2020/21 winter tourism season continues to stagnate

Vienna, 2021-04-28 – In the first five months of the current 2020/21 winter season (November 2020 to March 2021) 4.56 million **nights spent** were registered in Austrian accommodation establishments, 55.02 million fewer than in the same period of the previous year, as preliminary results of Statistics Austria show. The decrease due to the closings of accommodation establishments is 92.4%, therefore. There was also a correspondingly high decrease in the number of **arrivals** of 94.0% to 0.94 million.

March overnight stays fell sharply for the second time in a row

In March 2021, the 13th month of the pandemic-induced restrictions in the accommodation sector, 1.11 million nights spent were recorded. The drop in nights spent compared to March 2020, when the first Corona-related entry ban for accommodation establishments took place in the middle of the month and 6.20 million nights spent were achieved, amounted to 81.9%. Compared to March 2019, which reached 14.98 million overnight stays, the decrease was 92.6%.

Loss of more than 100 million nights spent since the beginning of the pandemic

In the 13 reporting months affected by the pandemic (March 2020 to March 2021), there were 105 million fewer nights spent by tourists than in a comparable period before the pandemic; this corresponds to a relative decline in nights spent of 62.0%.

With a minus of 86.1%, the highest losses were recorded in Vienna, followed by Tyrol (-67.2%), Salzburg (-65.8%) and Vorarlberg (-64.4%). In all other federal states, more than half of the level of nights spent from pre-Corona times was achieved, with the declines also being considerable: Lower Austria (-48.8%), Upper Austria (-48.3%), Styria (-47.9%), Burgenland (-36.7%) and Carinthia (-36.7%).

The decline in nights spent by resident guests was more moderate with -37.4% during this period than that of non-resident guests (-70.2%).

For more detailed results and further information please refer to the German Version.