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EXPORT SERVICES



Export Services - Highlights

Monetary values in € million	2014	2015	2016	2017
Guarantees of the Republic of Austria under the Export Guarantees	s Act			
Number of holders of outstanding guarantees (rounded)	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,200
Number of new guarantee contracts issued	676	738	824	965
Number of guarantees in place	3,502	3,509	3,544	3,773
New guarantee contracts issued	3,842	3,758	3,566	5,355
New conditional commitments (new guarantee offers for prosp. underlying transactions)	2,399	1,855	2,736	2,240
Aggregate guarantee exposure limit, at 31 December	50,000	50,000	50,000	40,000
Utilisation of the guarantee exposure limit, at 31 December	28,272	25,897	22,501	24,436
Unused limit	21,728	24,103	27,499	15,564
Aggregate guarantee exposure (after measurement)	28,467	26,210	22,754	24,378
Premium and interest income less other expenses	191	165	157	146
Gross claims paid by the guarantor	102	81	77	47
Recoveries on claims paid	73	58	154	49
Amounts written off as unrecoverable (of Maastricht relevance)	5	40	56	29
Guarantor's recoverable claims, at 31 December	952	935	803	770
Net interest rate relief granted	1	1	0	C
OeKB Export Financing Scheme				
Number of banks/exporters involved	68/934	67/948	66/974	72/1,006
Number of export financing contracts outstanding (rounded)	2,800	2,700	2,550	2,650
New commitments issued	3,173	5,007	4,464	5,282
New conditional lending commitments issued	158	369	1,057	1,493
Total lending commitments outstanding at 31 December	22,087	21,369	19,210	20,585
Financing contracts outstanding at 31 December	21,848	21,108	18,493	20,254
Disbursements outstanding	19,587	18,373	15,701	17,539
Loan funds disbursed	2,771	4,051	3,778	4,795
Repayments received	5,216	5,265	6,450	2,958
Increase/decrease in net loans outstanding	-2,445	-1,214	-2,672	+1,838
Total funds used under the Export Financing Scheme	34,882	39,391	34,569	34,486
Guarantees of the Republic of Austria under the Export Financing (Guarantees Act			
Limit on aggregate guarantee exposure under the Export Financing Guarantees Act	45,000	45,000	45,000	40,000
Utilisation of the guarantee exposure limit, at 31 December	26,055	24,314	21,959	24,513
Unused limit	18,945	20,686	23,041	15,487
Total new guarantees issued	10,585	9,767	9,244	13,274



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Letter from the Executive Board of OeKB



Dear Madam/Sir,

in the past financial year, OeKB created a win-win situation with its services for all the parties involved and generated a very solid business result. With the mandate of the Republic of Austria, we fulfilled our task to make a contribution to strengthen Austria as a business location. We were also able to optimally meet the increasing demand of small and medium-sized enterprises as well as of large companies.

Global economic growth and the associated export upturn are also reflected in the annual result. Export guarantees and financing saw double-digit increases, meaning that we were again able to generate a clear surplus for the country. In terms of export liabilities Russia was the clear leader in our country ranking, followed by China, India, Brazil and Indonesia.

Together with the Federal Ministry of Finance, we took an important step in the interest of domestic exporters and the Austrian economy last year. After all, value creation chains are now spread across the globe and it is important to respond to this development. We have achieved this with the introduction of "Exportinvest", as, with this product, it is now possible to finance investments in Austria. The prerequisite is that these serve the export activities of the company and create added value for Austria.

We set another milestone in 2017, making our "Export Services" division even more customer and market-oriented by implementing a "One Face to the Customer" approach. Cross-product consulting expertise and clear contact persons enable us to be an even more efficient partner for our customers.

In the future – in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Finance – we want to best possibly support our exporters on their journey abroad or with a view to production in Austria. This year, we have set ourselves the goal of further intensifying the existing cooperation between OeKB and Exportfonds in the interests of our customers, providing them with assistance with their export undertakings. At the end of 2017, for example, we took over one hundred percent of the shares of Exportfonds, which we had previously managed together with the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber.

Angelika Sommer-Hemetsberger

Helmut Bernkopf

Letter from the Federal Minister of Finance



Dear Madam/Sir,

in order to support the Austrian export industry, the country's export guarantee system set up by the Federal Ministry of Finance (MoF) for decades, is handled reliably via OeKB. The export guarantees from the Ministry of Finance and the facilities of OeKB for the refinancing of exports and foreign investments will continue to be available to the Austrian export industry over the next five years, with a liability limit of 40 billion euros respectively, thanks to the amendments to the Export Promotion Act and the Export Financing Promotion Act enacted in April 2017.

In the area of liability, I am pleased that, in the 2017 financial year, not only was it possible to register a significant increase in demand but also a very pleasing, positive underwriting result for the federal government, as guarantor, and thus for the Austrian taxpayer. With the measures taken to promote exports, such as the possibility created by the most recent amendment to finance export-turnover-inducing domestic investments by means of guarantees by avals I am confident that OeKB will continue to safeguard its claim as one of the best export credit agencies in the future. The extremely positive effects of federal liability in the form of guarantees and guarantees by aval on employment and on the domestic current account were most recently confirmed impressively by the WIFO studies commissioned by the BMF and published on our website.

Guarantees of the republic of Austria enable OeKB to provide medium and long-term individual financing solutions for both commercial transactions and concessional projects ("soft loans"). This supports the internationalisation and competitiveness of Austrian export companies in an international environment characterised by growing and diverse challenges, as well as facilitating market access in difficult markets and in developing and emerging countries.

The instruments to promote exports also play an important role in the realisation of environmental and climate protection projects as well as projects in the interest of Austria, be it through OeKB or OeEB.

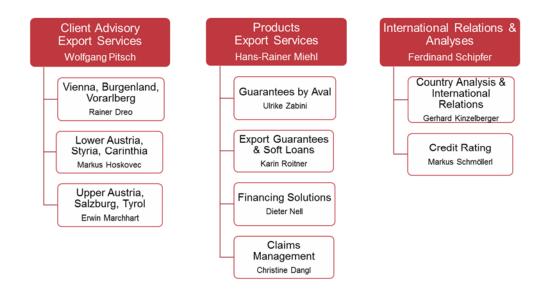
It is important for the guarding authority BMF to further develop this proven instrument of export credit insurance and export financing as a one-stop-shop in partnership with OeKB in the interests of the Austrian export industry so as to be a reliable partner for the Austrian export industry in the future.

Hartwig Löger

New structure of OeKB Export Services

With the implementation of the new Export Services structure from 1 August 2017, OeKB has laid the foundation to be a successful partner for Austrian companies and banks in the future too. The 'one face to the customer' approach enables OeKB to react more dynamically to changes in customers' and banks' circumstances and to advise companies and banks comprehensively about the entire OeKB product range.

The following organigram provides an overview of the new departments:



Client Advisory Export Services

- Provision of advice to exporters and banks
- Setting of cases
- Frequent and intensive customer contact

Products Export Services

- Acquisition of banks for the Export Financing Scheme
- Ongoing development of procedures, products and premium system
- Contact point for legal questions and claims handling incl. debt restructuring matters

International Relations & Analyses

- Balance analysis for companies and banks
- Country analysis and participation in international meetings
- Checking of environmental, social, technological and economic aspects



Development of the Export Services

Since **1950** OeKB, as the agent for the Republic of Austria, has been managing the country's export guarantee system. As a service provider for the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF), OeKB operates the system for export guarantees and foreign direct investments. The export guarantees are limited to non-marketable risks on foreign sales. Cover for marketable risks is provided by private export credit insurers. Applications for guarantees are screened by OeKB and then reviewed by an advisory committee within the BMF. Guarantees are issued by the Federal Minister of Finance on behalf of the Republic of Austria.

Guarantees and financing for exports

Since **1954** OeKB has been a member of the Berne Union (International Union of Credit and Investment Insurers). This organisation currently comprises 85 export guarantee and investment guarantee institutions from 70 countries. The aims of the Berne Union are the coordination of international trade terms and the extensive sharing of information between members.

Berne Union

Since **1960** OeKB has been operating a programme to finance the export of goods and services, largely on a medium and long-term basis. Special emphasis is placed on exports of Austrian capital goods. Known as the Export Financing Scheme, this programme refinances export credit given by credit institutions and covers direct financing conducted by OeKB. OeKB provides financing in Euros and foreign currencies at floating and fixed interest rates.

