

# Ergebnisse der Umfrage über die Integration von ForscherInnen und ihren Familien in Österreich

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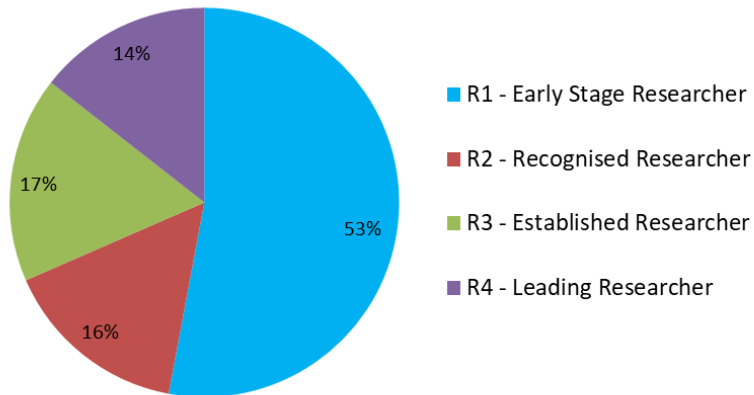


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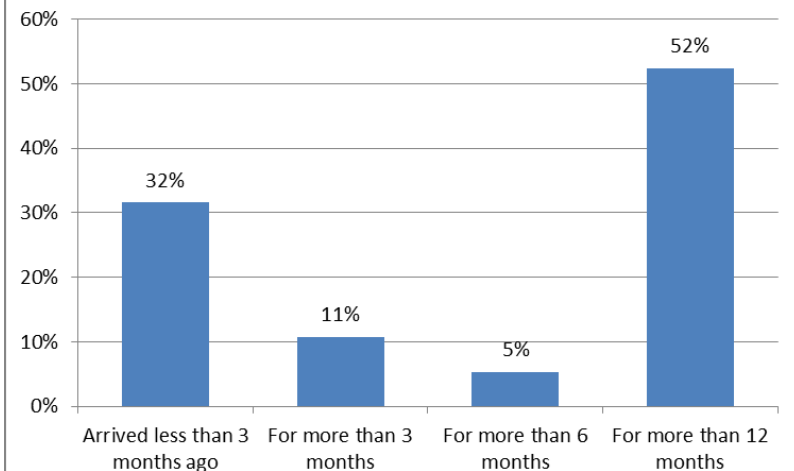
- Projekt EURAXESS TOP IV  
Task „EURAXESS Family Network“
- Zeitraum: Okt.- Dez. 2019
- Verbreitung der Umfrage über:  
Euraxess Austria-Website, Newsletter, Meeting Point Vienna,  
alle Euraxess-Center bzw. Hochschulen und  
Forschungseinrichtungen, Dual Career- Netzwerke sowie  
OeAD-Stipendiat/innen und FFG Newsletter

- Etwa 140 vollständige Rückmeldungen (7 Antworten von Dual Career-Partner/innen)
- Ausgeglichene Genderbalance
- 88 % aller Teilnehmer/innen haben EURAXESS zuvor nicht gekannt

