



GRECO ROUND TABLE
GENDER DIMENSIONS OF CORRUPTION
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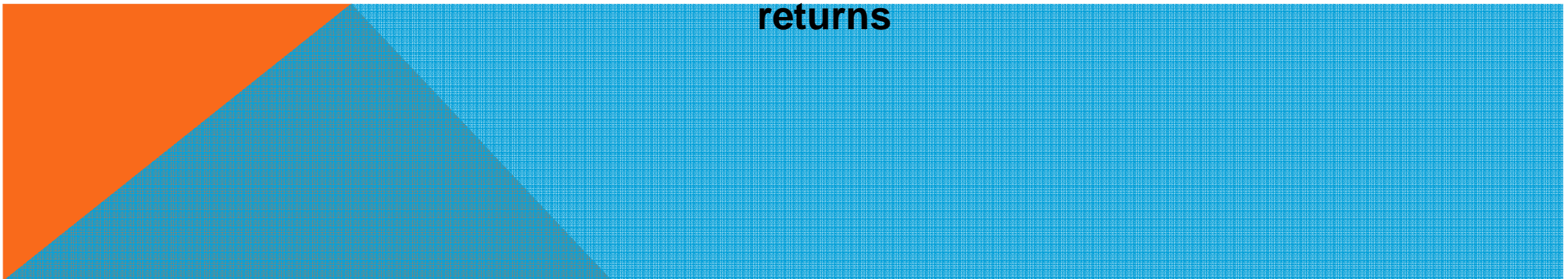
QUESTIONNAIRE

- **Information on gender of MPs on IPU and European Commission websites**
- **National, regional and local legislatures could publish quarterly updates**
- **The Council of Municipalities in Austria holds sole official information on Mayors and provides data on request**

Definition problems - “holding a government position”

Senior position: age, length in office or high profile job - how is this defined?

Model answers or explanatory notes could assist conformity in returns



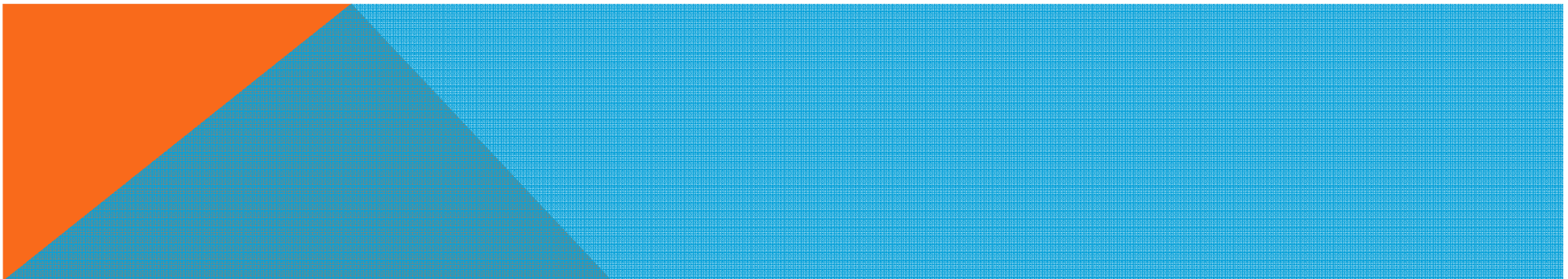
THE (INNER) POWER CIRCLE

- For purposes of identifying and combating corruption the exercise of power and influence and money flow is the most relevant.
- How to define high profile cabinet post or ministries where corruption could potentially be more of a problem?
- How important are specific committee chairs etc. How often do committees meet. How many MPs are on how many committees;
- Opposition parties **Media and Access** classified information?