Export Financing Scheme

The **1995** amendment to the Export Guarantees Act allows guarantees to be issued for untied credit.

Guarantees for untied credit

Since **1997** OeKB's Export Academy has been offering employees of banks, exporters and other interested parties a detailed insight into the export services of OeKB Group. To date, 1,225 participants have attended the 80 events arranged by the Export Academy.

Export Academy

Since **2000** OeKB has made it an absolute priority to sign agreements with other export credit insurers and financial institutions, thereby facilitating the overall insuring and financing of complex 'multisourcing projects'.

International cooperation

Since **2001** environmental and social impacts have been considered in the evaluation of projects applying for support, based on the resolutions of the OECD. In April 2016 these so-called Common Approaches were reworked, with human rights focused on more in the evaluation standards.

OECD Common Approaches

Since **2008** OeKB has been encouraging all guarantee holders and beneficiaries of aval endorsements for foreign investment projects to familiarise themselves with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and to observe them wherever possible in their international activities. The **2011** Update brought major advances in this comprehensive code of conduct.

www.en.bmdw.gv.at/ ExternalTrade/Investment _Policy/Seiten/OECD-Guidelines-for-Multinational-Enterprises.aspx Since **2012** the relevant bank rating for the calculating of premiums has been displayed on the OeKB website, thereby enabling bank-collateralised business to be calculated more precisely with the fee calculator.

Improvement of coverage conditions

In the middle of **2012** important coverage conditions were improved to further strengthen the competitiveness of the Austrian export industry on the international markets. Some of the measures taken were: The extending of the coverage possibilities for more than 50 countries by means of higher coverage quotas and the raising of limits as well as the extension of the maturity periods for business.

In **2014**, together with the Federal Ministry of Finance, OeKB put together a package of measures to provide companies entering foreign markets with even better support. This package consists of a more offensive coverage policy for around 30 future markets, the so-called 'Next Eleven' and other 'Frontier Markets'; a more liberal application of the value-added criteria in the case of smaller businesses; the sinking of the political excess in difficult markets or more favourable premiums for foreign investment.

For the WAL calculator see wal.oekb.at/en

Since **2016** the setting of the interest conditions is done on the basis of the Weighted Average Life (WAL) of the refinancing credit for the Euro financing of supplier and buyer credit as well as of investments. Moreover, the refinancing was simplified and standardised and is now more orientated towards market practice.

Order Invest

Since **2016** domestic investments by Austrian exporters can also be financed on the basis of guarantees by aval in order to complete one or more existing export orders. Using a federal guarantee, the Republic of Austria takes over part of the risk of the exporter's bank.



For a number of years, Trade & Export Finance (TXF), a highly regarded conference and trend analysis agency based in London, has been presenting the so-called Exporters' Choice Awards in a range of categories. In **2016**, OeKB won in the category Export Credit Agencies (ECA). OeKB performed particularly well in the areas customer care and competence, finishing above Euler-Hermes and UK Export Finance.

Flexible net-added-value rules

Since the end of **2016** there have been even more flexible net-added-value rules. For the coverage of export business, in particular cases, an Austrian net-added-value share of 25% is also sufficient, if the exporter makes a lasting contribution to the employment situation in Austria and to the positive development of Austria as a business location.

Amendments
AusfFG and AFFG

In **April 2017** the Export Guarantees Act (AusfFG) and the Export Financing Guarantees Act (AFFG) were amended. In both laws, among other things, the limits were set at 40 billion euros and extended by 5 years.

Export Invest

As a further improvement to Order Invest, domestic investments of 2 million euros or above and with an export quota of at least 20% from Austrian exporters can also, since **2017**, be financed on the basis of a guarantee by aval. This constitutes a further miles core in the support of the export industry, as every domestic investment by an exporter stimulates exports and, in turn, improves the Austrian current-account balance of payments, furthermore producing net-added-value and jobs on the domestic labaour market.



Guarantees of the Republic of Austria under the Export Guarantees Act (AusfFG)

Acting as the agent of and on the account of the Republic of Austria (represented by the Federal Ministry of Finance), OeKB performs the following tasks:

- evaluation (including credit assessment) of applications for guarantees for the due performance of contracts by foreign contracting parties, or through endorsements (guarantees by aval) of bills of exchange used to finance export transactions or outbound foreign direct investment,
- issuing and administrative technical processing of the guarantees on behalf of the Republic of Austria,
- exercising of the rights of the Republic of Austria under the guarantee contracts.

On 1 January 2013 the second part of Austria's budget law reform took effect, based on the 2013 Federal Organic Budget Act (BHG 2013). Important accounting requirements include, among others,

- the evaluation of Austrian federal government-backed guarantees issued and of federal government receivables in foreign currency,
- the setting-up of provisions for federal government-backed guarantees issued,
- the accrual-basis recognition of up-front premium income from federal governmentbacked guarantees and
- the recognition of impairment losses on existing federal government receivables.

The accounting principles are reflected in the tables below concerning export guarantees under the Export Guarantees Act, system income and expenses, and guarantee claims.

Export guarantees are issued in compliance with the guidelines, directives and regulations of international agreements by the OECD, the EU and the Berne Union.

International cooperation

Large projects are often handled using international, cross-border cooperation on account of their complexity and the need to spread the risk. The growing number of multisourcing projects requires greater cooperation and coordination between export credit insurers (ECA's). The aim of this cooperation is to support the Austrian and foreign exporters in other countries and to simplify the financing. For this reason, OeKB has concluded framework agreements with more than 30 institutions.

The cooperation with other export credit agencies is deepened by means of regular meetings. At the start of July the traditional trilateral consultations with the Swiss and German partner institutions took place in Hamburg. A similar meeting with representatives of the Japanese Nexi was held in Paris.

Aggregate exposure limit under the Export Guarantees Act

All data in the following tables includes guarantees for debt-rescheduling agreements and excludes recoverable claims (see the table 'Income and expenses from guarantees').

Aggregate exposure limit under the Export Guarantees Act and its utilisation

Outstanding	31 December	2014	31 December	2015	31 December	2016	31 December 2017		
	€ million	%	€ million	%	€ million	%	€ million	%	
Aggregate guarantee exposure limit ¹	50,000	100.0%	50,000	100.0%	50,000	100.0%	40,000	100.0%	
Utilisation of the guarantee exposure limit	28,272	56.5%	25,897	51.8%	22,501	45.0%	24,436	61.1%	
Change from previous year	-3,229	-10.3%	-2,375	-8.4%	-3,395	-13.1%	+1,935	+8.6%	
Unused limit	21,728	43.5%	24,103	48.2%	27,499	55.0%	15,564	38.9%	
Aggregate guarantee exposure (after measurement)	28,467	56.9%	26,210	52.4%	22,754	45.5%	24,378	60.9%	

¹ Since 24 April 2017 € 40 billion Federal Law Gazette I no. 43/2017; Federal Law Gazettes I no. 145/2008 and no. 121/2012

New guarantee contracts issued

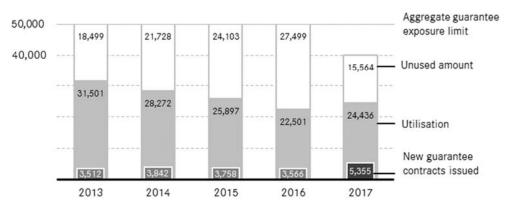
€ million	2014	2015	2016	2017	1950-2017
New guarantee contracts issued ¹	3,842	3,758	3,566	5,355	216,125
Change from previous year	+330	-84	-192	+1,789	
Change in percent	+9.4%	-2.2%	-5.1%	+50.2%	

¹ Including conditional commitments converted into guarantee contracts; excluding new conditional commitments



Utilisation of the guarantee exposure limit

at 31 December 2017 in millions of Euro



Guarantee business by type of guarantee

The export guarantee system comprises twelve types of guarantee. For certain kinds of guarantee, conditional commitments may be issued which are not counted against the aggregate guarantee exposure limit.

Conditional guarantee commitments are contingent in nature and intended to facilitate the contract negotiations of the exporter or of the credit institution providing funding.

