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Austria

Inhabitants 9 104 772

2016

2014

**CoE Median** 

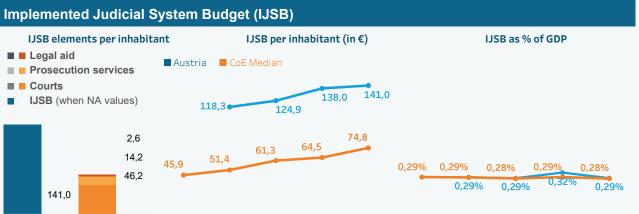
2018



GDP per capita 49 400 € CoE Median 27 406 €



Average gross annual salary 37 725 € CoE Median 22 878 €



**Budget**: In 2022, the implemented judicial system budget of Austria (1 283 952 301 €) of 141 € per inhabitant, remains high above the CoE median. As a % of GDP (0,29%), it stays slightly above the CoE median. The legal aid budget per inhabitant is aligned to the CoE median. In Austria, courts are financed by court fees and not by means of general taxation. In 2022, Austria's court fees, representing 138% of the judicial system budget, fully cover its judicial costs. A major part of court fees results from services provided by automated land and business registers.

2020

2022

2014

2016

2018

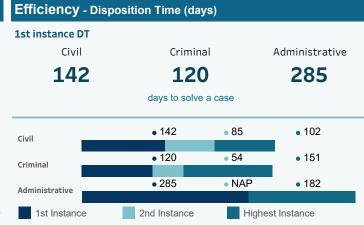
2020

2022

**Court users:** Victims have the right to have their special protection needs assessed as soon as possible subject to their age, psychological and health condition, the type and circumstances of the offence. In any case, victims with special protection needs are those whose sexual integrity might have been violated; those exposed to domestic violence; and minors. As of 2022, courts can order a violent offender to participate in a violence prevention counselling.

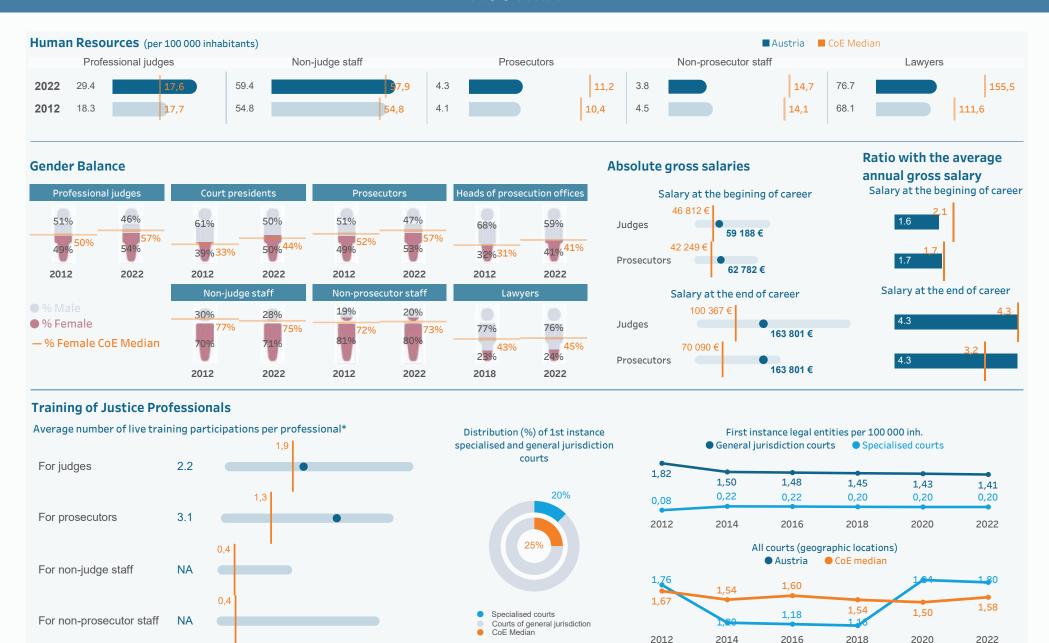
**Information and Communication Technologies (ICT):** Austria has an ICT Deployment index of 7,0, which belongs to the highest group in Europe. The ICT index is strongest in the category "Digital access" showing a focus on the development of e-services in courts. Indeed, except for parties not represented by a lawyer, lawyers, notaries, court experts, interpreters and others are obliged to use the electronic system.

Non-judge and non-prosecutor staff: Rechtspfleger can issue court orders in certain first-instance civil matters. They are bound to the instructions of the judge who may grant appeals against these orders. There is also the legal remedy of requiring submission of the case to a judge. Besides, Bezirksanwälte are judicial officers allowed to act for the public prosecutor's offices under the supervision of a prosecutor, with less competences.



