

Austria's Roadmap to Greening Government Operations

On November 29, 2023, the Austrian Federal Government passed a resolution in the Council of Ministers that reiterates Austria's climate target of climate neutrality by 2040 and depicts the commitment to green its government operations.

By June 30, 2024 the Federal Ministry for Climate Action and the Federal Ministry of Finance will jointly develop a strategy on how to reach climate neutrality within the public administration.

By 2025, an action plan will be drawn up based on the following structure:

- Accounting and reporting
- Buildings
- Mobility
- Public procurement
- Awareness and education

Details can be found [here](#).

Further Milestones

- (1) Austria committed on an action plan that sets out environmental standards for public procurement covering inter alia fleets, electricity, events, food, textiles and more. Detailed information can be found [here](#).
- (2) Austria finalized a project to green the mobility of the public sector. Austria enshrined in law that ecological criteria have to be taken into consideration before booking business trips. To incentivize train rides it is now allowed to ride first class and book single cabins on night trains.
- (3) An energy efficiency law has been adopted, that regulates thermal refurbishment and renewable heating in the public administration. Details can be found [here](#).