

THE AUSTRIA WOMEN´S SHELTERS NETWORK (AÖF) AND 30 YEARS WOMEN´S SHELTER MOVEMENT IN AUSTRIA

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AUSTRIAN WOMEN´S SHELTER NETWORK, AÖF

- ROOF-ORGANISATION OF 26 AUTONOMOUS WOMEN´S SHELTERS IN AUSTRIA SINCE 1988
- AN ASSOCIATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE SHELTERS
- RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NETWORK OF THE SHELTERS
- OFFERS REGULAR MEETINGS, AND ORGANISES ANNUAL CONFERENCES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE SHELTERS
- OFFERS PUBLIC RELATIONS IN THE ISSUES OF SHELTERS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

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AUSTRIAN WOMEN'S SHELTER NETWORK

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ROOF-ORGANISATION OF 4 PROGRAMMS:

1. INFORMATION CENTRE AGAINST VIOLENCE:

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2. WAVE (WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE EUROPE) UNIQUE EUROPEAN NETWORK

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3. WOMEN'S HELPLINE AGAINST MALE VIOLENCE

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4. LITERATURE DOCUMENTATION / ARCHIV

www.plattformgegengewalt.at

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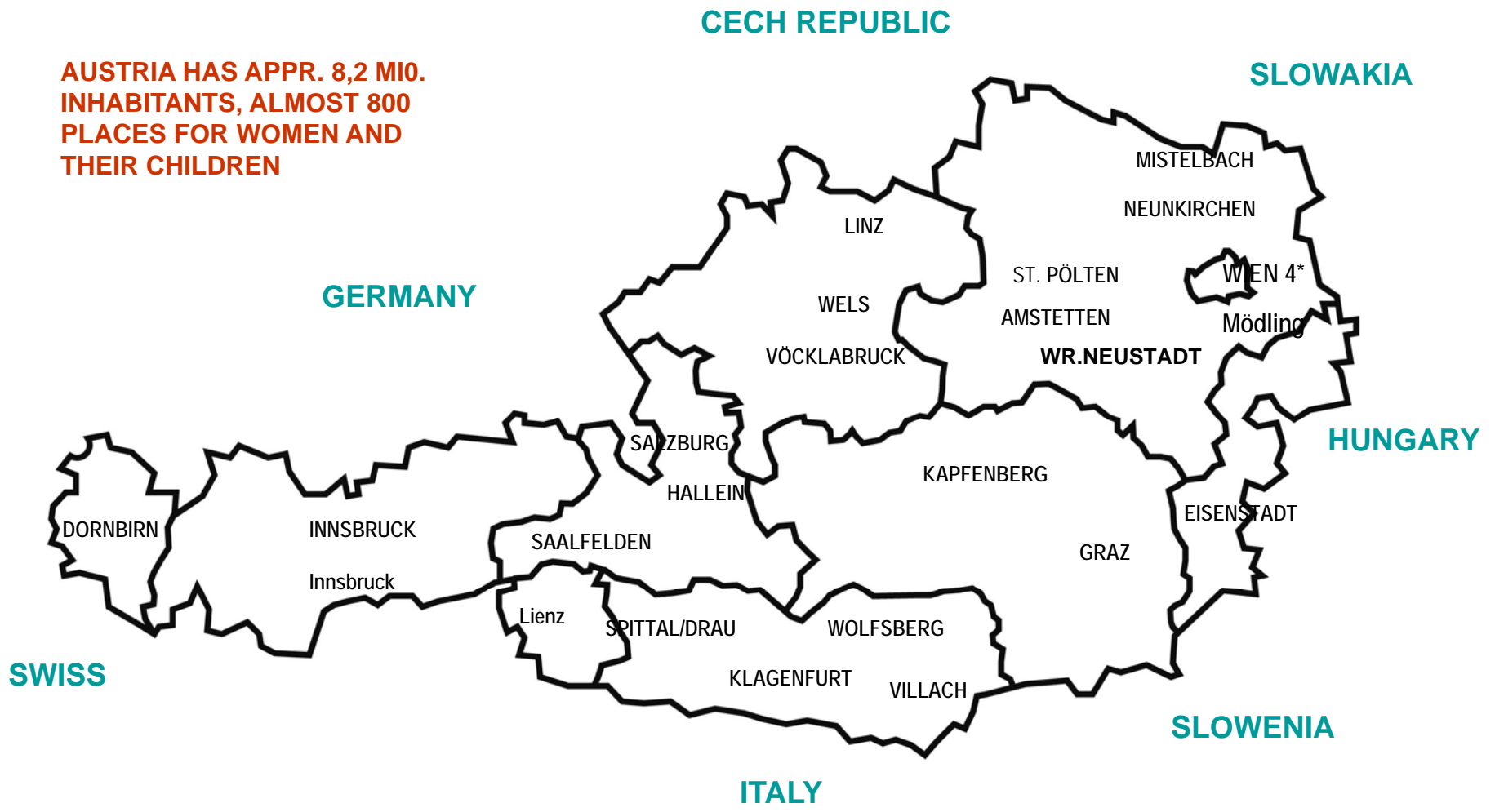
30 YEARS WOMEN´S SHELTER MOVEMENT IN AUSTRIA

