

THE **AUSTRIAN RED CROSS**



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THE RED CROSS. A WORLDWIDE MOVEMENT.

Until today the worldwide Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has grown considerably. There are **191 national societies** – just like the Austrian Red Cross. Millions of people in 191 countries work for the movement!



- International Committee of the Red Cross
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
- National Societies of the Red Cross and Red Crescent



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„to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity“



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SEVEN FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

The seven Fundamental Principles represent the system of values of the international Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Humanity People caring for people.

Impartiality Aid doesn't differentiate.

Neutrality Humanitarian initiatives need trust.

Independence Our principles are maintained through self-determination.

Voluntary Service True aid must be free of self-interest.

Unity Only one in any given country, open to all.

Universality Humanitarian values are global.



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THE RED CROSS – A SYMBOL, THE WHOLE WORLD TRUSTS IN

Protected to be able to protect.

The **Red Cross** and **Red Crescent** protect humanitarian and medical staff, buildings and equipment of the national red cross and red crescent societies as well as the medical corps in times of military conflicts.

Since 2006 the **Red Crystal** also has been recognized.



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AUSTRIAN SOCIETY OF THE RED CROSS



Founded in 1880 as a national institution for humanitarian aid.



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THE AUSTRIAN RED CROSS AND ITS FEDERAL STRUCTURE

Headquarters

(operates on national and international level,
coordinates all relevant activities and
monitors foreign, national and supranational
operations)

9 regional branches

(corporate bodies with operational independence)

135 district branches

(regional subsidiaries for the implementation of tasks)



Status 2017



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THE AUSTRIAN RED CROSS – AUSTRIA'S LARGEST HUMANITARIAN NPO

74,327 volunteers

8,384 employees

4,494 community servants

1,021,966 supporting members
and donors



Status 2017



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HUMANITARIAN BALANCE

In 2017

- Donations and membership fees amounted to **€ 70,029,362**.
- **time-donations** helped the Austrian state and society save several millions (approx. **12 million hours** worked voluntarily)



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM

The rescue and ambulance service is the best known area of the Austrian Red Cross.

The Red Cross provides these services in Austria across the whole country.

- More than **3 million rescue and ambulance operations** across Austria every year.



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BLOOD PROGRAM

Every year up to **350.000 units of blood are required** to meet the country's hospitals' needs.

- 4 blood banks (full scale, including production)
- 3 blood banks in cooperation with university clinics
- voluntary and unpaid blood donation
- secured supply with blood and blood products in Austria
- highest security level for donors and recipients
- quality assurance and control



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HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Austria in 2050: More than 900.000 people are 80-plus year olds. Who will care for those who find it more and more difficult to cope with everyday life? The Austrian Red Cross is trying to help by extending home care services and offering a wider range of at-home assistance.

- **233.495** assisted patients in the year 2017
- home care services
- offering companionship and assistance
- "meals on wheels" and "Direct Call"
- services for senior citizens
- hospice activities, individual social care



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DISASTER RELIEF

- The Austrian Red Cross' independent disaster relief service provides unbureaucratic assistance in the event of urgent demand in **national and international emergencies**.
- **There are 3 kinds of help:** financial support, personal support, relief goods.
- Emergency Response Units of the Austrian Red Cross are able to reach victims worldwide within a few hours.



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DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

- An emergency response operation starts immediately after the disaster. But when does it end? As soon as people are able to help themselves again.
- The long-term and sustainable programmes and projects of the Austrian Red Cross follow immediately after the disaster relief phase and are implemented within the worlds biggest humanitarian network.
- Read the details in the International Cooperation's [Annual Report 2017](#)



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DISSEMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)

- Information and trainings about the application of the Geneva Conventions in times of peace and conflicts
- Close contact to authorities concerning further development of the IHL



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TRACING SERVICE

- Tracing people who have been separated by wars, armed conflicts or disasters.
- Reunion of separated families.
- Delivering family news internationally when normal means of communication have broken down due to war or disaster. This is done using a Red Cross message.
- Helping to obtain confirmation of detention, where an imprisoned person has been visited by the ICRC.
- Part of the worldwide tracetheface.org network.



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TRAINING SERVICES

- Basic first aid courses are held in every Red Cross branch. Apart from first aid instruction, a variety of training programmes within the health and social services and for paramedics is offered. **320,514** people took part.
- In this regard the Austrian Red Cross pays equal attention to the education of the general public as well as to the basics and further training of the staff and volunteers of the general public.



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MIGRATION

According to the seven Fundamental Principles and the statutes the Austrian Red Cross cares for asylum seekers, refugees and migrants.

- Family reunion
- Education
- Individual Social Support
- Health
- Tracing



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AUSTRIAN YOUTH RED CROSS

The Austrian Youth Red Cross (AYRC), a division of the Austrian Red Cross, is a community of **interests that provides training and education for children, young people, and teachers, as well as teaching materials.**

One goal is to **help children and young people who are in crisis situations**, both in Austria and abroad, by providing hands-on experiences that install humanitarian values.

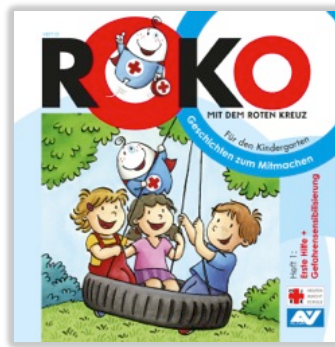
The diverse activities of the Austrian Youth Red Cross aim to develop self-motivation and the ability to help others, as well as personal and social responsibility.



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- Disaster response and assistance, and emergency rehabilitation
- First aid and safety training, education on humanitarian issues
- Integration and therapy camps for children and youngsters
- Youth-communication: www.get-social.at



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