media profile and access

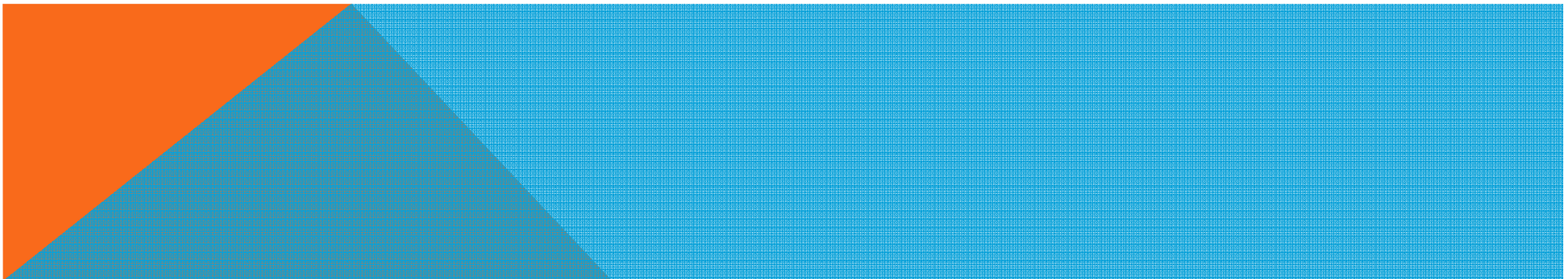
GET THE WHOLE PICTURE

- **How are committee chairs/members (s)elected – seniority, loyalty (unity) to party, merit (gender data on committees with eye on fields especially open to corruption eg sport?)**
- **Ditto for cabinet posts ? What qualifications ? Transparency?**
- **Who is dependent on whom for promotion, reselection of mandate, speaking in plenary sessions**
- **Information on formal or informal connections, transparent or otherwise**



CABINET – GOVERNMENT - MINISTRIES

- **Percentage of the budget allocated to ministries?**
- **Transparency on studies commissioned by ministry**
- **So-called soft ministries – working definition?**

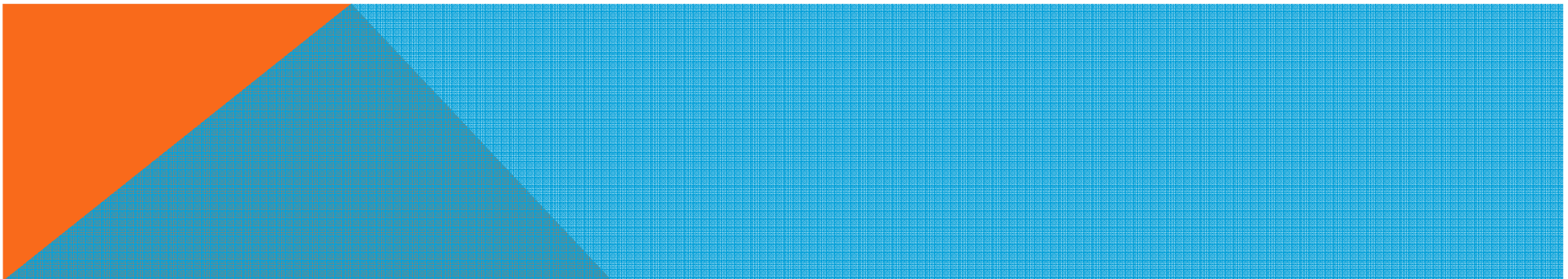


SCOPE OF QUESTIONNAIRE

Include those in decision-making process with access to information - often defined in rules (EU model)

- **special advisors (UK),**
- **parliamentary staff,**
- **election officials where appointed by parties,**
- **gender of donors to party coffers?**

Do the donors hold political office and/or are they parliamentarians (dependency chain)

