

VISA INFORMATION

Should you require a visa for entering Austria please contact the nearest consular representative of Austria as early as possible.

Please be aware that when applying for a visa you may be asked to show evidence of personal insurance coverage valid during your travel. It is your responsibility to make arrangements for health insurance coverage.

Austria is a Schengen State and therefore persons who require a visa will have to apply for a “Schengen visa” **at least 4 weeks before entry into Austria.** In States where Austria has no diplomatic mission visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question. *[At present the Schengen States are: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland].*

Only in exceptional cases is the Agency able to assist participants who encounter difficulties in obtaining a visa. In this regard all necessary information (date of birth, nationality, type of passport, passport number, issuance and validity of the passport, length of stay, arrival date, flight details and a short description of the problem encountered) should be sent to reach the Agency at the latest **4 weeks** before the meeting. After that date the Agency will not be able to assist you due to Schengen regulations. **Please be aware that the validity of a Schengen visa cannot be extended once you are in a Schengen State.**