



## Austria

### Fachverband der Chemischen Industrie Österreichs (FCIO)

Number of companies

**245**

Turnover

**€14.77 billion**

Direct employees

**44,760**

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## CHEMICAL INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT

### Third largest industrial sector in Austria

Chemicals are the third largest industrial sector in Austria, generating about 10.2% of industrial added value. The industry provides about 11.7% of total Austrian industrial employment, 11% of R&D expenditure and 17% of industrial spending on environmental protection.

### Significant output growth in the last decade

In 2016 the value of chemicals production was €14.77 billion, broadly unchanged for the past three years – though over the past decade chemical sales grew by 26.9%.

### The bulk of our chemicals are exported

About 70% of the chemicals produced in Austria are exported, and the value of chemical exports has grown over the past seven years. In 2016, 82% of imports originated in European countries, and almost 80% of exports were sold to countries in the same region.

Many Austrian chemical companies have foreign subsidiaries or are the Central and Eastern European headquarters for multinational chemical companies. Growth of operations in the newer EU countries has helped drive the recent growth of the Austrian chemical industry.

## A sector dominated by mid-sized companies

The chemical sector comprised 245 companies in 2016 (down from 291 in 2006), employing nearly 44,800 people – an increase of about 3,200 over the previous decade. It is made up of primarily of mid-sized companies which employ an average of 145 people. Only 64 companies have more than 250 employees. Chemical companies are distributed across Austria, with key clusters in Upper Austria near Linz and in the Vienna region.

## Investment has fluctuated but the trend is up

Plastics (raw materials and products) were more than 49.8% of production by value in 2016, followed by pharmaceuticals (14.5%). Agrochemicals were 3.1%. Over the last ten years, investment in the chemical industry has fluctuated widely. It peaked in 2007, before the global economic crisis, and is still under this level today.

## Chemical industry - key data 2016

Companies	251
Staff	44,760
Revenues	€ 14,768 billion
Imports	€ 19,757 billion
Exports	€ 19,097 billion

Source: Annual Report 2016. Association of the Austrian Chemical Industry

## Overview of the chemical industry production – Breakdown by sectors 2016

Plastic products	36.6%
Other chemicals	10.2%
Plastics for manufacture	13.2%
Pharmaceuticals	14.5%
Man-made fibres	6.1%
Rubber products	2.0%
Detergents, cosmetics	3.0%
Coating materials, printing ink and putty	3.6%
Agricultural chemicals	3.1%
Industrial gases	1.1%

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## Foreign trade figures for 2016 of the Austrian chemical industry (€ million)

	Imports	Change from previous year	Exports	Change from previous year
EU	13,071	0.8%	11,459	-7.0%
EFTA	2,925	7.2%	2,331	27.9%
Remaining European countries	229	-2.0%	1,382	4.6%
Americas	2,451	-2.8%	1,669	5.2%
Asia	1,061	-1.0%	1,956	2.6%
Africa	12	-26.9%	216	-2.2%
Australia-Oceania	7	79.6%	84	-5.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,757</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>19,097</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

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### HOW ARE WE DOING?

#### Strengths

- High level of innovation
- High level of specialisation
- Social stability
- Well-educated and trained labour force
- Strategic location at the centre of Europe

#### Weaknesses

- Increases in labour costs in recent years
- Demographic trends
- High energy costs
- High administrative and regulatory burden

### OUR CONTRIBUTION TO A COMPETITIVE EUROPE

A Life Science Strategy (Ministry of Science, Research and Economy with broad participation of numerous stakeholders) is currently being prepared. This will complement existing horizontal strategies in the fields of research, innovation, energy, and resources. However, centralised strategies sometimes tend to be of more political than practical relevance.

Landscape of the European Chemical Industry Website:

<http://www.chemlandscape.cefic.org/country/austria/>