

POLITICAL ACADEMY OF THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY

Our Legal Basis

The foundation and function of the Political Academy are based on the "Federal Law concerning the promotion of educational work in the civic sector in the area of political parties as well as journalism", which was passed on the 9th July 1972.

The financing is provided for by allocations from the federal budget.

The annual statement of accounts and business policy are examined yearly to check that the financial subsidies have been utilized economically, efficiently and legally. The result must be made public. In addition to this the auditing officials check the Political Academy in a five-year cycle.

The Basis of our Content

The content and the aims of every form of political education are directly connected with, and are orientated on, values. The content of the Political Academy's work is based on the programme of the Austrian People's Party. In the course of this the Political Academy utilizes the newest instructional methods and the most recent developments in seminar and organization techniques.

In addition, the Political Academy is the leading conservative think tank in Austria.

Our theoretical approach tries to define what neo-conservative policies stand for. A wide field of macroeconomic and philosophical topics are discussed on an academic level. Our empirical political studies support the efficiency of everyday party politics. Hence, the Political Academy is developing tools to improve the impact of political campaigns. By concrete project work, we put our concepts into practice.

Our Task

The Political Academy is an institution of political education and research.

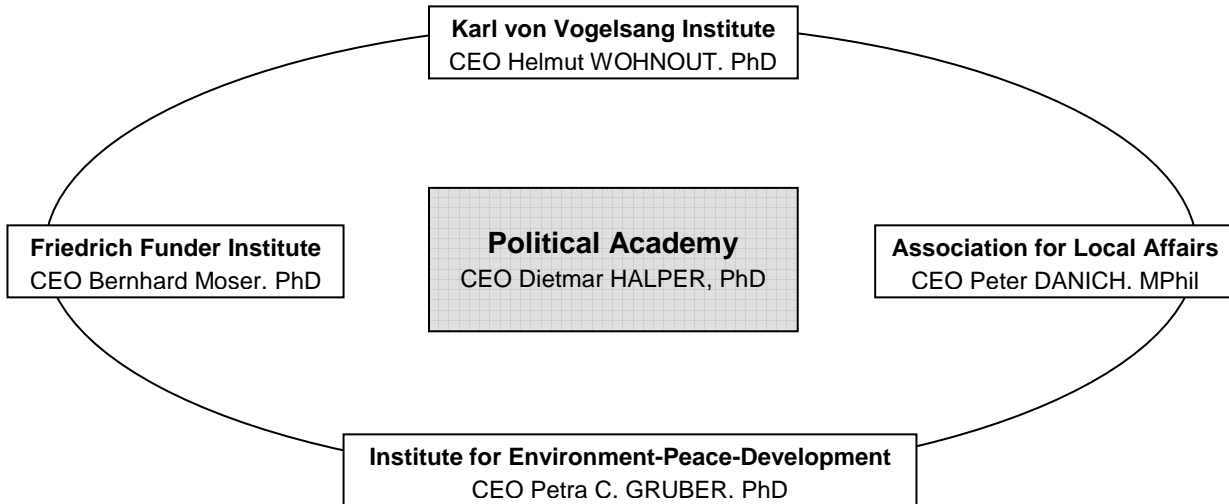
It applies itself to political and strategic research and project work. Training and the further education of trainers as well as coaching are as much a part of the activities of the Political Academy as is the extensive supply of information, which it offers concerning current political events.

In addition to this, the Academy also provides for the training and further education of political representatives, MPs, functionaries and party workers.

The Political Academy is committed to fulfilling the role of a meeting place and discourse medium for both national and international experts and representatives from various fields of policy-making, politics, science and research and diplomacy. A dense programme of activities such as panel discussions, work shops, conferences and public lectures as well as regular publications is aimed at informing and involving the public.

Our Partners:

Austria – internally:



- **Karl von Vogelsang Institute** (Contemporary History)
- **Friedrich Funder Institute** (Media research, training of journalists)
- **Association for Local Affairs** (communal and regional politics/ policies)
- **Institute of Environmental, Peace and Development Policy**

Austria – externally, examples:

- **Karl Kummer Institute**
- **Austrian Development Agency (ADA)**
- **Austrian Institute for European Security Policy (OEIES)**
- **Institute for the Danube Countries and Central Europe (IDM)**
- **Institute for Research on Human Society (IWWM)**
- **Diplomatic Academy Vienna (DA)**

Internationally, examples:

- **Centre for European Studies (EU)**
- **Konrad Adenauer Foundation (D)**
- **Hanns Seidel Foundation (D)**
- **Conservative Westminster Foundation for Democracy (UK)**
- **Constantin Karamanlis Institute for Democracy (GR)**
- **Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation (S)**
- **Foundation of the Croatian National Oath ZHDZ (HR)**
- **Anton Tunega Foundation (SK)**
- **Századvég (H)**
- **International Republican Institute (US)**
- **Robert Schuman Institute of the EPP (H)**