G 1	Guarantee for direct deliveries and services with special types of guarantee
G 2	Guarantee for indirect deliveries and services
G 3	Guarantee for tied financial credits, credit transactions/bond issues and debt-rescheduling agreements
G 4	Investment guarantee
G 5	Turnover guarantee (one foreign customer)
G 6	Country-turnover guarantee or comprehensive guarantee (all foreign customers in one, several or all coverable countries)
G 7	Guarantee for stock in commission, machinery-deployment guarantee, advance guarantee
G 8	Reinsurance of the contract of an export credit or export credit insurance institution (reinsurance guarantee)
G 9	Guarantee for the acquisition of accounts receivable from export transactions by domestic or foreign credit institutions
G 11	Market development guarantee
AE	Aval endorsement (guarantee by aval) of bills of exchange
OeEB	Oesterreichische Entwicklungsbank AG (Austria's development bank)
CC	Conditional commitment to issue a guarantee (not counted against OeKB's aggregate guarantee exposure limit)

Revolving guarantees

Revolving guarantees — mainly G 8 reinsurance guarantees — are recognised as newly issued guarantees only in the year of their initial issue.

Aval endorsements

Endorsements (guarantees by aval) of bills of exchange, issued to the exporter's bank, are another type of cover provided under the Export Guarantees Act. Aval endorsements (also known simply as avals) are commitments to assume liability for the payment of the obligation of the issuer or acceptor of a bill of exchange that is issued by a credit institution to finance export transactions or Austrian companies' investments abroad. For exporters, avals thus facilitate funding of export business, outward direct investments and domestic investments connected with export orders. The exporter's bank has to file the applications for aval endorsements and arrange the financing.



The guarantees issued by the Republic of Austria for the OeEB in accordance with section 9 of the AusfFG, inter alia for the more long-term financing of sustainable investment in developing countries, are among the types of guarantees provided for by the AusfFG. These guarantees are, unless otherwise indicated, shown as 'Guarantees issued for OeEB' in the new guarantees issued and guarantees outstanding in the following tables.

Guarantees issued for OeEB

Since 2014 the Republic of Austria has also made use of the possibility defined in section 7(3) of the AusfFG to use a part of the funds of the Republic earmarked for the Export Guarantees Act for the development-related financing of selected OeEB projects.

New guarantees issued and aggregate guarantee exposure by type of guarantee

	New guarantees			Guarantees outstanding (after measurement) at 31 December 2016			New guarantees issued in 2017			Guarantees outstanding (after measurement) at 31 December 2017		
	Count	€m	%	Count	€ m	%	Count	€m	%	Count	€m	%
G 1	433	761	21.3%	772	1,553	6.8%	552	834	15.6%	906	1,644	6.7%
G 2	13	5	0.1%	22	279	1.2%	14	22	0.4%	23	286	1.2%
G 3	31	351	9.8%	650	5,508	24.2%	31	664	12.4%	630	5,390	22.1%
G 4	21	82	2.3%	128	1,432	6.3%	18	73	1.4%	126	1,383	5.7%
G 5				1	0	0.0%		_		1	0	0.0%
G 6				1	0	0.0%		_				
G 7	12	4	0.1%	35	108	0.5%	9	2	0.0%	30	87	0.4%
G 8	7	183	5.1%	37	1,516	6.7%	1	23	0.4%	35	1,478	6.1%
G 9	27	25	0.7%	166	136	0.6%	15	15	0.3%	160	134	0.5%
Total G 1 to G 9	544	1,410	39.5%	1,812	10,532	46.3%	640	1,632	30.5%	1,911	10,402	42.7%
Aval endorsements (AE)	266	2,008	56.3%	1,651	11,286	49.6%	306	3,501	65.4%	1,770	13,024	53.4%
Guarantees issued for OeEB Total	14 824	148 3,566	4.2%	81 3,544	936 22,754	4.1% 100.0%		222 5,355	4.1% 100.0%	92 3,773	952 24,378	3.9% 100.0%
Increases to individual credit limits within comprehensive policies				1	0		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,					
Conditional commitments (CC)	224	2,736		177	3,410		242	2,240		208	3,673	

Guarantee business by credit period of transactions guaranteed

In the new guarantee contracts issued, most of the transactions underlying the guarantees have credit periods of five years or less. By contrast, most of the outstanding guarantees represent long-term contracts, as they include large guarantees for exports to developing countries, investment guarantees and guarantees for debt rescheduling. The outstanding guarantee with the longest term covers a credit period ending in 2046.

Credit periods of transactions guaranteed

	Single-contract p	olicies	Revolving policies		Single-contract p	oolicies	Revolving policies		
Credit period in years	Number	€m	Number	€m	Number	€m	Number	€m	
	Guarantee contra	acts issued	in 2016	Guarantee contracts issued in 2017					
Up to 1	250	574	97	370	348	759	93	274	
More than 1 and up to 5	280	393		_	306	1,071	<u> </u>	_	
More than 5 and up to 10	150	1,548		_	174	2,899		-	
More than 10	47	681	_	_	44	352	-	-	
Total	727	3,196	97	370	872	5,081	93	274	
	Guarantees outs at 31 Dec 2016	tanding (aft	er measurement)		Guarantees outstanding (after measurement) at 31 Dec 2017				
Up to 1	318	1,507	791	5,187	383	1,692	769	5,050	
More than 1 and up to 5	936	1,563	7	1,065	1,003	2,192	7	1,065	
More than 5 and up to 10	828	8,565		-	941	9,739		-	
More than 10	664	4,866	_	_	670	4,640	-	_	
Total	2,746	16,502	798	6,252	2,997	18,263	776	6,115	



Guarantee business by region and country

The following tables show the analysis, by region and country, of newly-issued guarantee contracts and of aggregate guarantee exposure (guarantees outstanding). Since 2012 the outstanding guarantees have been adapted to the amended accounting regulations. This concerns, inter alia, the evaluation of Austrian federal government-backed guarantees and of federal government receivables issued in a foreign currency.

The G 6 and G 8 revolving guarantees are included under comprehensive policies in the following table 'New guarantee contracts issued and aggregate guarantee exposure by region'. In the table 'New guarantee contracts issued and aggregate guarantee exposure by region and country' the country data excludes comprehensive policies, aval endorsements, and guarantees issued for OeEB. All data excludes conditional commitments.

New guarantee contracts issued and aggregate guarantee exposure by region

	New guarantee contracts issued in 2016			Guarantees outstanding (after measurement) at 31 December 2016			New guarantee contracts issued in 2017			Guarantees outstanding (after measurement) at 31 December 2017		
-	Number	€ m	%	Number	€m	%	Number	€m	%	Number	€m	%
Europe (incl. Turkey, CIS)	253	507	14.2%	715	4,005	17.6%	295	747	14.0%	751	3,822	15.7%
EU	78	315	8.8%	208	870	3.8%	70	82	1.5%	215	640	2.6%
North America	6	3	0.1%	16	68	0.3%	7	3	0.1%	16	60	0.2%
Latin America	98	226	6.3%	254	802	3.5%	114	107	2.0%	286	733	3.0%
Asia	145	413	11.6%	672	3,543	15.6%	178	681	12.7%	692	3,712	15.2%
Australia, Oceania	_	_	_	2	19	0.1%	_	_	_	2	19	0.1%
Africa	42	260	7.3%	145	1,030	4.5%	46	94	1.8%	157	990	4.1%
Comprehensive policies (CP)	_	_	_	8	1,065	4.7%	_	-	_	7	1,065	4.4%
Total guarantees	544	1,410	39.5%	1,812	10,532	46.3%	640	1,632	30.5%	1,911	10,402	42.7%
Aval endorsements	266	2,008	56.3%	1,651	11,286	49.6%	306	3,501	65.4%	1,770	13,024	53.4%
Guarantees issued for OeEB	14	148	4.2%	81	936	4.1%	19	222	4.1%	92	952	3.9%
Total	824	3,566	100.0%	3,544	22,754	100.0%	965	5,355	100.0%	3,773	24,378	100.0%
Of which (excl. CP, AE, OeEB):												
OECD	125	416	11.7%	327	1,359	6.0%	125	174	3.2%	345	990	4.1%
Non-European developing countries	271	864	24.2%	1,031	5,207	22.9%	323	830	15.5%	1,092	5,248	21.5%
OPEC	44	102	2.8%	132	873	3.8%	59	103	1.9%	130	<i>785</i>	3.2%