## Your current academic level/position is:

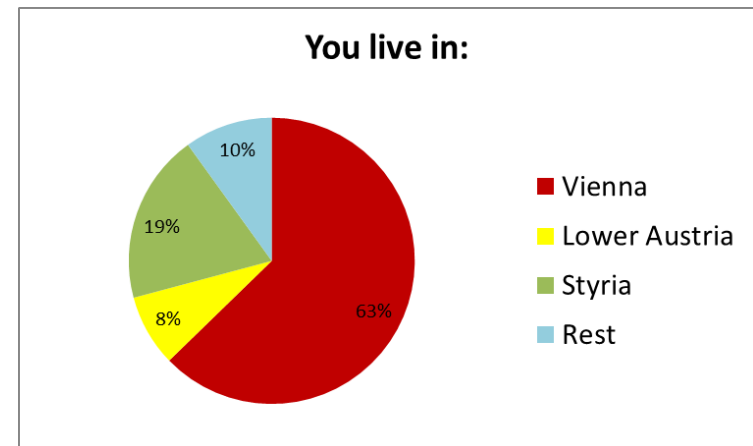


## How long have you been in Austria?

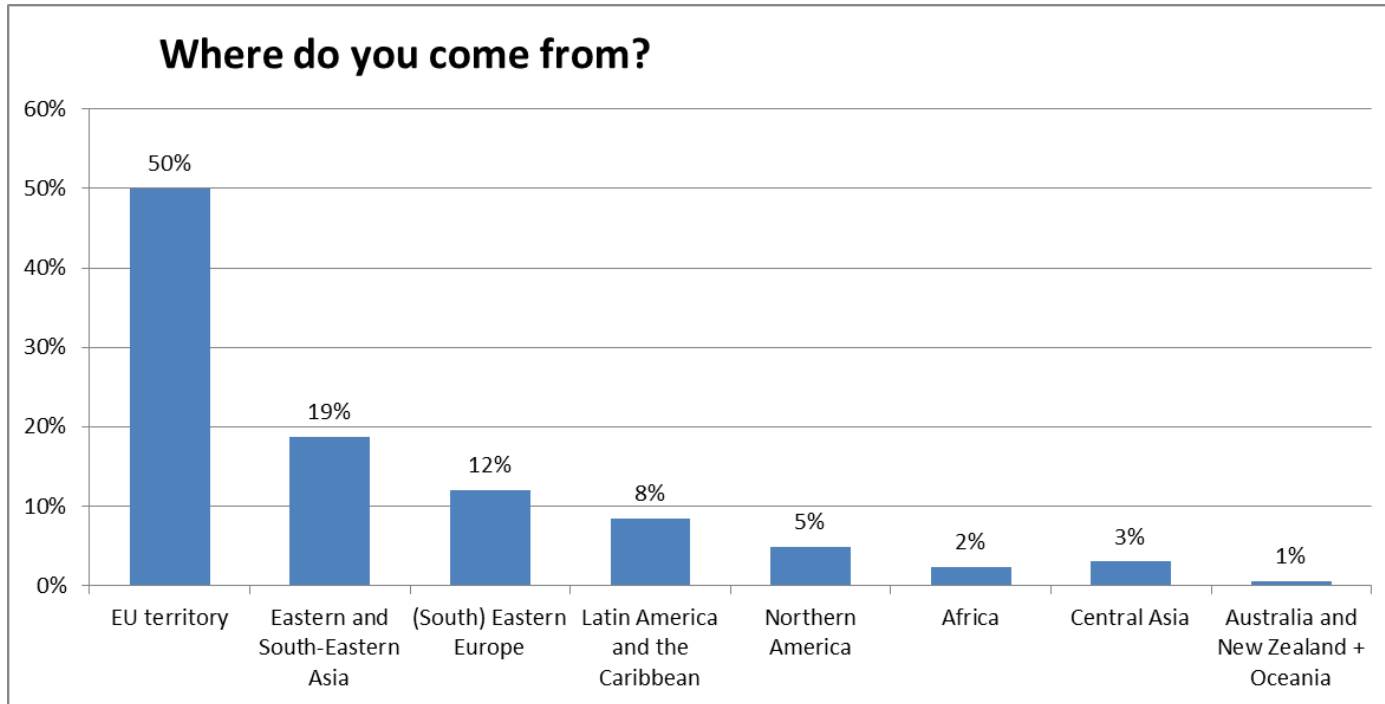


# Verteilung nach Organisationen in Österreich

- 12 Universities
  - 7 Research Organisations
  - 3 Universities of Applied Sciences (FH)
1. IST Austria (34)
  2. WU Wien (27)
  3. Universität Graz (13)
  4. MedUni Graz (12)



# Herkunft der ForscherInnen



1. Italy
2. Spain, Serbia, Germany, Slovenia
3. Turkey, Poland

# Wann ist Unterstützung gewünscht und welche Services/Infos werden gebraucht?

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## At what point do you need most help?

