

Research Barometer

Research and innovation have a long tradition in Austria

Inventions from Austria, from the circuit board and battery to the turbine and sewing machine, have decisively shaped the world of science and technology. This innovative strength continues unabated. Austria ranks eighth compared to other EU countries of the European Innovation Scoreboard and thus belongs to the group of "strong innovators". Austria is even rated first for intellectual property. No other country registers as many patents, trademarks, and designs in relation to its GDP.

3 new laboratory buildings for ISTA



The campus of the Institute of Science and Technology Austria (ISTA) is being expanded to include the "Lab7" complex. Around 90 research groups are currently conducting research here in the natural sciences, mathematics and computer science. By 2036, around 150 groups are expected to be conducting research at ISTA.

Source: [Construction projects](#)

Austria tops the Elsevier Country Report



With around 0.1 per cent of the world's population, Austria accounts for approximately 0.8 per cent of global scientific output. It achieves a level of scientific visibility that is 54 per cent above the global average. Austria excels particularly in highly specialised fields of technology such as AI, quantum technology and materials science.

Source: [Austria as a science and technology nation](#)

Bosch invested €200 million in R&D



Austria plays a key role within the Bosch Group as a centre of development expertise. In 2025, the company invested in expanding the hydrogen infrastructure at the Linz Engineering Centre and the methanol infrastructure at the Hallein plant. The scope of these investments ranges from electrolysis stacks for hydrogen production to software solutions for all types of drive systems.

Source: [Research Meets Manufacturing: Why Bosch Makes Innovation a Priority in Austria](#)

High-tech laboratory for microelectronics



In April, the Silicon Austria Labs (SAL) research centre opened its new Validation Lab at its Graz site. In this high-tech laboratory, sensors and electronic systems are tested under realistic and extreme environmental conditions. The aim is to improve the reliability and service life of modern electronics and to bring innovations to market more quickly.

Source: [New High-Tech Laboratory in Graz: SAL Opens Validation Lab for Electronics](#)

8 universities in the top 50



Eight Austrian universities feature in the top 50 of at least one of the 55 subject rankings in the latest "QS World University Rankings by Subject" – including the University of Vienna, three universities of the arts, the University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna, BOKU University, TU Wien, and the Vienna-based Central European University.

Quelle: [QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026: Strong progress among Austrian institutions](#)

New Institute for Metabolic Diseases



The Austrian Academy of Sciences is establishing a flagship centre for research into metabolic diseases in collaboration with three universities in Graz. The CORI Institute is set to become Europe's leading interdisciplinary centre for metabolism research. Giulio Superti-Furga, one of Europe's most renowned biomedical scientists, has been appointed as its founding director.

Source: [Giulio Superti-Furga is the Founding Director of the Cori Institute in Graz](#)

The ABA Research Barometer of the Austrian Business Agency (ABA) provides an overview of current issues and projects in Austria as a research location.

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