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VIENNA, Austria

Education and Training for Young People

Key facts

In June 2020, the City of Vienna launched an education and training package to support over 16,000 young people currently without a job in the city.

Timeframe and funding	The programme was launched in June 2020 and is funded by the local government.
City population	1,840,573
Governing body	Municipal Council of Vienna
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Main objectives

The Coronavirus pandemic has adversely affected young people, hitting them severely, and the youth in Vienna, Austria are no exception. The number of unemployed people in Vienna as of May 2020 was 172,646, which is a 57.2% increase as compared to May 2019. Unemployment among the 20 to 24-year olds more than doubled and 16,154 young Viennese in this age group are jobless. Moreover, the number of apprenticeships registered with the Austrian Labour Market Service (AMS) decreased by 23% as compared to 2019. The main objective of the programme is to address this challenge by investing €17 million to assist unemployed young people.

Content and mode of delivery



The education and training package includes €10 million for intra-company vocational apprenticeships and €7 million for qualifications of young unemployed. This covers qualification passports for educational screening of over 3,000 young and unemployed Viennese. It also covers assistance to continue with previously stalled apprenticeships and other training or education. Finally, the package covers qualifications for future professions in the health, care, IT and other emerging sectors.

Stakeholders



The package is implemented by the Vienna Employment Promotion Fund (waff). Waff is Vienna's labour market organization, which promotes education and training for people living in Vienna. Waff offers training and advisory services as well as financial support for trainings and education for both employees and employers.

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