Before arrival

Immediately after arrival

During stay

## Which kind of services/information do you need?

- Medical and health care
- Housing
- Taxation and social security
- Learning languages
- Pension system
- Social networking
- Culture and leisure
- Education system
- Sports
- Maternity leave and parental benefits
- Holiday care
- Childcare and pre-schooling

### *Comments:*

- With emphasis on mental health care
- Recommendation or advice for everyday life settle down e.g. shops
- Help with racist situations and how to cope with them
- Finding a job opportunity (also for the spouse)
- A several day long on-boarding program is needed.

## Would you like to participate in information or networking events? Which topics should be covered?

- Information sessions about taxation
- Networking with companies, business partners or entrepreneurs (“Matching sessions”)
- Get together focused on the exchange of languages
- “Stammtisch” (Get together in cafés, pubs, etc. on a regular basis)
- City tours
- Sports (runs, soccer training, etc.), which activities?
- Visit to the city hall
- Museum visits, which ones?
- Visit to the city library
- Cooking classes
- Information sessions about day care, schools and family issues

## Which languages would you like to learn/improve?

- Arabic
- Austrian German
- Chinese
- **English**
- French
- **German**
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Japanese
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Serbo-Croatian
- Spanish
- Turkish



# Events an Hochschulen und Forschungseinrichtungen (1)

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- **Does your institution/your partner's institution host networking events? Which activities are offered?**

Yes (62%), No (38%)

- Welcome sessions and Welcome Days or Weeks (*"my welcome event was held entirely in German, which made me feel not welcome at all."*)
- Stammtisch, Beer hours, Christmas and summer parties, international get together, lunches, social hours, welcome lunch, trips and dinners, guided tours, visits, balls and galas, sport events, hikes, concerts, city tour program, game board nights, etc.
- International Cafe: People have discussions and also talk about their work.
- Academic events (conferences, guest lecture, round tables, department meetings, institute seminars, Doctoral Day, International Day, group meeting every Monday, PhD Seminar, Science breakfast, Docdays, symposiums, business meetings, talks about career opportunities, etc.
- International meetings organised in Erasmus+ and Ceepus-Program
- Open house
- Family get-together; some events for families (cloth exchange and so)
- Betriebsrat-Events
- Various mentoring activities, Buddy, tandem, peer group meetings

- **How do you receive information about these events?**

Newsletters, mailinglists, communication with colleagues, Social Media (15%)

## Events an Hochschulen und Forschungseinrichtungen (2)

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### How often do you participate in your institutions/your partner's institutions events? Why?

On a regular basis (27%), quite often (28 %), sometimes (34 %), never (8%), do not know (2%)

- Great **networking** opportunity | It allows me to meet new people and build my social network in Vienna | The events essentially has facilitated to the exchange of knowledge on field of study, networks, etc...
- I am on the **look out for job opportunities** for my spouse and potentially for me after the completion of my PhD
- If social events count as networking events, all the time! If you mean professional networking, not so much.
- I do not participate more often because they are *quite repetitive* (and I probably already participated once) and *they do not happen often*.
- It's not so many events which are small *children-friendly* | We have a baby and no babysitter
- Depends on time availability / *when I have time* - academic life is rather busy
- Mostly not, because events are usually *to early for me*, and I can not leave my work

# Empfehlungen für Veranstaltungen

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- **Do you have any recommendations/suggestions that might help us to organise upcoming social events? (1)**
  - Arrange different nations **food** stalls | make food international (muslim, vegan, vegetarian etc.) | Christmas Punsch | Visit + restaurant is a fun pair
  - I hope you can hold some lectures which is related to **Austrian cultures**. | Also, cultural programmes can be organised, where people from **different countries can present their culture**.
  - Arrange **family events** | International children activities
  - **Sports**
  - There can be **social activities**, like plantation/cleaning/some other activities to make the city better. Furthermore, people can share knowledge, where they make a presentation about any interesting topic.
  - **Jobs**: Actually host people that are looking to hire professionals in the area of interest would be ideal. So as to get information, but also the opportunity to get an actual job offer. | Overview of job possibilities in Austria /"Landscape of Employers" | non-academic careers