New guarantee contracts issued and aggregate guarantee exposure by region and country

Guarantees outstanding $\in \mathsf{thous} \mathsf{and}$ Guarantee contracts issued in 2017 (after measurement) at 31 Dec 2017 Countries with guarantees outstanding Of which rescheduling Of which rescheduling over € 25 million guarantees Total Total guarantees Total 5,355,499 24,377,801 213,822 Europe 747,353 3,822,364 105,469 Albania 166,505 3,057 Belarus 65,291 Bosnia and Herzegovina 9,153 173,426 74,623 Bulgaria 238 50,049 Germany 5,756 33,255 Italy 23,829 49,760 11,000 40,184 Moldova The Netherlands 262,910 4,746 Romania 63,470 Russia 503,620 2,096,498 Serbia 5,597 137,704 29,908 Slovenia 2,608 25,553 Spain 2,154 72,514 Turkey 56,649 270,670 Ukraine 74,199 196,708 **North America** 3,242 60,118 USA 2,970 46,834 Latin America 106,837 733,213 Brazil 41,259 392,338 Ecuador 15,971 35,010 Honduras 6,498 65,973 Mexico 4,909 58,059 Uruguay 3,720 70,515 Asia 680,705 3,711,902 83,351 Bangladesh 91,820 83,302 45,467 China (incl. Hong Kong) 130,968 1,309,406 21,086 Georgia 42.548 India 178,901 412,382 Indonesia 16,068 434,020 62,318 Iran 33,429 29,925 4,849 Kazakhstan 94,018 2,996 82,805 Laos Mongolia 14,000 47,000 17,209 21,033 Pakistan 69.024 Philippines 5.289 144.071 11,430 253,945 Saudi Arabia South Korea 28,167 62,094 Sri Lanka 19,551 120,123 Vietnam 22,195 292,193 Africa 25,001 94,107 990,010 Angola 144,452 Egypt 25,925 162,813 22,780 Ethiopia 32,631 78,132 178,772 Gabon Ghana 144,265 Kenya 279 33,860 1,417 Senegal 2,122 54,073 Tunisia 7,943 46,510



Debt rescheduling

Sovereign debt is rescheduled through agreements on that portion of a debtor country's external debt relating to sales of goods and services. They are insured by the creditor countries through their respective export guarantee system or they are categorised as governmental development aid.

In the so-called Paris Club, federally guaranteed credit and foreign aid debt are renegotiated and rescheduled. The Paris Club is formed, when necessary, from the group of offical creditors to which 22 regularly participating countries currently belong. In addition, representatives of the international financial institutions take part in the sessions which are chaired by France. Austria is represented by the Federal Ministry of Finance and OeKB as consultant.

Paris Club

The aim of the Paris Club is to restore the credit-worthiness of highly-indebted countries in the long-term by extending the repayment obligations to this public-creditor community. This restoration of credit quality is to be achieved by the equal participation of all creditor nations. The rescheduling typically lengthens the repayment period for the debt, and market interest rates are applied.

Conventional rescheduling

A multilateral framework is implemented bilaterally with each creditor country.

Since 1988 debt relief ranging from 33% to 80% has been progressively accepted for the poorest borrower nations. In June 1999 the so-called enhanced HIPC (Heavily Indebted Poor Countries) Initiative was adopted, which allows debt reduction of 90% or more for highly indebted poor countries, primarily in Africa. As part of an EU-wide initiative, Austria bilaterally grants 100% debt relief to these countries.

Debt reduction concessional rescheduling

Business in 2017

In the period under review, no rescheduling regulation was signed on a multilateral/bilateral

At 31 December 2017 recoverable claims of the Republic of Austria for defaulted-on rescheduled debt repayments amounted to \in 345 million, of which \in 214 million represented overdue principal and \in 131 million constituted overdue interest.

The movement in claims relating to rescheduling guarantees is shown in the table 'Claims paid' in the next section.

By 31 December 2017 cumulative receipts under rescheduling amounted to principal payments of \in 8,868 million and interest payments of \in 3,469 million.

Rescheduling guarantees by region and by type of guarantee

	Gurantees outstar (after measureme at 31 December 2	nt)		Gurantees outstar (after measureme at 31 December 2	nt)	
	Number of countries	€ m	%	Number of countries	€m	%
Europe (incl. Turkey, CIS)	3	111	45.6%	3	105	49.3%
Latin America	2	0	0.0%	2	0	0.0%
Asia	5	100	41.4%	4	83	39.0%
Africa	3	32	13.0%	3	25	11.7%
Total	13	243	100.0%	12	214	100.0%
Of which						
Non-European developing countries	10	132	54.4%	9	108	50.7%
OPEC	2	77	31.6%	1	62	29.1%
G 3		243			214	
G 9		_			-	

Guarantee system income and expenses, and claims paid by region and country

This section gives an overview of income and expenses arising from export guarantees of the Republic of Austria under the Export Guarantees Act, both in the year under review and cumulatively since 1950.

In accordance with the international rules covering premiums, the income should cover losses and administrative costs long-term, thus enabling the process to be self-financing.

The amount of claims paid by the Republic of Austria under guarantees pursuant to the Export Guarantees Act must be viewed in the context of the total cumulative volume of guarantee contracts issued. From the inception of the guarantee programme in 1950 to the end of 2017, the value of guarantees issued was \in 216.1 billion. In this cumulative total, revolving guarantees are included at their nominal amounts. \in 3,732 million of loans and advances have been written off due to uncollectibility since 1950. Debt waived as part of international initiatives writing off debt is included in this figure. In addition there has been debt-relief in the amount of \in 1,939 million in the form of interest reductions as part of international agreements. In total, since 1950, the above have accounted for 2.6% of guarantee contracts issued.

At 31 December 2017, besides the Austrian government's recoverable claims of € 770 million, there were interest receivables on arrears in connection with debt rescheduling for Iraq, Argentina and Myanmar in the amount of € 158 million.

In 2017 the guarantee programme income exceeded net costs by € 148 million.



Income and expenses from guarantees of the Republic of Austria under the Export Guarantees Act

€ million	2015	1950-2015	2016	1950-2016	2017	1950-2017
Premium income	136	5,436	128	5,564	117	5,680
Interest income less other expenses	29	1,298	29	1,327	29	1,356
Subtotal	165	6,733	157	6,891	146	7,036
Recoveries on claims paid	58	3,624	154	3,778	49	3,827
Total (+)	224	10,357	311	10,668	195	10,863
Claims paid, incl. HIPC (-)	81	8,207	77	8,284	47	8,330
Guarantee programme result before interest rate relief granted (+/-)	+143	+2,151	+234	+2,385	+148	+2,533
Net interest rate relief granted (-)	1	1,939	0	1,939	0	1,939
Net guarantee programme result after interest rate relief incl. HIPC (+/-) 1, 2	+142	+212	+234	+446	+148	+594
As a percentage of cumulative guarantee contracts issued		0.10%		0.21%		0.27%
As a percentage of guarantees outstanding		0.81%		1.96%		2.44%
Net guarantee programme result after interest rate relief excl. HIPC (+/-) 1	+142	+1,077	+234	+1,311	+148	+1,459
Recoverable claims (including HIPC) at 31 December	935	935	803	803	770	770
Impairment losses on recoverable claims	48		42		34	
Guarantee system rate of return (%) 3	13.9%	96.9%		93.5%		91.6%
Interest rate relief granted (-)	1	2,514	0	2,514	0	2,514
Support from federal budget (+)		575		575		575
Net interest rate relief granted (-)	1	1,939	0	1,939	0	1,939
Amounts written off as unrecoverable, incl. HIPC (-)	40	3,647	56	3,703	29	3,732
Total (-)	41	5,586	56	5,642	29	5,671
As a percentage of cumulative guarantee contracts issued		2.70%		2.68%		2.62%
Guarantee contracts issued	3,758	207,204	3,566	210,770	5,355	216,125
Guarantees outstanding at 31 December	26,210	26,210	22,754	22,754	24,378	24,378
Provisions for guarantees	453		378		279	

¹ Coverage surplus (+); notional disposal (-)

 $^{^2}$ Restructuring of claims paid under the HIPC Initiative in previous reporting periods affects the comparability of amounts over time.

