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Expenditure on social protection amounted to €112 bn or 29.1% of GDP in 2018

V i e n n a, 2019-11-29 – In 2018, **social expenditure** in Austria totalled €112 bn, as Statistics Austria reports. This represents 29.1% of the gross domestic product (GDP). Compared to the previous year, GDP growth (+4.2%) was higher than that of social expenditure (+3.1%). As a result, the **social expenditure-to-GDP ratio** declined another year (2017: 29.4%) after reaching its peak in 2016 (29.9%).

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