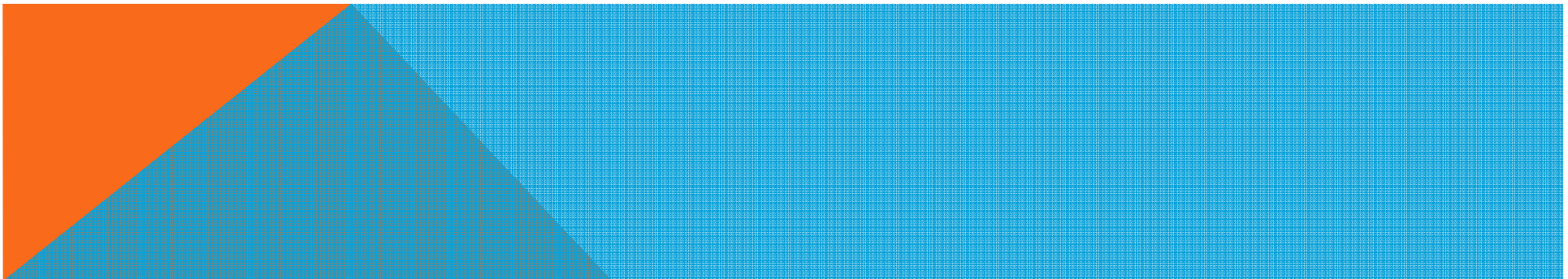


LOCAL - NATIONAL NETWORK

**In some parliaments mayors can also be MPs.
Gender data?**

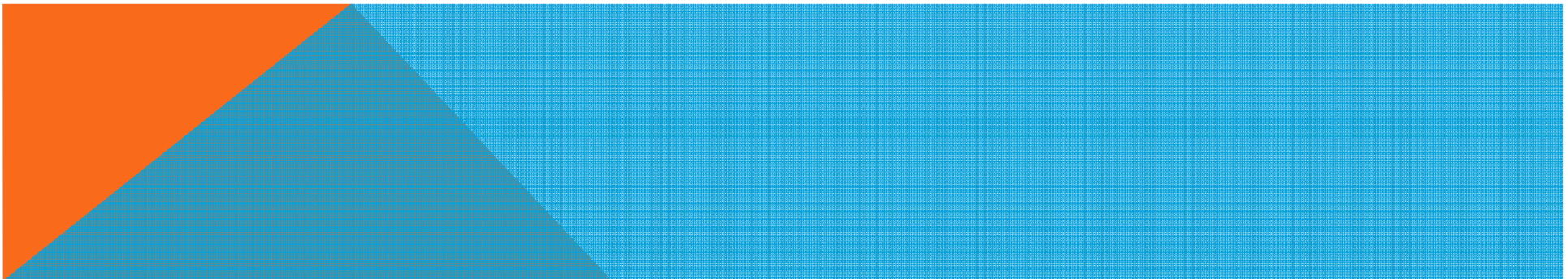
**Who is more powerful a mayor with executive
powers at local level or individual MP?**

**Mayors can be in office for decades on average
vgl with MP**



WORK IN PROGRESS

Not just the numbers game, how many women in government but what resources and scope have they at their disposal (this relates to corruption potential)

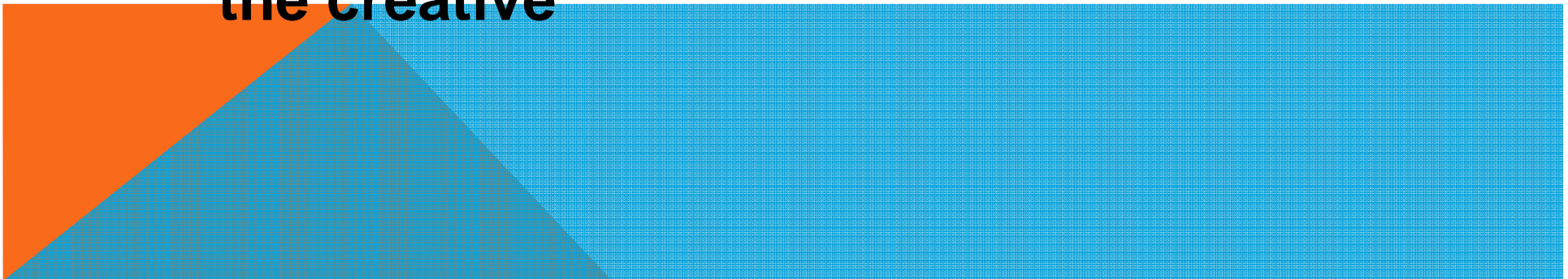


CODES OF CONDUCT

Useful would be information on whether codes of conduct exist either for parliamentarians or for government members;

Who can start an investigation into breach of codes? Who decides sanctions?

