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Research Barometer

Research and innovation have a long tradition in Austria

From printed circuit boards and batteries to turbines and sewing machines – inventions from Austria have had a significant impact on the world of science and technology. This innovative spirit shows no sign of abating. In the European Innovation Scoreboard's EU comparison, Austria ranks 8th and is thus in the 'Strong Innovators' group. With a research expenditure ratio of 3.34 per cent, the country ranks 3rd in the EU. Businesses benefit from direct funding and a research bonus of 14 per cent.

New research centres for precision medicine



MedUni Vienna and Vienna General Hospital opened two new research centres for translational and personalised medicine in early October. They link laboratory research with the development and initial clinical testing of new treatments, providing infrastructure for individually tailored prevention, diagnosis and therapy.

Source: Opening: Center for Translational Medicine and Eric Kandel Institute – Center for Precision Medicine

TU Austria pools deep-tech research



TU Austria pools the research expertise of TU Wien, TU Graz and Montanuniversität Leoben in key technologies such as AI, quantum and materials research. TU-BRIDGE now launches a joint doctoral school, where the three universities work with industry partners to research battery technologies.

Source: Graz University of Technology Assumed the Chairmanship of TU Austria

80 million euros for semiconductor technologies



Austria is participating in the European IPCEI for advanced semiconductor technologies and will provide around 80 million euros for domestic projects from 2027. The focus is on new chip designs, semiconductors for AI applications, photonics, power electronics and sensors, as well as new manufacturing technologies.

Source: Hattmannsdorfer - Industrial Strategy: 80 million euros for "Advanced Semiconductor

New test lab for liquid hydrogen



HyCentA is building the Liquid Hydrogen Lab in Enns, a new research and testing facility for liquid hydrogen. From 2027, technologies for industry, aviation and space, road and rail transport, and shipping will be developed, tested and prepared for deployment there.

Source: HyCentA expands liquid hydrogen research: New Liquid Hydrogen Lab to be built in Enns

Robust communication for lunar missions



JOANNEUM RESEARCH is developing a lunar communication simulator with a research team from the University of Vigo in Spain on behalf of ESA. It will investigate how radio signals can be reliably transmitted between the surface, orbit and Earth under the Moon's unique conditions.

Source: Luna RF: Robust Lunar Communication

Physical AI for industry



Plug and Play's first European Center of Excellence for Physical and Industrial AI is being established on the JKU Linz campus. The innovation platform brings AI startups together with researchers and industrial companies to put new solutions for production, machinery and logistics into practice faster.

Source: JKU Linz Welcomes First Plug and Play Center of Excellence on the JKU Auhof Campus

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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