

Streamlined ERDF implementation in Austria

Austrian ERDF Programme ‘Investing in Growth and Jobs 2014-20’

In 2014-20, Austria has one national ERDF OP (managed by the ÖROK Secretariat) and one national ESF OP (managed by the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection). Total ERDF funding amounts to €536 million. Most Austrian *Länder* are classified as More Developed Regions. The only exception is the easternmost *Land* of Burgenland, which is classified as a Transition Region. In 2007-13, Burgenland had Phasing-out status and all other regions fell under the Regional Competitiveness and Employment Objective.

Context for simplification

- > Thematic concentration: fewer themes covered
- > Reduced funding (minus c. 20%) but perceived increased administrative effort
- > Internal reform of the Austrian Structural Funds delivery system