Whereas laws often cover conflicts of interest, grey areas lay open avenues for the creative

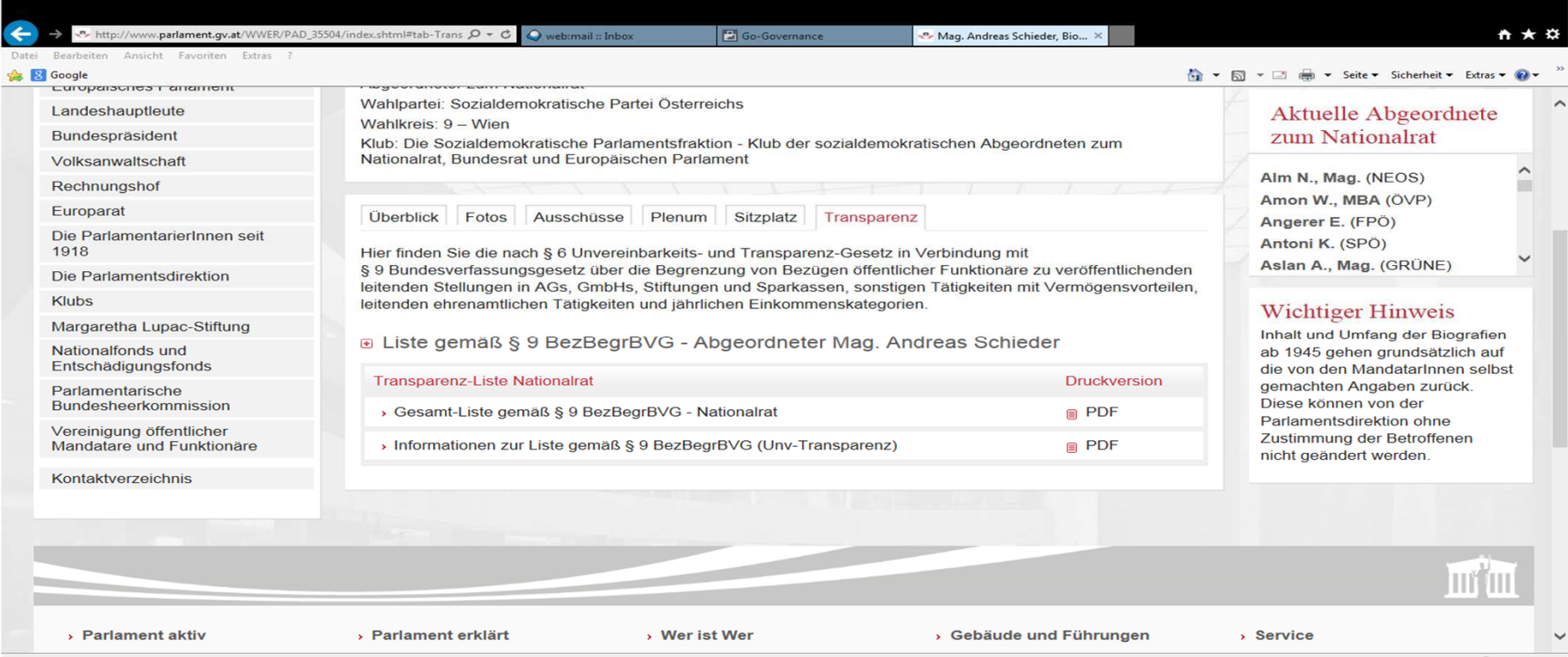


PARTY NETWORKS

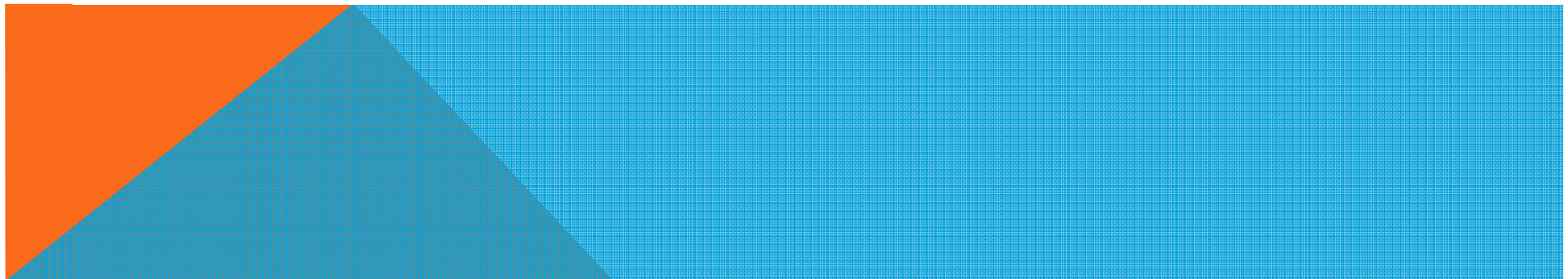
- **Employment of “relatives” (gender?) as parliamentary assistants – cases where MPs get round rules and employ relatives of fellow MPs (personal enrichment, favours, dependency?)**
- **Information available on other jobs of MPs, how much earned per month. In Austria over 10000 Euros per month no further details**
- **9 of 183 in this category of whom one female (for year 2014)**
- **Are outside jobs dependent/financed via party machines?**
- **Can government members get outside jobs paid? Gender data?**

See work of Austrian NGO “Meine Abgeordneten”