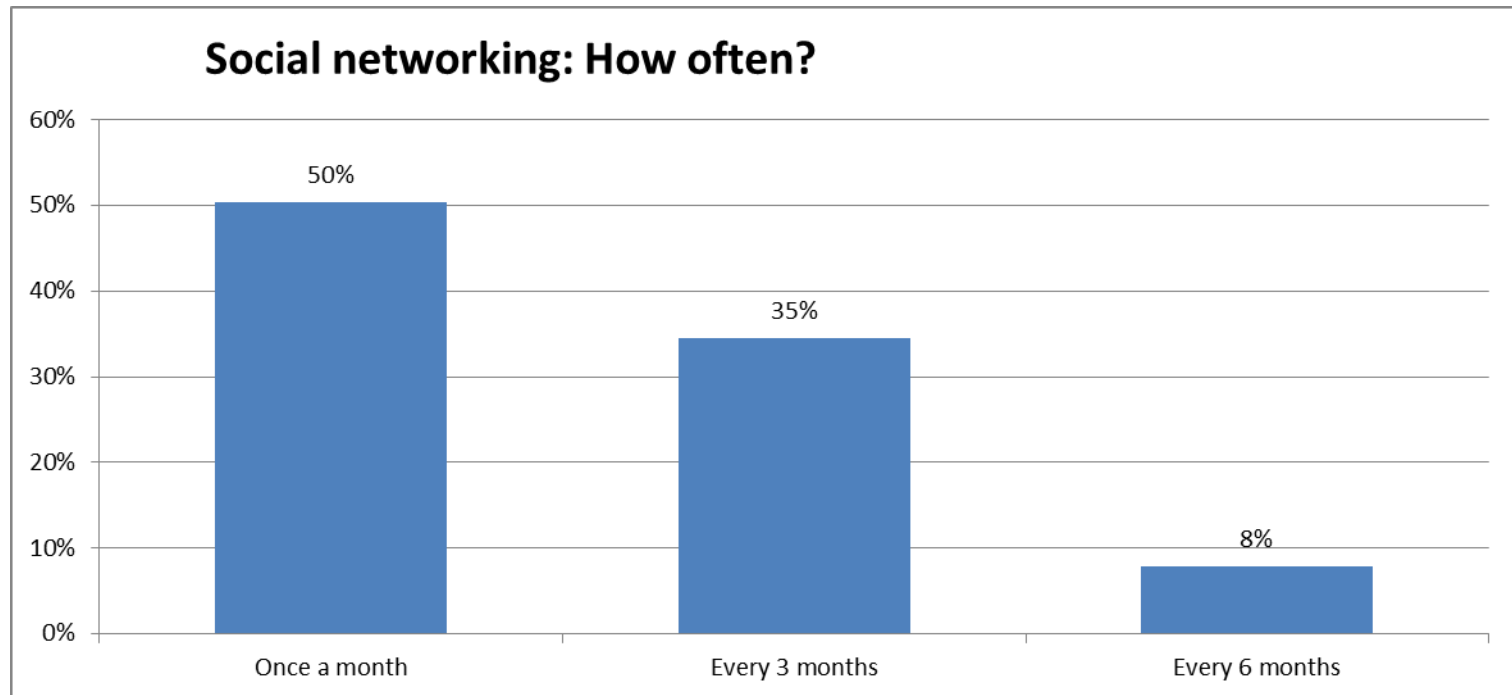
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- **Do you have any recommendations/suggestions that might help us to organise upcoming social events? (2)**
  - **Time and structure:** Consider regular working hours when planning when to host events. | Organise it after 17h | regular meetings (once a month) | social events regularly (every 2-3 months) with all departments of the university | Regular social events/ networking sessions with people in the same stage (for example young researchers) | Include some “structure” for meeting other people. Name tags and icebreaking activities are really helpful. | Keep in mind that scientists are often introverted and very busy, they need some encouragement.
  - It is recommended for the universities hosting international researchers to organize **introductory events** regarding rules, rights and duties. In many cases we are not made aware of the benefits we are supposed to receive.
  - **Languages:** Less events in German. | Make them in English please | Maybe more German learning events.. like a pub quizz in German or so.
  - Contact to **local people**
  - **Place** near innsbruck :)

