



Legislative Assembly of the
Autonomous Region of the
Azores



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GENERAL INFORMATION

About the region

State - Vorarlberg

Region - Vorarlberg

Location - Westernmost state in Austria

Border regions – Germany, Switzerland, Liechtenstein

Total Population - 392.538

Capital City (*if applicable*) and population – Bregenz 29.857

Main Cities and population - Dornbirn 49.353, Feldkirch 33.559, Lustenau 22.850, Hohenems 16.349

Land Area - 2.601 km²

Currency - Euro

Official Language(s) - german

Day of the Region – Josefstag (19.3.)

Administrative Division – four districts (Bregenz, Dornbirn, Feldkirch, Bludenz)

Unemployment Rate - 5,8 % (2017)

Youth Unemployment Rate – 5,5 % (2017)

Percentage of immigrants on total population and main countries of origin – 17,5 % (Germany, Turkey)

About the Parliament/ Assembly:

Name of Parliament and logo – Vorarlberger Landtag

Political System - democracy

President of the Parliament – Mag. Harald Sonderegger

Date of election - 21. 9. 2014

Election results - 41,79 % for the ‚Vorarlberger Volkspartei‘ (the Vorarlberg People’s Party), 23,42 % for the ‚Freiheitliche Partei‘ (Austrian Freedom Party), 17,14 % for the ‚Grünen‘ (Green Party), 8,77 % for the ‚Sozialdemokratische Partei Österreichs‘ (Social Democratic Party of Austria) and 6,89 % for the ‚NEOS‘

Number of Parliament Members - 36

Political parties and current distribution of seats in regional parliament -

The ‚Vorarlberger Volkspartei‘ (the Vorarlberg People’s Party) has 16, the ‚Freiheitliche Partei‘ (Austrian Freedom Party) 9, the ‚Grünen‘ (Green Party) 6, the ‚Sozialdemokratische Partei Österreichs‘ (Social Democratic Party of Austria) 3 and the ‚NEOS‘ 2 seats

Distribution by sex and average age - male 69,5 %, female 30,5 %, average age 47,7 years

Length of term - 5 years

Date of next elections - 2019

Functions / Main political competencies - Its main function is legislation. It elects the State Government, establishes the preliminary State budget as well as the duty roster for the public servants.

Governing Bodies - State Government: State Governor, Deputy State Governor, five State Councillors

Biography/CV of the President - http://www.vorarlberg.gv.at/english/vorarlberg-english/state_politics/stateparliament/general/stateparliamentpresidentm.htm

Name and date of autonomous political statute – Selbständigkeitserklärung, 3.11.1918 (LGBl.Nr. 1/1918)

Link to English version of autonomous political statute – not available

About the Government:

President of the Government – Mag. Markus Wallner

Date of election - 21. 9. 2014

Political party - Volkspartei

Length of term - 5 years

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INFORMATION ON ECONOMY

Regional GDP - 17.270 Mio. Euro (2016)

Regional GDP *per capita* - 44.700 Euro (2016)

Percentage of national GDP *per capita* - 110,6 (Index Austria=100) (2016)

Percentage of EU GDP *per capita* - 156 (EU-28=100) (2015)

Member-State GDP - 353.297 Mio. Euro (Austria 2016)

Member-State's EU GDP *per capita* - 39.900 Euro (Austria), 28.700 Euro (EU-28)

Main economic sectors - Primary sector 0.5%, Secondary sector 38%, Tertiary sector 61.5%

Products exported - 9.537 Mio. Euro

Destination of exports - Germany (29%), Switzerland (12%) and Italy (6%)

Products imported - 7.166 Mio. Euro

Origin of imports - Germany 39%, Switzerland 13% and Italy 5%

INFORMATION ON EU FUNDING

Total of EU Funding (2014-2020) – 161,73 Mio Euro

ERDF (2014-2020) - 18,35 Mio. Euro

ESF (2014-2020) - 4,1 Mio. Euro

CF (2014-2020) - 0

EAFRD (2014-2020) – 139,04 Mio. Euro

EMFF (2014-2020) – 240.000 Euro

Other (2014-2020) – no reliable data available

More developed / less developed / transition region - more developed region

Main evolution on EU GDP per capita (1989, 1994, 2000, 2007, 2013, more recent data) - unknown

Share of EU funding on regional annual investment budget - unknown

Implementation rate of EU funds (2007/2013) – ERDF: 95,93%; ESF: no regional breakdown for Vorarlberg; EAFRD: data not yet available; EMFF: 100 %

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Membership to interregional cooperation bodies - Internationale Bodenseekonferenz, Arbeitsgemeinschaft Alpenländer, Internationale Regierungskommission für den Alpenrhein

European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC) - none

Main bilateral cooperation agreements - none

EU's territorial cooperation transnational and cross border areas - Total allocated to ETCs from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for Europe: around € 8.95 billion, of which:

For Cross-Border Cooperation: around € 6.63 billion (= 74.05%)

For Transnational Cooperation: around 1.82 billion euros (= 20.36%).

Interregional cooperation: around € 500 million (= 5.59%)

Broken down to the programs in which Vorarlberg participates, this means the following:

Cross-border program Interreg V-A Alpenrhein-Bodensee-Hochrhein 2014 - 2020 (ABH program): 39.6 million euros

Cross-border program Interreg V-A Austria-Germany 2014 - 2020 (Bavaria-Austria Program): 500,000 euros

Main areas of interest in cooperation with other regional entities - economy, transport, environment and agriculture, education, civil protection, health and social issues, ...

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