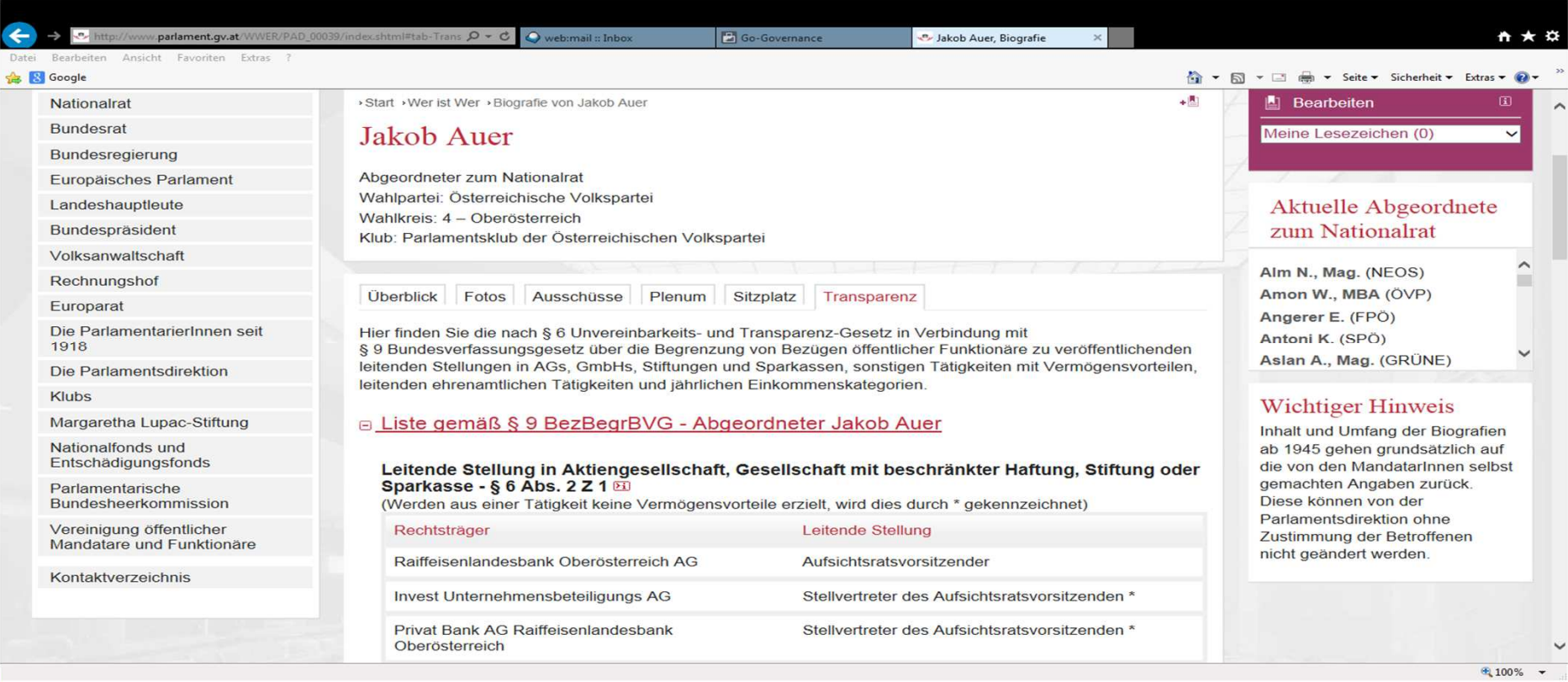
TRANSPARENCY BUTTON



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the website of the Austrian Parliament (parlament.gv.at). The browser's address bar shows the URL: http://www.parlament.gv.at/WWER/PAD_35504/index.shtml#tab-Trans. The page content includes a navigation menu on the left with items like 'Landeshauptleute', 'Bundespräsident', and 'Europarat'. The main content area features a 'Transparenz' button among other navigation options like 'Überblick', 'Fotos', and 'Ausschüsse'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Liste gemäß § 9 BezBegrBVG - Abgeordneter Mag. Andreas Schieder' with a 'Transparenz-Liste Nationalrat' and two PDF links: 'Gesamt-Liste gemäß § 9 BezBegrBVG - Nationalrat' and 'Informationen zur Liste gemäß § 9 BezBegrBVG (Unv-Transparenz)'. A 'Druckversion' link is also present. On the right side, there is a section for 'Aktuelle Abgeordnete zum Nationalrat' listing names like 'Alm N., Mag. (NEOS)' and 'Amon W., MBA (ÖVP)'. Below that is a 'Wichtiger Hinweis' section. The footer contains navigation links: 'Parlament aktiv', 'Parlament erklärt', 'Wer ist Wer', 'Gebäude und Führungen', and 'Service'.



PARLIAMENT HOMEPAGE AUSTRIA