³ Claims paid including net interest rate relief, less recoveries, as a percentage of the combined balance of premium income, net interest and other expenses

In the following tables currency differences reflected in the measurements may affect the comparability of amounts over time.

Claims paid, by region

€ million	Claims p	paid	Recoveri			s written off coverable	Recoverable claims after measurement	Claims authorised but not yet paid
	2017	1950-2017		1950-2017	2017	1950-2017	31 Dec 2017	31 Dec 2017
Europe (incl. Turkey, CIS)	16	2,388	2	1,438	4	801	150	43
EU	6	1,521	2	940	1	554	27	28
North America	0	41	0	8	_	32	0	-
Latin America	5	473	7	190	2	146	136	16
Asia	6	2,438	20	1,018	1	1,030	389	0
Australia and Oceania		3	_	0	_	2		-
Africa	5	2,515	12	1,018	21	1,468	29	-
Comprehensive policies		54	_	10	_	21	23	
Total G 1 to G 9	32	7,912	41	3,682	27	3,500	728	59
Commercial risks	23	1,463	3	401	6	827	233	59
Political risks ¹	10	6,449	38	3,281	21	2,673	494	
Exchange risk guarantees								
(G 10)		130		1		129		
Total G 1 to G 10	32	8,042	41	3,683	27	3,629	728	59
Aval endorsements (AE)	10	283	8	143	2	103	37	
Guarantees issued for OeEB	4	5	0	0			5	
Total	47	8,330	49	3,827	29	3,732	770	59
Of which (excl. CP, AE, OeEB) ²								
OECD	1	1,563	2	927	1	598	35	
Non-European developing countries	16	5,306	39	2,155	22	2,595	554	16
OPEC	2	2,214	19	900	21	1,123	191	
HIPC Initiative, total		865		_		865		
Comparative total 2016	77	8,285	154	3,778	56	3,703	803	60
Comparative total 2015	81	8,207	58	3,624	40	3,647	935	39
Comparative total 2014	102	8,126	73	3,566	5	3,607	952	30
Of which for debt rescheduling guaran	itees							
Europe	0	1,378	0	1,157	_	222		
Latin America		273		118		64	91	
Asia	1	1,119		443		422		
Africa	0	1,915		675		1,240	0	
Total		4,685		2,393		1,947		-
Comparative total 2016	5	4,684	19	2,375	_	1,947	362	-
Comparative total 2015	1	4,679	21	2,355		1,947	377	
Comparative total 2014	8	4,678		2,335		1,947	397	

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Including claims paid for political risks under debt rescheduling guarantees.

² Excluding the claims paid for exchange risks and aval endorsements, as these are not directly attributable to specific regions or country groups. The claims paid for comprehensive policies are attributed to the OECD.



The amounts in the following table include claims from debt-rescheduling guarantees and country and regional data excluding claims not directly attributable to the countries relating to reinsurance guarantees, exchange risk guarantees and aval endorsements.

Claims paid, by region and country

€ thousand	Claims paid		Recoveries on claims p	aid	Amounts w		Recoverable claims after measurement	Claims authorised but not yet paid	
Countries with total					20.47				
claims paid over € 25 m	2017	1950-2017		1950-2017		1950-2017			
Total	46,555	8,330,389	49,201	3,827,004		3,731,648			
Europe	16,040	2,388,351	2,472	1,437,938	3,783	800,662	149,737	42,672	
Bulgaria		112,788		74,239	27	38,549		·	
France		36,538		6,468		30,066	4		
Germany	216	113,225	619	13,744	321	99,158	322		
Italy		97,495	1	24,032	23	72,608	854		
Poland		963,594		769,392		193,001	1,201	2	
Romania	6,068	38,288	13	10,452	176	6,539	21,289	27,749	
Russia	9,347	479,007	78	311,083		130,558	37,366	14,919	
Serbia	103	164,162	103	94,141		70,021		·	
Switzerland		25,834		5,624		20,205	5		
Turkey		55,724		42,210	120	10,599	2,916		
Ukraine	115	115,972	460	30,293	2,701	4,155	81,523		
United Kingdom		28,318		6,610		21,708		<u> </u>	
North America	293	40,713	247	8,198		32,469	46	_	
USA	293	28,205	247	6,211		21,948	46		
Latin America	5,422	473,102	6,899	189,970	1,571	145,819	135,679	15,698	
Argentina	_	112,775	4,201	60,905	_	29,564	22,305	_	
Bolivia	-	68,595	-	4,766	-	63,829	-	-	
Brazil	5,349	55,541	635	35,226	1,562	6,019	14,296	15,402	
Cuba	51	103,954	2,040	11,734		38	92,182		
Venezuela	-	50,620	-	28,379	-	22,241	-	-	

€ thousand	Claims paid		Recoveries on claims p	aid	Amounts written off as unrecoverable		claims Amounts written off after			Claims authorised but not yet paid	
Countries with total claims paid over € 25 m	2017	1950-2017	2017	1950-2017	2017	1950-2017	31 Dec 2017	31 Dec 2017			
Asia	5,950	2,438,241	19,665	1,018,406	756	1,030,012	389,369	259			
China (incl. Hong Kong)	1,106	104,260	_	57,337	_	45,817	1,106	<u>-</u>			
Georgia		94,170		49,337		44,833		<u> </u>			
India		47,763		14,431		9,529	23,804	<u> </u>			
Indonesia	-	136,327	-	80,812	-	55,516	-	_			
Iran	1,842	286,447	1,842	214,920	4	70,459	1,068	_			
Iraq	_	959,477	16,842	200,471	_	590,463	168,543	_			
Lebanon	_	74,935	_	60,111	_	14,824	-	_			
Myanmar	-	52,298	-	17,434	-	40	34,824	_			
North Korea (DPR)	-	231,795	-	80,579	-	6,627	144,589	-			
Philippines	-	78,220	-	74,394	-	3,826	-	-			
Saudi Arabia	194	59,675	_	6,182	_	53,299	194	244			
Syria	_	25,887	_	18,761	_	6,774	352	_			
Thailand	_	44,452	_	294	_	41,822	2,335	_			
United Arab Emirates	(130)	140,667	-	84,266	-	50,796	5,604	_			
Vietnam	981	26,986	981	16,928	_	10,058	-	_			
Africa	4,571	2,514,990	12,102	1,017,798	20,768	1,467,903	29,289				
Algeria	_	90,258	_	88,061	_	2,197	-	_			
Angola	-	51,319	-	49,657	-	1,662	-	-			
Cameroon	_	472,446	_	13,926	_	458,520	-	_			
Congo DR (former Zaire)	_	82,556	_	15,982	_	66,574	_	_			
Côte d'Ivoire		96,662		5,359		91,303					
Egypt		407,539		363,915		42,598	1,026	_			
Kenya		71,438		69,901		1,537					
Libya		117,223		11,581	20,768	90,299	15,343	_			
Madagascar		60,951		9,345		51,605		_			
Morocco		124,648		117,105		3,453	4,089	_			
Nigeria		367,099	_	183,153		183,947		_			
Sudan		296,446	_	7,998		288,449		_			
Tanzania	66	46,109	65	5,638		40,469	1	_			
Togo		45,149		14,979		30,170		_			
Zambia	_	29,530	_	13,235		16,295					



Oesterreichische Kontrollbank AG Export Financing Scheme

The OeKB Export Financing Scheme offers Austrian exporters financing solutions for a broad spectrum of export business and cross-border investment activities.

The credits to banks require a guarantee for the transaction or right underlying the financing. Requirements for the financing are

Requirements

- an assumption of liability by the Republic of Austria in accordance with the Export Guarantees Act or
- an assumption of liability by a credit insurer in accordance with the Export Financing Guarantees Act (AFFG) or
- a guarantee issued by Austria Wirtschaftsservice Gesellschaft mbH ('aws') or
- an assumption of liability by an international organisation according to the AFFG or
- that the goods and services to be financed directly or indirectly improve the Austrian balance of current transactions in goods and services.

With regard to the issuing of guarantees, sustainability considerations are to be given priority. In addition, both the rights arising from the guarantees and the underlying receivables (export or other receivables) must, as a rule, be assigned as security.

