

Autonomy and Accountability - The Austrian Reality

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- **Annual budget: €150 million**
- **Staff: 75 employees**
- **Internationally oriented**

Statutory rights of the supervisory authority

- **Approval of the balance and the budget**
- **Approval of long term contracts**
- **Approval of the long term and short term working plan**

- **Annual reports**
- **Nomination of 3 (in near future 4) members of the Supervisory Board**
- **2 supervisory authorities (Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology and Ministry of Science and Research)**

- **No say in funding decisions**
- **No say in the composition of the Board**
- **No say in the Appointment of the Managing Director**
- **Budget distribution: right of veto (approval)**

Statutory obligations of the FWF

- **Research funding**
- **Science Communication**
- **And underlying – of course – the financial accountability**

- **Growing area of interest**

Examples:

- **Prize for Science Communication**
- **School projects**
- **Cooperation with Science Museum Vienna**

- **Project evaluation**
- **Programme evaluation**
- **Evaluating the Institution**
- **Auditing the Organisation**

- **No Controlling department/ scattered competencies**
- **ex ante v ex post – strategy and administration**
- **External Auditing planned**

- **Effectiveness – ensured by funding procedures and quality standards**
- **Efficiency – regular monitoring**

- **Lean Structures**
- **HR development**
- **Personnel Controlling**
- **Management Accounting**

- **The more autonomy the more accountability?**
- **Ensure public confidence**

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