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the biography of Jakob Auer on the Austrian Parliament website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: http://www.parlament.gv.at/WWW/PAD_00039/index.shtml#Tab:Trans. The page content includes a navigation menu on the left, a main content area with a bio and a table of interests, and a right sidebar with a list of current members and a warning notice.

Navigation Menu (Left):

- Nationalrat
- Bundesrat
- Bundesregierung
- Europäisches Parlament
- Landeshauptleute
- Bundespräsident
- Volksanwaltschaft
- Rechnungshof
- Europarat
- Die ParlamentarierInnen seit 1918
- Die Parlamentsdirektion
- Klubs
- Margaretha Lupac-Stiftung
- Nationalfonds und Entschädigungsfonds
- Parlamentarische Bundesheerkommission
- Vereinigung öffentlicher Mandatäre und Funktionäre
- Kontaktverzeichnis

Main Content Area:

Start > Wer ist Wer > Biografie von Jakob Auer


Jakob Auer

Abgeordneter zum Nationalrat
Wahlpartei: Österreichische Volkspartei
Wahlkreis: 4 – Oberösterreich
Klub: Parlamentsklub der Österreichischen Volkspartei

Übersicht | Fotos | Ausschüsse | Plenum | Sitzplatz | **Transparenz**

Hier finden Sie die nach § 6 Unvereinbarkeits- und Transparenz-Gesetz in Verbindung mit § 9 Bundesverfassungsgesetz über die Begrenzung von Bezügen öffentlicher Funktionäre zu veröffentlichenden leitenden Stellungen in AGs, GmbHs, Stiftungen und Sparkassen, sonstigen Tätigkeiten mit Vermögensvorteilen, leitenden ehrenamtlichen Tätigkeiten und jährlichen Einkommenskategorien.

