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# Environmental industry generated 53 bn euros in 2022

## Around 214 400 people employed in Austria's environmental industry

Vienna, 2024-05-13 – In 2022, the Austrian environmental industry employed 214 400 people and generated an output of €53.4 billion, of which €17.9 bn came from exports. As further revealed by data from Statistics Austria on the environmental goods and services sector (EGSS), the environmental industry achieved in 2022 a gross value added of €20.9 bn.

As in previous years, the most important environmental domain was management of energy resources mainly consisting of activities in the subdomains renewable energy and heat/energy saving and management. In 2022, this environmental domain with its around 80 100 employees (37.4% of environmental employees) generated €27.4 bn output, which made up 51.3% of the total environmental output. The generated gross added value of €9.9 bn accounted for 47.3% of the environmental gross value added. Exports were €11.4 bn or 64.0% of total environmental exports.

The production value of Management of energy resources showed an increase of 62.7% from 2008 to 2022, and of about 26.5% in comparison with the year before. The significant increase in production value was due in particular to the development of prices of renewable energies.

The subdomain renewable energy consists of activities like the production of renewable energy and heat, the production and installation of renewable energy technologies as well as biofuels. The subdomain heat/energy saving and management comprises inter alia the production of low energy buildings and insulation materials, energy consulting and thermal rehabilitation of buildings.

Further important environmental domains were protection of ambient air and climate, wastewater management, waste management as well as protection and remediation of soil, groundwater and surface water.

### **Around 214 400 people employed in the environmental industry**

A total of around 214 400 people were employed in the environmental industry in 2022, including 80 100 in the management of energy resources, 44 500 in the protection and remediation of soil, groundwater and surface water, 19 500 in waste management and 16 000 in the protection of ambient air and climate.

If public transport, which is not reported as part of Environmental Goods and Services Sector (EGSS) according to international guidelines, is also taken into account, 244 900 people were employed in the Austrian environmental industry.

For more detailed information and further information concerning the Austrian environmental industry please refer to our [website](#).

## Environmental goods and services sector 2022

	Environmental output	Environmental gross value added	Environmental exports	Environmental employees
	Million €	Million €	Million €	Persons
<b>Environmental goods and services sector in total</b>	53 400	20 900	17 900	214 400
including e.g.				
Protection of ambient air and climate	3 900	1 400	2 700	16 000
Wastewater management	3 000	1 400	400	10 200
Waste management	6 300	2 300	800	19 500
Protection and remediation of soil, groundwater and surface water	4 100	2 100	400	44 500
Management of energy resources	27 400	9 900	11 400	80 100
of which: Renewable energy	15 500	5 800	5 700	44 600
of which: Heat/energy saving and management	10 900	3 800	5 200	33 500
of which: Minimisation of the intake of fossil resources for uses other than energy production	1 000	400	600	2 100

Q: STATISTIK AUSTRIA, Environmental Accounts. - Values are rounded

**Information on methodology, definitions:** The environmental goods and services sector summarises goods, technologies and services that measure, control, restore, prevent, treat, minimise and research environmental damages to air, water and soil as well as problems related to waste, noise, biodiversity and landscapes. This includes cleaner technologies, goods and services that prevent or minimise pollution. In addition, it includes resource-efficient goods, technologies and services that help to avoid resource depletion or at least to reduce it.

Public transport is explicitly excluded from the Eurostat definition. However, since it is more environmentally friendly than private transport, the employees are reported as additional information.

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