The maximum repayment term for commercial export credits that fall within the scope of the OECD Arrangement is generally 10 years. Longer maximum terms are possible for conventional power plants (a maximum of 12 years), project finance (a maximum of 14 years) and renewable energy, climate protection and water projects (a maximum of 18 years).

OeKB's Export Financing Scheme is a refinancing source for domestic and foreign credit institutions. To be eligible they have to meet OeKB's creditworthiness criteria, fulfil the legal requirements regarding the transactions to be financed and satisfy OeKB's conditions for uniform financing procedures. The uniform financing procedure conditions particularly apply to collateral management.

In issuing credits under the Export Financing Scheme, OeKB observes the applicable guidelines, directives and regulations of international agreements by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the EU and the Berne Union.

International environment

Business activity covered by the Export Financing Scheme

The following table presents an analysis of the turnover during the year.

In the year under review, the repayments received covered 56.0% of the new contracts issued ($\le 2,958$ million versus $\le 5,282$ million).

Business activity under the Export Financing Scheme - lending operations

€ million	2014	2015	2016	2017
Financing contracts				
New contracts issued ¹	3,173	5,007	4,464	5,282
Contracts withdrawn	486	485	632	571
Repayments received	5,216	5,265	6,450	2,958
Of which on revolving credits		3	4	8
Loan funds disbursed	2,771	4,051	3,778	4,795
Conditional commitments (CC) New conditional commitments issued		369	1.057	1,493
CC converted into contracts	115	320	489	1,506
CC withdrawn	59	26	113	373

¹ Including conversions of conditional commitments into financing contracts, and including rescheduled debt.



Credit commitments and disbursements under the Export Financing Scheme

Outstanding amounts and net changes under the Export Financing Scheme - lending operations

	Outstanding at		Outstanding at		Outstanding at		Outstanding at
€ million	31 Dec 2014	Net change	31 Dec 2015	Net change	31 Dec 2016	Net change	31 Dec 2017
Financing contracts	21,848	-740	21,108	-2,615	18,493	+1,761	20,254
Conditional commitments	239	+23	262	+456	717	-386	331
Total commitments	22,087	-718	21,369	-2,159	19,210	+1,374	20,585
Disbursements	19,587	-1,214	18,373	-2,672	15,701	+1,838	17,539

The outstanding loan agreement with the longest repayment period expires in 2048.

The outstanding credit under the Export Financing Scheme is expected to rise by as much as \in 1.5 billion in 2018, depending on the course of business.

Schedule of disbursements payable

€ million	Financing contracts	Conditional commitments	Total
By end of 2018	630	63	693
By end of 2019	1,974	138	2,111
By end of 2020	107	96	203
By end of 2021	4	29	33
After 2021	1	5	6
Disbursements	2,715	331	3,046

Schedule of repayments receivable

€ million	Financing contracts	Conditional commitments	Total
By end of 2018	2,103	0	2,103
By end of 2019	1,991	1	1,992
By end of 2020	2,160	1	2,160
By end of 2021	1,813	1	1,814
By end of 2022	1,865	1	1,866
By end of 2023	1,184	1	1,185
By end of 2024	1,046	7	1,053
By end of 2025	776	12	788
By end of 2026	478	17	495
After 2026 (up to 2048)	6,839	291	7,129
Repayments	20,254	331	20,585

Export financing business by region and country

Commitments and disbursements outstanding under the Export Financing Scheme, by region

	Outstanding at 31 December 2016				Outstandin	g at 31 D	ecember 20)17
	Commitme	nts	Disburseme	ents	Commitme	ents	Disbursem	ents
	€ million	%	€ million	%	€ million	%	€ million	%
Europe (incl. Turkey, CIS)	2,269	12.3%	1,749	11.1%	2,628	13.0%	2,234	12.7%
Incl. conditional commitments	2,277	11.9%			2,657	12.9%		
EU	809	4.4%	654	4.2%	903	4.5%	803	4.6%
North America	34	0.2%	15	0.1%	31	0.2%	24	0.1%
Incl. conditional commitments	34	0.2%			31	0.2%		
Latin America	427	2.3%	397	2.5%	382	1.9%	358	2.0%
Incl. conditional commitments	448	2.3%			403	2.0%		
Asia	2,457	13.3%	2,319	14.8%	2,446	12.1%	2,201	12.5%
Incl. conditional commitments	2,709	14.1%			2,643	12.8%		
Africa	1,001	5.4%	719	4.6%	972	4.8%	791	4.5%
Incl. conditional commitments	1,075	5.6%			1,054	5.1%		
Comprehensive policies (CP) ¹	9	0.0%	6	0.0%	6	0.0%	3	0.0%
Incl. conditional commitments	9	0.0%			6	0.0%		
Subtotal	6,196	33.5%	5,206	33.2%	6,465	31.9%	5,610	32.0%
Incl. conditional commitments	6,552	34.1%			6,793	33.0%		
Aval endorsements (AE) ²	12,297	66.5%	10,495	66.8%	13,789	68.1%	11,929	68.0%
Incl. conditional commitments	12,658	65.9%			13,792	67.0%		
Total	18,493	100.0%	15,701	100.0%	20,254	100.0%	17,539	100.0%
Incl. conditional commitments	19,210	100.0%			20,585	100.0%		
Of which (excl. CP and AE):								
OECD	1,318	7.1%	1,056	6.7%	1,371	6.8%	1,217	6.9%
Non-European developing countries	3,751	20.3%	3,321	21.1%	3,672	18.1%	3,252	18.5%
OPEC	515	2.8%	469	3.0%	441	2.2%	392	2.2%

¹ Financed export contracts covered by revolving comprehensive and reinsurance guarantees (CP).

² Financed export contracts and short-term export credit lines covered by aval endorsements (AE).



New commitments and disbursements under the Export Financing Scheme, by region

	Movements	in 2016			Movements in 2017				
	New commi	tments	Loan funds disbursed		New commi	itments	Loan funds disbursed		
	€ million	%	€ million	%	€ million	%	€ million	%	
Europe (incl. Turkey, CIS)	463	10.4%	381	10.1%	886	16.8%	899	18.7%	
Incl. conditional commitments	532	9.6%			1,238	18.3%			
EU	205	4.6%	94	2.5%	346	6.5%	324	6.8%	
North America	21	0.5%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	11	0.2%	
Incl. conditional commitments	21	0.4%			2	0.0%			
Latin America	80	1.8%	153	4.1%	31	0.6%	33	0.7%	
Incl. conditional commitments	88	1.6%			51	0.8%			
Asia	199	4.5%	243	6.4%	337	6.4%	218	4.6%	
Incl. conditional commitments	390	7.1%			535	7.9%			
Africa	488	10.9%	261	6.9%	55	1.0%	149	3.1%	
Incl. conditional commitments	555	10.1%			82	1.2%			
Comprehensive policies (CP)	2	0.0%	4	0.1%	1	0.0%	4	0.1%	
Incl. conditional commitments	2	0.0%			1	0.0%			
Subtotal	1,253	28.1%	1,043	27.6%	1,312	24.8%		27.4%	
Incl. conditional commitments	1,588	28.8%			1,909	28.2%			
Aval endorsements (AE)	3,211	71.9%	2,735	72.4%	3,970	75.2%	3,481	72.6%	
Incl. conditional commitments	3,934	71.2%			4,866	71.8%			
Total	4,464	100.0%	3,778	100.0%	5,282	100.0%	4,795	100.0%	
Incl. conditional commitments	5,521	100.0%			6,775	100.0%			
Of which (excl. CP and AE):									
OECD	429	9.6%	237	6.3%	443	8.4%	427	8.9%	
Non-European developing countries	713	16.0%	621	16.4%	382	7.2%	374	7.8%	
OPEC	11	0.2%	29	0.8%	13	0.2%	4	0.1%	

Movements and outstanding amounts under the Export Financing Scheme, by region and country