[Liste gemäß § 9 BezBegrBVG - Abgeordneter Jakob Auer](#)

Leitende Stellung in Aktiengesellschaft, Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung, Stiftung oder Sparkasse - § 6 Abs. 2 Z 1 

(Werden aus einer Tätigkeit keine Vermögensvorteile erzielt, wird dies durch * gekennzeichnet)

Rechtsträger	Leitende Stellung
Raiffeisenlandesbank Oberösterreich AG	Aufsichtsratsvorsitzender
Invest Unternehmensbeteiligungs AG	Stellvertreter des Aufsichtsratsvorsitzenden *
Privat Bank AG Raiffeisenlandesbank Oberösterreich	Stellvertreter des Aufsichtsratsvorsitzenden *

Right Sidebar:

Bearbeiten

Meine Lesezeichen (0)

Aktuelle Abgeordnete zum Nationalrat

- Alm N., Mag. (NEOS)
- Amon W., MBA (ÖVP)
- Angerer E. (FPÖ)
- Antoni K. (SPÖ)
- Aslan A., Mag. (GRÜNE)

Wichtiger Hinweis

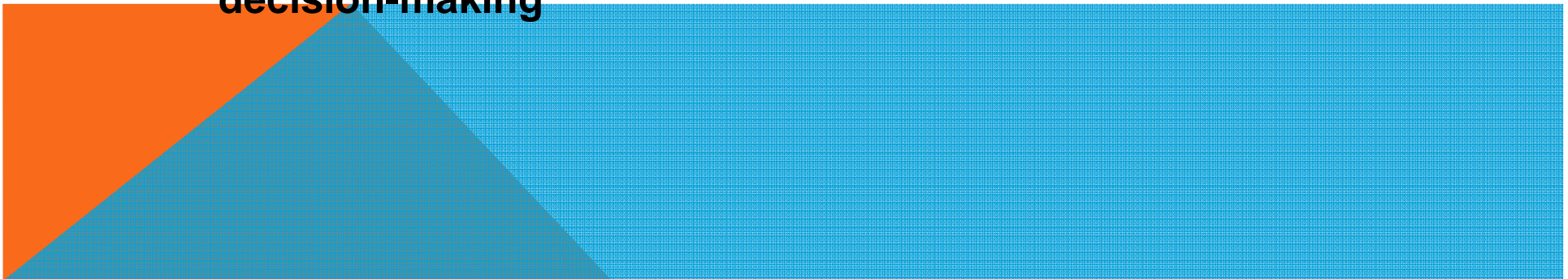
Inhalt und Umfang der Biografien ab 1945 gehen grundsätzlich auf die von den MandatarInnen selbst gemachten Angaben zurück. Diese können von der Parlamentsdirektion ohne Zustimmung der Betroffenen nicht geändert werden.

“HERE TODAY – GONE TOMORROW”

- **What do cabinet/MPs do after– is there a party affiliated network (banks, interest groups) job waiting in the wings or are they thrown onto the job market to fend for themselves**
- **What if any help is given of financial nature by parliaments to ex MPs (UK)**

Gender dimension – do predominantly male networks look after “own”?

- **Data on post ministerial employment /MPs eg (international) consultants**
- **Definitions of honorary posts – influence exercised in decision-making**



CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Encourage parliaments at all levels to publish quarterly information on gender and politics**
- **Modify and extend questionnaire to define precisely power jobs and gender**
- **Include wider circle connected to MPs and Ministers eg consultants, party affiliated**
- **Encourage transparent definition of criteria for executive appointments**
- **Explore the network connections not only financial of MPs/Ministers**
- **Explore the safety net for ex politicians – is there a gender imbalance**
- **Focus more specifically on corruption related offences, inquiries, results**