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Environmental industry 2018: €36.9 bn output and 182 963 employees

Vienna, 2020-05-27 – In 2018, the Austrian environmental industry employed 182 963 people and achieved an output of €36.9 bn. The gross value added created by the environmental industry reached €14.3 bn, environmental exports amounted to €11.3 bn. These are the main results of Statistics Austria on the environmental goods and services sector (EGSS).

If public transport is also taken into account, although it is not part of the EGSS, 211 204 persons were active in the environmental industry.

As in previous years, the most important environmental domain was **management of energy resources**. This domain is mainly focused on renewable energies as well as heat/energy saving and management and generated 48.6% of the total environmental output, 43.1% of the environmental gross value added as well as 66.1% of the environmental exports with 34.3% of all employees in the environmental industry. The subdomain **renewable energy** includes, for example, the production of renewable energy and heat, the production and installation of renewable energy technologies as well as bio fuels. The subdomain **heat/energy saving and management** includes e.g. 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**.

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

Information on methods, definitions: The environmental goods and services sector summarises goods, technologies and services that measure, control, restore, prevent, treat, minimise, research and sensitise 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, resource depletion should be largely avoided or at least reduced through resource-efficient goods, technologies and services or even measured, controlled and investigated.

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

Environmental Goods and Services Sector 2018

Unit	Environmental Goods and Services Sector following EU-VO 538/2014 ¹⁾			Public transport ²⁾		
	Environmental output	Environmental gross value added	Environmental exports	Environmental employees	Employees in public transport	Environmental employees, public transport included
	Million €	Million €	Million €	Persons	Persons	Persons
Environmental Goods and Services Sector in total	36.947	14.309	11.257	182.963	28.241³⁾	211.204
including e.g.						
Protection of ambient air and climate	2.535	968	1.485	14.139	.	.
Wastewater management	3.244	1.587	305	14.129	.	.
Waste management	4.381	1.522	542	19.236	.	.
Protection and remediation of soil, groundwater and surface water	2.599	1.345	292	36.295	.	.
Management of energy resources	17.972	6.172	7.437	62.835	.	.
of which: renewable energy	9.495	3.226	4.178	29.069	.	.
of which: heat/energy saving and management	7.999	2.781	2.988	32.359	.	.
of which: minimisation of the intake of fossil resources for uses other than energy production	478	165	271	1.407	.	.
<p>S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Environmental Accounts. – 1) The Eurostat definition of EGSS comprises goods, technologies and services, but excludes public transport. – 2) Public transport includes interurban passenger rail transport, freight rail transport and the relevant shares of other passenger land transport. – 3) Data for 2018 is not available by now, therefore data for 2017 is taken into account. – "." = figure is zero. – Rounding differences were not cleared.</p>						

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