Austrian Agency for Research Integrity
OeAWI

1. Founded in 2008
2. set up as an association in accordance with the Austrian Associations Act
3. membership is voluntary AND is “Commitment” to good scientific practice
4. financed by membership fees
5. Not part of any Ministry; independent organization
Austrian Agency for Research Integrity
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1. **Board** (6 members)
   - Chair: Klement Tockner (FWF)

2. **38 Members**
   - Universities
   - Univ. of applied sciences
   - non-university research institutions
   - funding agencies

3. **Commission** (8 scientists)
   - Chair: Gerd Müller

4. **Administrative Office** (4 employees)
   - Head: Nicole Föger

Nominated by the Austrian Science Board
Tasks of the OeAWI
Focus on information and prevention

• Prevention & Raising Awareness (e.g. Training)

• Advising

• Investigation

• National & International Networking
Common guidelines
published in April 2015

JOINT PROCESS (2014/2015):

Discussed with and approved by (then) 37 member organisations
(International) Members of the Commission

Prof. Gerd Müller
Chair of the Commission
Natural and Technical Sciences

Prof. Eveline Baumgart-Vogt
Life Sciences

Prof. Beatrice Beck Schimmer
Medical Sciences

Prof. Andreas Diekmann
Social Sciences

Prof. Michael Hagner
Humanities

Prof. Kerstin Schneider
Economic Sciences

Prof. Elisabeth Staudegger
Austrian Law
**Status on the local level**

*All members can decide if internal investigation or external via OeAW!*

**Public universities:**

Ministry – performance agreements
- have to have a system to address cases of research misconduct
- have to be a member of the OeAWI

**All others:**

- Voluntary membership
- If members of the OeAWI: often a ombudsperson, but no own commission
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<td>Independent organisation, independent commission (often more trusted, no organizational bias) - an alternative to the local boards</td>
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<td>Non-Austrians in the commission - less bias</td>
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<td>Sometimes the only place to go for young researchers and others being dependent on...</td>
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<td>Risk of outsourcing (e.g. training - solution: OeAWI organizes train-the-trainer courses since 2018)</td>
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