- 1972: FIRST WOMEN´S SHELTER IN EUROPE:
ENGLAND/LONDON/DISTRICT PIZZEY
- MORE THAN 1500 SHELTERS IN EUROPE
- 1978: FIRST WOMEN´S SHELTER IN VIENNA
- 29 WOMEN´S SHELTERS IN AUSTRIA
- 5 SPECIAL COUNSELLING CENTRE FOR ABUSED
WOMEN

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29 WOMEN'S SHELTERS IN AUSTRIA

AUSTRIA HAS APPR. 8,2 MIO.
INHABITANTS, ALMOST 800
PLACES FOR WOMEN AND
THEIR CHILDREN



WOMEN´S SHELTERS IN AUSTRIA

- 29 SHELTERS OFFER ALMOST 800 PLACES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN
- 1 FAMILYPLACE FOR 10.000 INHABITANTS
(RECOMMENDATION OF THE EU-PARLIAMENT)
- 1 FAMILYPLACE FOR 7.500 INHABITANTS
(RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONCIL OF EUROPE)
- WE NEED 250 MORE PLACES

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WOMEN´S SHELTERS IN AUSTRIA

- DIFFERENT SIZES: FROM 6 PLACES TO 45 PLACES PER SHELTER
- THE SHELTERS ARE MOSTLY FINANCED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- NOT ALL SHELTERS ARE WELL FINANCED

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FIGURES FROM THE AUSTRIAN WOMEN´S SHELTERS

2007: 3.190 WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN
ESCAPED AND FIND SAFETY AND
PROTECTION IN 26 SHELTERS

- 1.641 WOMEN
- 1.549 CHILDREN

THEREFROM ARE 54% MIGRANT WOMEN
AND 46% WOMEN FROM AUSTRIA

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SPECIFIC GOALS

- PROTECTION AND SAFETY
 - EMPOWERMENT
 - SOCIAL CHANGE
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- WOMEN´S SHELTER ARE OPEN FOR ALL ABUSED WOMEN

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QUALITY STANDARDS IN WOMEN´S SHELTERS

- FEMINIST ANALYSES
- WOMEN HELPING WOMEN
- ADVOCACY FOR WOMEN
- TEAM WORK (AND FLAT HIERARCHIES)
- PARTICIPATION AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES
- RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION
- CONFIDENTIALITY / ANONYMITY
- 24 HOUR SERVICE AND NO TIME LIMIT FOR STAY
- DIVERSITY
- ACCOUNTABILITY
- PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE QUALITY OF SERVICE
- PRINCIPLES REGARDING STRUCTURE AND FUNDING
- SERVICES FREE OF CHARGE

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CONTRIBUTION OF SHELTERS FOR THE SOCIETY

- VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN WAS A TABOO UNTIL THE 1970
- ISSUE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN VISIBLE AND PUBLIC
- EMPOWERMENT FOR WOMEN
- VIOLENCE IS A GENDER BASED VIOLENCE
- DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY STANDARDS
- ADVOCACY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN
- CHILDREN ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- STARTING COOPERATION WITH POLICE
- STARTING MULTI AGENCY COOPERATION WITH STATE AUTHORITIES
- COUNTINUING WORKING ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF MESUARES FOR VICTIMS OF DM
- IMPLEMENTING THE PROTECTION LAWS IN AUSTRIA

DV STATISTICS IN AUSTRIA

BRIEF OVERVIEW

- EVERY 5TH WOMAN IS AFFECTED BY MALE VIOLENCE OF A CLOSE PERSON IN HER LIFETIME
- 20 POLICE INTERVENTIONS/CALLINGS CONCERNING VIOLENCE IN THE FAMILY PER DAY
- 2007: 113 MURDERS/ATTEMPTED MURDERS
→75 IN THE FAMILY CONTEXT
- VIENNA: 1 ATTEMPTED/FEMICIDE PER MONTH
- 2007: 6.347 EVICTION ORDERS
- 10 YEARS:
 - ~100.000 POLICE INTERVENTIONS
 - ~ 45.000 EVICTION ORDERS
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AUSTRIAN MEASURES AGAINST VAW

- **1. MAY 1997: PROTECTION AGAINST VIOLENCE BILL IN THE FAMILY**
- **EVICITION/BARRING ORDER (§ 38A SPG)**
- **INTERIM IN JUNCTION (§382b EO)**
- **CO-OPERATION– SUPPORT THROUGH THE INTERVENTION CENTERS**

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLENCE IS WITHIN
PERSON COMMITTING THE VIOLENCE**

AUSTRIAN MEASURES AGAINST VAW

- TRAINING MEASURES FOR ALL STAFF MEMBERS OF AUSTRIAN POLICE
- TRAINING HELD BY TRAINERS OF POLICE TOGETHER WITH TRAINERS OF INTERVENTION CENTER AND WOMEN´S SHELTER
- 1. JULY 2006 ANTI-STALKING LAW

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