Efficiency: The efficiency of Austrian courts remains stable. The 2nd instance remains the most efficient. Civil and commercial litigious cases, along with criminal cases across all three instances, are the most efficient areas of law. In particular, second instance criminal cases are the most efficient level and area of law. In contrast, the highest Disposition Time is recorded in first instance administrative cases, similar to 2020, albeit with a noticeable improvement. Except for 1st instance criminal cases which Disposition Time constitutes the CoE median, for all matters in all instances the Disposition Time is below the respective CoE medians.

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<sup>\*</sup> This indicator is calculated as follows: the number of participants in live trainings is divided by the number of professionals for that category. For example, if the CoE Median for judges is 3,9, this means that, each judge in Europe participated to 3,9 live trainings (as mid value). Indeed, this analysis allows to better understand quantity of training per professional if all were trained.

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#### **CEPEJ Efficiency Indicators** Clearance Rate (CR) = (Resolved cases / Incoming cases) \*100 Instance CR > 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve more cases than it received => backlog is decreasing Austria 1st Instance CR < 100%, the court/judicial system is able to resolve fewer cases than it received => backlog is increasing ■ CoE Median 2nd Instance Dispostion Time (DT) = (Pending cases / Resolved cases) \*365 Highest Instance The Disposition Time (DT) is the theoretical time for a pending case to be resolved, taken into consideration the current pace of work of the courts Clearance Rate Disposition Time (in days) **Evolution of Disposition Time** 2012 2018 2020 2014 2016 2022 100% Civil 1st Instance 101% Civil 135 133 138 142 239 102% - NA - NA NA NA 85 2nd Instance 200 Highest Instance 108% 102 NA NA NA NA 118 102 152 Criminal 1st Instance 101% 120 Criminal 115 102 129 133 100% 54 51 55 46 55 54 2nd Instance 99% 101% 80 121 110 123 150 151 Highest Instance 151 100% Administrative Administrative 1st Instance 112% 285 NAP NAP 880 285

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182

103%

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138

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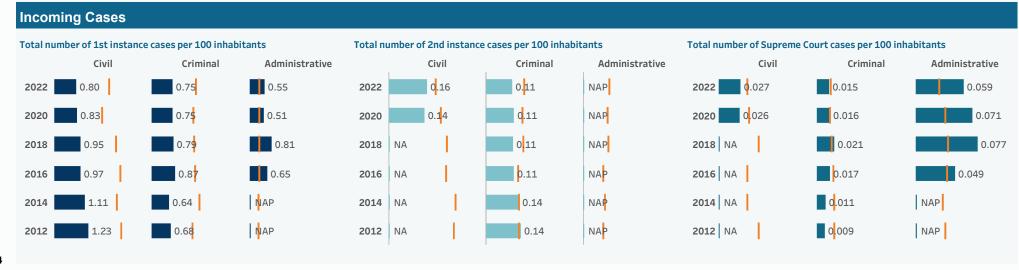
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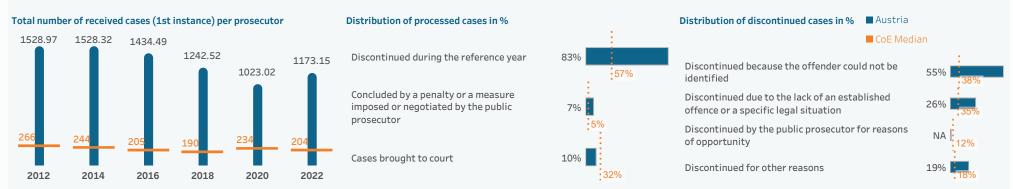
2nd Instance

Highest Instance

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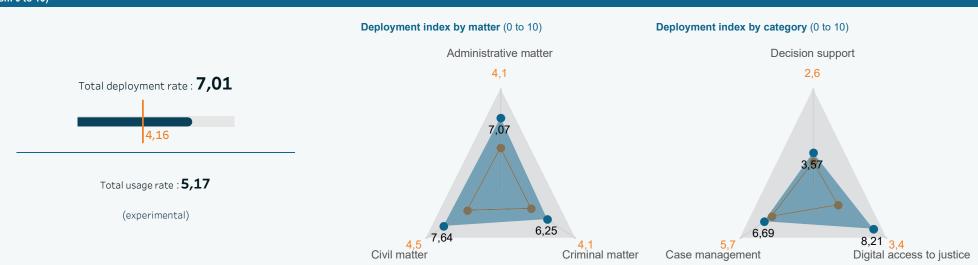
110%

### **Public Prosecution Services**



Note: There are different methodologies for calculating the number of cases in the prosecution services' statistics: by event or by perpetrator. The CEPEJ collects data per case (event), but some countries present it per perpetrator.

## ICT Deployment and Usage Index (from 0 to 10)



### **Judiciary Related Websites**

www.ris.bka.gv.at

Legal texts Case-law of the higher court/s

www.ris.bka.gv.at

Information about the judicial system

https://www.oesterreich.gv.at/themen/dokumente\_und\_recht/geri..