



Overall performance

Austria's infrastructure governance and funding capacity both rank highly among countries in InfraCompass2020. Its strong credit rating and high GDP per capita, place Austria in a good position to fund new infrastructure investment. In addition, the quality of Austria's regulatory frameworks and governance systems promote competition among suppliers and provide strong protections against insolvency. Despite strong funding capacity, private infrastructure investment and value of PPP infrastructure investment remain modest. To encourage private investment Austria could start publishing procurement guidelines and improving PPP contract management.

Drivers	Rank (/16)	Rank change (2017-20)	Score (/100)	Emerging	Aspiring	Contender	Top performer	Global leader
Governance	5	↑ 1	81	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Regulatory frameworks	20	↓ 1	70	Green	Green	Green	Green	Light Blue
Permits	35	↓ 5	74	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Light Blue
Planning	34	↓ 2	75	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Procurement	65	↓ 1	53	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Blue
Activity	72	↓ 4	12	Teal	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Funding capacity	10	↓ 1	76	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Light Blue
Financial markets	27	↑ 2	43	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Light Blue

Austria at a glance

\$50,023
GDP per capita
(USD, 2019)

9 million
Population
(2019)

—
Infrastructure investment
(2019 estimate)

—
Infrastructure gap
(2019 estimate)

89
Infrastructure quality
(0-100, 100 is best, 2019)

\$102 million
Private infrastructure investment
(5-year average, USD, 2019)

Top performing metrics



100/100

Transparency in public procurement

Austria's public procurement notices are made available online and tender documents transparently detail procurement procedures. The transparency of the process encourages more participation and competition, which can drive value for money.



96/100

Summary credit rating

Austria's institutional strength, stable financial system and high GDP per capita has helped it maintain a summary credit rating of AA+ from major agencies. This lowers the cost of borrowing and as a result the cost of funding investment in infrastructure.



92.8/100

Financial stability

The International Monetary Fund's 2019 Financial System Stability Assessment concluded that a well-capitalised banking system, robust regulatory framework and prudential policy actions had further lowered risks in an already resilient system. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is a concern.

Opportunities to grow



No

Published infrastructure procurement guidelines

Austria does not publish guidelines for the procurement of infrastructure projects. Publishing guidelines makes contractors aware of the government's processes, expectations and requirements. This improves transparency and helps achieve better value for money.



No

Market sounding and/or assessment

There is no formal requirement for a market sounding process for infrastructure projects in Austria. Adding one could allow the government to better determine if there is interest from investors and lenders to provide commercial financing for projects.



1.1/100

Value of closed PPP infrastructure deals

The value of closed PPP infrastructure deals as a proportion of GDP is the third lowest out of the High Income Countries, at only 0.006%. This is, significantly lower than the High Income Countries' average of 0.11%. A low value may reflect a preference for traditional delivery models.

For guidance on how to improve these metrics, please see the [Austria Country Page](#) on the InfraCompass website.



ECONOMY OVERVIEW

GDP (\$US billion, 2019)	447.7	Population (million, 2019)	9	Unemployment rate (2019)	4.6%
GDP per capita (\$US, 2019)	50,023	Urbanisation ratio (2018)	58.0%	Inflation rate (2019)	1.5%
GDP growth rate (annual, 2019)	1.6%	Gross Government Debt (% of GDP, 2019)	71.0%	Digital Adoption Index (0-1 best, 2016)	0.86
GDP per capita growth rate (annual, 2019)	-2.6%	Sovereign risk rating (2019)	96	Gini coefficient (0-100 worst, 2015)	30.5

METRIC SCORES

The below metrics are normalised so that they all range from 0 to 100. For original metrics and data sources, please see <https://infracompass.github.org/>

GOVERNANCE		REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS		PERMITS	
Post-completion reviews?	Yes -	Effect of taxation on incentives to invest	31.2 ↓	Cost to start a business	90.6 ↑
Infrastructure or PPP unit/agency?	Yes -	Prevalence of foreign ownership	66.6 ↓	Dealing with construction permits	29.6 -
Recovery rate	79.9 ↓	Product market regulation, network sectors	64.7 -	Quality of land administration	76.7 -
Rule of law	87.5 ↑	Regulatory (including competition) quality	80.9 ↑	Registering property	81.7 -
Shareholder governance	60 -	Strength of insolvency framework	68.8 -	Time required to start a business	53.6 -
Political stability and absence of violence	65.3 ↑	Investment promotion agency?	Yes -		
PLANNING		PROCUREMENT		ACTIVITY	
Published project pipeline?	Yes -	Average procurement duration – transaction RFP	52.3 [^] ↓	Infrastructure investment	40 [^] ↑
Published infrastructure plan?	Yes -	Degree of transparency in public procurement	100 -	Private infrastructure investment	1.9 ↓
Preparation of PPPs	68 ↑	Published procurement guidelines?	No -	Value of closed PPP infrastructure deals	1.1 ↓
Economic analysis assessment?	Yes -	Procurement of PPPs	77 -	Value of closed infrastructure deals with foreign equity sponsorship	5.9 ↓
Market sounding and/or assessment?	No -	PPP contract management	53 -		
Environmental impact analysis?	Yes -				
FUNDING CAPACITY		FINANCIAL MARKETS		Drawing on data from: International Monetary Fund, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Bank, World Economic Forum, IJ Global, CEPII, Oxford Economics, Trading Economics, and Deloitte.	
GDP per capita	63.8 ↑	Domestic credit to private sector	40.5 ↑		
Gross government debt	44.6 ↑	Financing through local equity market	59.7 ↑		
Long term GDP growth trend	10.3 ↓	Stocks traded	7.9 ↑		
Summary credit rating	96 -	Financial depth	57 ↑		
		Financial stability	92.8 ↑		

Metric key:

↑ Increase from InfraCompass 2017 ↓ Decrease from InfraCompass 2017 - No change from InfraCompass 2017

Note:

'Top performing metrics' are the metrics with the highest score out of 100.

'Opportunities to grow' are the metrics with the lowest weighted score out of 100. These metrics would have the greatest impact on the overall score.

[^]Denotes interpolated metric data. See Technical Appendix for further explanation on the interpolation techniques.