€ thousand	Movements in 2017	0	Outstanding at 31 December 2017				
Countries with total commitments over € 25 million	New commitments issued	Loan funds disbursed	Commitments	Disbursements			
Total	5,281,659	4,795,391	20,253,797	17,538,784			
Europe	885,637	898,570	2,628,172	2,233,548			
Albania	-	823	58,301	58,301			
Bosnia and Herzegovina	13,700	13,700	158,802	158,802			
Bulgaria			41,949	41,949			
Ireland	105,382	94,787	90,315	90,315			
Italy	51,847	51,400	144,967	134,541			
Luxembourg	65,546	56,235	159,319	138,140			
Moldova	11,000	11,000	34,362	34,362			
The Netherlands	5,879	5,879	171,800	171,800			
Romania		2,419	45,850	45,850			
Russia	410,511	428,349	942,615	703,283			
Serbia	2,750	2,750	54,139	54,139			
Spain		31,349	27,414	27,414			
Sweden	110,000	44,768	110,438	45,206			
Switzerland			54,564	54,564			
Turkey	92,057	103,005	326,973	280,283			
Ukraine	7,734	7,490	58,519	55,291			
United Kingdom	2,080	2,080	25,427	25,427			
North America	1,920	11,358	31,014	24,205			
Canada	838	10,277	29,762	22,953			
Latin America	31,397	33,137	381,965	357,601			
Brazil	3,028	5,266	27,086	24,046			
Honduras	7,635	2,437	128,311	123,113			
Panama	1,884	1,884	52,845	52,845			
Venezuela			56,726	40,728			
Asia	337,065	218,313	2,445,924	2,200,829			
Armenia	7,621	6,793	39,506	38,678			
Bangladesh	97,440	12,215	101,718	21,580			
Bhutan		-	43,601	43,601			
China (incl. Hong Kong)	24.740	25,516	825,292	814,780			
Georgia	32,480	1,911	45,446	15,181			
India	42,162	42,120	65,836	65,836			
Indonesia	8,470		344,877	336,538			
Korea Rep.		_	129,923	129,923			
Laos	32.055	39,850	174,181	127,301			
Mongolia	14,172	6,032	50,574	42,433			
Philippines		16,395	125,884	124,859			
Sri Lanka	34,347	20,162	119,226	97,081			
Vietnam	25,333	31,862	278,712	255,585			
Africa	54,973	149,392	972,210	790,895			
Angola		69,112	349,917	257,772			
Egypt	17,014	4,038	81,092	59,070			
Gabon	8,913	8,913	155,436	155,436			
Ghana	9,586	22,705	153,290	139,392			
Nigeria	1,004	180	25,736	721			
Senegal		7,325	55,465	54,968			
South Africa		18,043	27,197	27,197			
Tunisia		10,350	27,776	18,576			



Tied financial credits, purchases of accounts receivable and other types of financing

The following tables show the individual share which tied financial credits and purchases of accounts receivable have in the total volume of export credit refinancing administered by OeKB.

Export sales made on credit terms can be financed by having the exporter allow deferred payment or as a loan extended to a foreign buyer. The exporter granting a supplier credit to a foreign buyer can obtain funding for this from a credit institution. When a bank extends a tied financial credit or purchases accounts receivable, this leads to a reduction in the exporter's balance sheet.

Commitments and disbursements outstanding under the Export Financing Scheme, by type of financing

	Outstanding a	Outstanding at 31 December 2016			Outstanding at	31 Decem	ber 2017	
	Commitments	3	Disbursemen	Disbursements			Disbursements	
	€ million	%	€ million	%	€ million	%	€ million	%
Tied financial credits	3,772	20.4%	3,500	22.3%	3,930	19.4%	3,617	20.6%
Incl. conditional commitments	4,093	21.3%			4,257	20.7%		
Foreign investments	185	1.0%	176	1.1%	132	0.7%	132	0.8%
Incl. conditional commitments	185	1.0%			132	0.6%		
Purchases of accounts receivable	68	0.4%	62	0.4%	75	0.4%	69	0.4%
Incl. conditional commitments	68	0.4%			75	0.4%		
Other financing contracts	2,171	11.7%	1,468	9.3%	2,328	11.5%	1,791	10.2%
Incl. conditional commitments	2,206	11.5%			2,328	11.3%		
Subtotal	6,196	33.5%	5,206	33.2%	6,465	31.9%	5,610	32.0%
Incl. conditional commitments	6,552	34.1%			6,793	<i>33.0%</i>		
Aval endorsements	12,297	66.5%	10,495	66.8%	13,789	68.1%	11,929	68.0%
Incl. conditional commitments	12,658	65.9%			13,792	67.0%		
Total	18,493	100.0%	15,701	100.0%	20,254	100.0%	17,539	100.0%
Incl. conditional commitments	19,210	100.0%			20,585	100.0%		

New contracts issued and amounts disbursed under the Export Financing Scheme, by type of financing

	Movements in	2016			Movements in 2	2017		
	New commitments issued L				New commitments issued		Loan funds disbursed	
	€ million	%	€ million	%	€ million	%	€ million	%
Tied financial credits	443	9.9%	380	10.1%	626	11.9%	573	12.0%
Incl. conditional commitments	681	12.3%			997	14.7%		
Foreign investments	33	0.7%	30	0.8%	17	0.3%	26	0.5%
Incl. conditional commitments	37	0.7%			17	0.3%		
Purchases of accounts receivable	27	0.6%	18	0.5%	38	0.7%	39	0.8%
Incl. conditional commitments	27	0.5%			45	0.7%		
Other financing contracts	750	16.8%	615	16.3%	631	11.9%	677	14.1%
Incl. conditional commitments	842	15.3%			851	12.6%		
Subtotal	1,253	28.1%	1,043	27.6%	1,312	24.8%	1,315	27.4%
Incl. conditional commitments	1,588	28.8%			1,909	28.2%		
Aval endorsements	3,211	71.9%	2,735	72.4%	3,970	75.2%	3,481	72.6%
Incl. conditional commitments	3,934	71.2%			4,866	71.8%		
Total	4,464	100.0%	3,778	100.0%	5,282	100.0%	4,795	100.0%
Incl. conditional commitments	5,521	100.0%			6,775	100.0%		

Interest rates in the Export Financing Scheme

Financing on commercial terms

Financing based on combined floating and fixed interest rates

The financing for supplier and buyer credits and investment loans is extended at variable and fixed interest rates. OeKB sets the floating rate quarterly. It is based on the average cost for OeKB of funding itself on the market. The floating-rate portion of the credit is repaid first; the financing of the longer-term part is at a fixed interest rate.

Financing based on EURIBOR

OeKB also offers financing of supplier and buyer credits and investments purely at a floating-rate. The financing is based on the 3 or 6-month EURIBOR plus a margin dependent on the maturity.



Kontrollbank Credit Line for short-term export contracts

The Kontrollbank Credit Line (KRR) is for large enterprises wishing to finance short-term, revolving export business. The financing is based on avals guaranteed by the Republic. OeKB sets the interest rate for this type of financing quarterly.

Small and medium-sized enterprises are serviced by "Österreichischer Exportfonds" GmbH.

Financing in foreign currencies

Financing of export business and investments is also offered in foreign currencies at floating or fixed interest rates which are quoted separately for each contract.

Fixed-rate financing based on CIRR can be offered on demand.

The current interest rates of the Export Financing Scheme can be consulted at www.oekb.at/interest

For further details see 'Glossary'

Soft Loans

In addition to export finance facilities on commercial terms, the Austrian export industry can benefit from refinancing on concessional terms. Soft loans adhere to the soft-loan policy pursued by the Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF) within the framework of the OECD Arrangement. They support Austrian exporters in the face of international competition and aim to contribute to the sustainable development of receiver countries.

The conditions for soft-loan financing depend on the receiver country and are, as a rule, set annually.

www.oekb.at/en/develop ment-financing/soft-loans

Sources and uses of funds

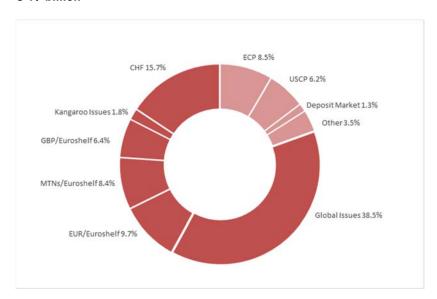
The total of all positions within the Export Financing Scheme in the year under review was € 34,486 million (2016: € 34,569 million). Of this amount, € 4,795 million represented loan disbursements. € 29,691 million was used largely for the repayment of loan liabilities. In the period reported on, € 2,958 million (8.6%) of the funds used came from debt service payments received on export financing credits. New borrowing amounted to € 31,528 billion.