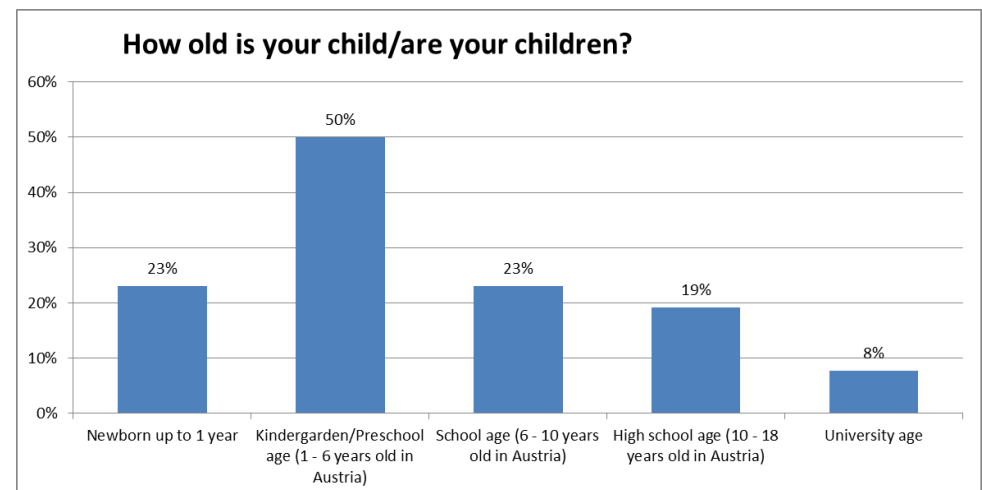
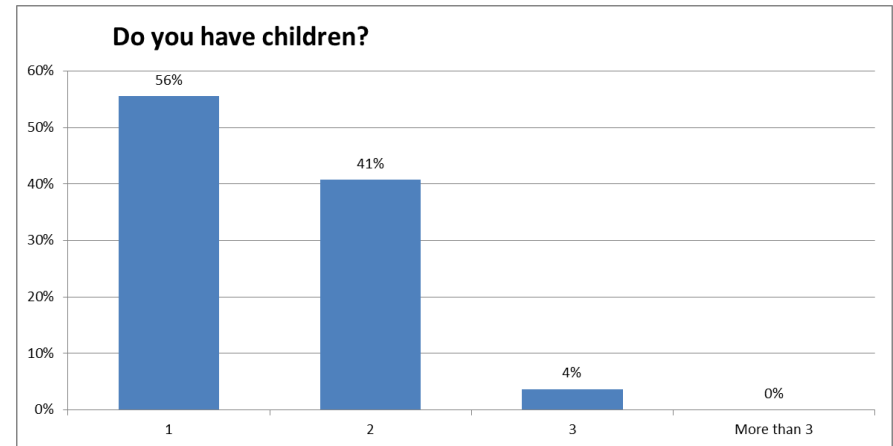
# Social Networking

- **Social networking: How often would you like to connect with other internationals/families?**



## Who is moving with you to Austria?

- Partner/Spouse (about one third)
- Child/children (about one fifth)
- Parents
- Pets
  - \*Dog
  - \*Tasmanian (cat)
  - \*Dog
  - \*Waldo Volkman-Waitukaitis, Chihuahua
  - \*Cat (And here we got another cat and a dog)
  - \*2 dogs, Byron and Güira
  - \*One dog



# EURAXESS Family Network

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**Would your partner or family members be able to follow events hosted in English? Yes**

**Would you be interested in being part of the EURAXESS Family Network in Vienna?**

*The project aims to ensure that international families that are facing the same challenges can exchange information, receive and provide mutual support and succeed in finding their step, all the while creating connections with people that share their experience. Membership will be free of charge.*

Yes (18), No (4)

Active member (7), Observer (11)

**Which communication tool would you prefer for the EURAXESS Family Network?**

Mailing list (15)

Closed Facebook group (10)

EURAXESS Meeting  
Point Vienna family  
event at the  
Technisches Museum  
Wien



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