students</th>
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FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS:
- Roots, tubers
- Legumes, pulses, nuts
- Dairy products
- Green, leafy vegetables
- Other vegetables
- Fruits
- Dairy milk
- Yogurt drink
- Other beverage
- *fortified

FOOD SOURCES:
- 100% Purchased (domestic)
- 0% In-kind (domestic)
- 0% Purchased (foreign)
- 0% In-kind (foreign)

Additional information:
Austria’s milk scheme began in 1995, and fruit and vegetables were added in 2010. In the 2020–2021 school year, 4,269 public and private schools participated, and there are plans to serve 500,000 students in 2021–2022.