Guarantees of the Republic of Austria under the Export Financing Guarantees Act (AFFG)

OeKB refinances itself on the international and domestic financial markets through the issue of

- global bonds,
- liquid benchmark-transactions,
- private placements,
- medium-term notes and
- short-term money market instruments.

OeKB's issuance programs – outstanding volume as of 31 December 2017: € 19 billion



In 2017, 17 long-term transactions totalling € 4.4 billion were placed domestically and abroad. Highlights of the year were OeKB's reentry into the EUR market after an absence of eight years with a EUR 1.5 billion benchmark as well as the issuance of a USD 1.5 billion global bond transaction. In addition, a GBP benchmark bond, an AUD bond (including four taps), seven USD private placements and an increase of a USD FRN global bond were issued.



OeKB bonds are guaranteed unconditionally and explicitly by the Republic of Austria and are rated Aa1/AA+ by Moody's and Standard & Poor's. The short-term debt is rated P1 and A1+ by the respective agencies.

Rating

Export Financing Guarantees Act

The AFFG regulates the granting of guarantees by the Federal Minister of Finance in favour of the creditors of OeKB in connection with export financing. The Federal Minister of Finance is also authorised to guarantee repayment to OeKB of possible foreign exchange losses incurred. The exchange rate guarantees are issued in favour of OeKB and set a rate of conversion between the Euro and another currency (exchange rate risk) for a certain period of time, for which the proceeds of the financing transactions are utilized to refinance OeKB's Euro loan portfolio (section 1 par. 2b AFFG).

The aggregate exposure limit is € 40 billion. OeKB pays a guarantee fee to the Federal Ministry of Finance.

Further provisions of the AFFG include

- the maximum maturity,
- the percentage of aggregate exposure arising from the guaranteed borrowing,
- the maximum amount for any single financing transaction,
- the calculation method for adding individual guarantees to the aggregate guarantee exposure limit.

Guarantees under the Export Financing Guarantees Act

	principal		exchange	
Guarantees in € million for	amounts	interest ²	risk	Total
Additions in 2016	8,851		393	9,244
Reductions in 2016	10,938	_	660	11,598
Net change in 2016	(2,088)	-	(267)	(2,354)
Outstanding at 31 December 2016	18,953		3,006	21,959
Transactions in Euro	300		1,125	1,425
Transactions in foreign currencies	18,653		1,881	20,534
Unused limit (total limit of € 45,000 million) ¹				23,041
Additions in 2017	13,053		221	13,274
Reductions in 2017	10,445	_	275	10,720
Net change in 2017	2,608	-	(54)	2,554
Additions from 1967 to 2017	213,624	2,776	13,524	229,924
Reductions from 1967 to 2017	192,063	2,776	10,572	205,411
Net change from 1967 to 2017 = Outstanding at 31 Dec 2017	21,561	-	2,952	24,513
Transactions in Euro	1,800		1,125	2,925
Transactions in foreign currencies	19,761		1,827	21,588
Unused limit (total limit of € 40,000 million) ¹				15,487

¹ Since 24 April 2017 € 40 billion Federal Law Gazette I no. 42/2017; Federal Law Gazettes I no. 144/2008, no. 122/2012 and no. 40/2014

² In accordance with the 1980 amendment to the Act, interest is no longer counted against the aggregate exposure limit.

When calculating the aggregate exposure and in order to account for exchange rate risk, a supplement amount of 10% of the transaction is added to issues in foreign currencies. These foreign currencies are converted into Euros at the reference rate stated by the European Central Bank on the day on which the guarantee takes effect (see section 2 of the AFFG). For OeKB's short-term borrowing under a revolving credit facility, the monthly changes in disbursements outstanding are disclosed at the net value of additions or reductions.

Guarantees in the Austrian government financial statements

€ million	2014	2015	2016
Additions	22,671	18,022	15,693
Reductions	22,998	19,048	17,830
Market rate change	-658	+288	-92
Ending balance outstanding (after measurement) at 31 December	24,164	23,425	21,196
Transactions in Euro	2,600	1,500	300
Transactions in foreign currencies	21,564	21,925	20,896

The guarantees outstanding are also set out in the government financial statements at current levels; the evaluation of guarantees in foreign currencies are calculated with effective rates as of year-end. For revolving credit facilities, additions and reductions are reported on a gross basis. The data for 2017 is not yet available.

Legal provisions

Export Guarantees Act

www.ris.bka.gv. at/Gelten de Fassung.wxe? Abfrage=Bundes normen & Gesetzes nummer=10006677

Export Guarantees Decree

www.ris.bka.gv.at/GeltendeFassung.wxe?Abfrage=Bundesnormen&Gesetzesnummer=10006678

Export Financing Guarantees Act

www.ris.bka.gv. at/Geltende Fassung.wxe? Abfrage = Bundesnormen & Gesetzesnummer = 10006271

The legal provisions are in German only.



Glossary

Country data

Countries are shown individually if the guarantee exposure, cumulative gross claims paid or financing commitments amount to \le 25 million or more.

OFCD

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

OECD Arrangement

The OECD Arrangement on officially supported export credits is an interational treaty which is legally binding for EU member states.

OECD/EU/Non-European developing countries/OPEC

The classification of countries into these groupings follows the definitions of the Austrian statistics agency (Statistik Austria).

OPEC

Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

The legend for data presented in this report

When an actual value is rounded down to 0, it is shown as '0' in the table. Where no value exists, the position is shown as '-'. Rounding up or down can lead to differences in totals.

Guarantees of the Republic of Austria under the AusfFG

AusfFG (Ausfuhrfördungsgesetz)

Export Guarantees Act, published in Federal Law Gazette no. 215/1981, as amended

AFVO (Ausfuhrförderungsverordnung)

1981 Export Guarantees Decree published in Federal Law Gazette no. 215/1981, as amended

Aggregate guarantee exposure

Actual aggregate exposure for the (i) base amounts of guarantees of type G 1 to G 9 and G 11, (ii) guarantees issued for OeEB and (iii) the notified financing requirement from aval endorsements; excluding conditional commitments. From 2012, the measurement of aggregate guarantee exposure reflects currency conversion differences; in other words, the value of guarantees denominated in foreign currency is converted into Euros at the relevant ECB reference exchange rates.

Conditional commitment

Conditional commitment to issue a guarantee or financing facility for prospective transaction that is still under negotiation.

Excess

Is the percentage of a loss to be borne by the guarantee holder.

Financing requirement

is the actual cover requirement that may be reported on a quarterly basis by the holder of an aval endorsement.

Guarantees issued

Newly issued guarantees, aval endorsements and guarantees issued for OeEB, calculated based on their maximum amounts.

Guarantees of the Republic of Austria

Guarantees, avals and guarantees issued for OeEB in accordance with the AusfFG and the AFVO

Guarantor

The Republic of Austria acting through the Austrian Federal Minister of Finance.

Marketable risks

Commercial and political risks arising from export transactions with a total risk period for manufacturing and loan repayment of less than two years and a counterparty in an EU or OECD country, excluding Chile, Greece, Israel, Mexico, South Korea and Turkey.

Maximum amount

The amount stated in the guarantee contracts or in aval endorsements that represents the maximum liability of the Guarantor.

Premium income

From 2012, the item 'premium income' reflects accrual-basis accounting for up-front premiums in 'Income and expenses from guarantees under the AusfFG' (i.e. premiums are recognised in the period in which they are earned).

Recoverable claims

Outstanding balance of claims paid less recoveries and write-downs, at the balance sheet date. From 2012 the foreign-currency-denominated portion of this exposure is presented so as to include currency convertion differences, which means that the foreign-currency receivables are converted into Euros at the relevant ECB reference rates.

Oesterreichische Kontrollbank AG Export Financing Scheme

CIRR (Commercial Interest Reference Rate)

The minimum fixed interest rate defined in the OECD Arrangement for which official support can be granted on export credits provided that the CIRR does not cover the lender's funding costs.

Soft Loan

Concessional financing. Loans made on concessional (i.e. preferential) terms in the form of low (below market rate) interest rates, long repayment periods and grace periods.

Guarantees of the Republic of Austria under the AFFG

AFFG (Ausfuhrfinanzierungsförderungsgesetz)

Export Financing Guarantees Act, published in Federal Law Gazette no. 216/1981, as amended



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