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**ESKA European Karate Championships**

**27.11.2009 – 29.11.2009**

**Wels – Austria**



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## AUSTRIAN KARATE FEDERATION PRESIDENT'S WELCOMING



I am very proud that the European Shotokan Karate-Do Association has entrusted the Austrian Karate Federation with the task of organizing the ESKA European Karate Championships of 2009. The Karate Association of Upper Austria as well as the club „Karate-EM 2009“ have been in charge of preparing this event, and I should like to give my special thanks to the organizers Mag. Ewald Roth, Eckart Neururer, Mag. Hans Werner Streicher, and to all the volunteers and helpers who have made this possible..

In the City of Wels, renowned for its fairs, we will have the pleasure and the honour of welcoming more than 400 athletes from 26 nations. As the championships will take place on the first weekend of Advent, our guests might also like to pay a visit to the traditional Christmas market in the city center .

Since Shotokan karate is the most widely practised style of karate in the world, a large number of high class athletes will participate in these European championships. The Austrian team has always been very successful, and I wish all participants the very best.

„The ultimate goal of karate is neither victory nor defeat, but the perfection of the practitioner's character.“

This motto accompanies each Karateka throughout his whole training and tournament period, reminding him or her of what is truly important in life.

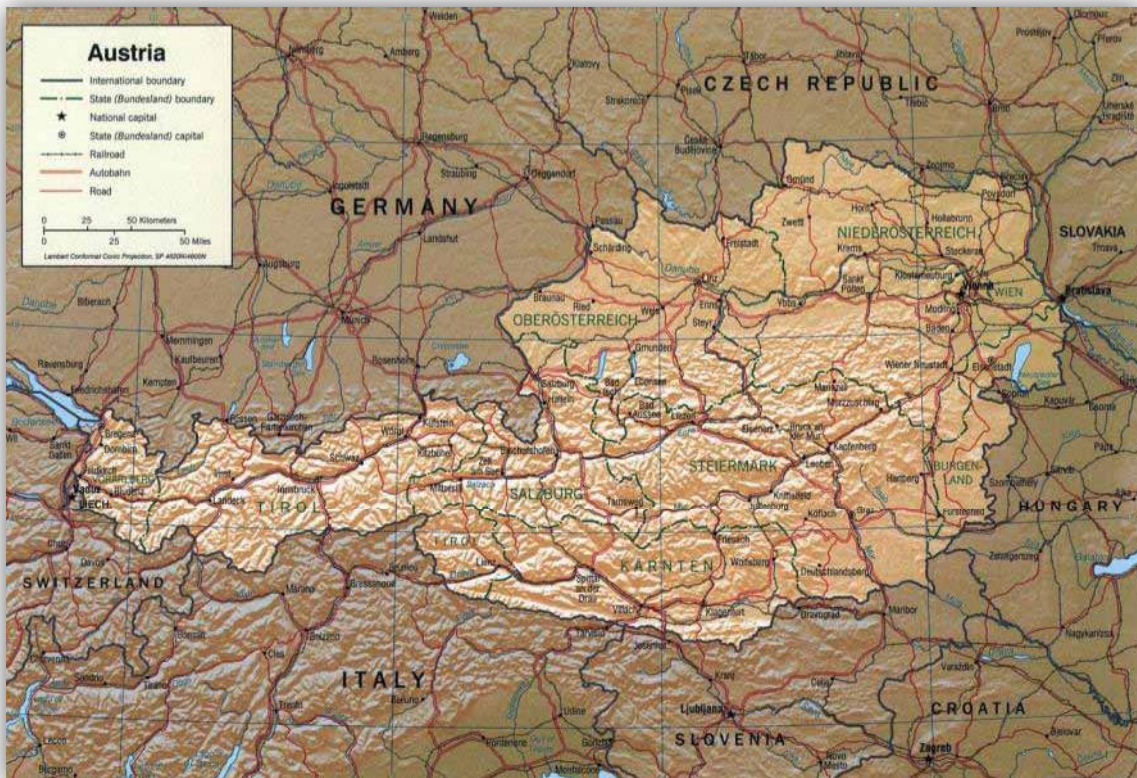
I am most grateful to all the sponsors and donors of these championships for their generous support. My special thanks go to the Austrian Ministry of Sports, to the Federal State of Upper Austria and to the City of Wels - without their financial support, these tournaments would not have been possible.

Kons. Ing. Karl Hillinger

The President of the Austrian Karate Federation

**INFO AUSTRIA**

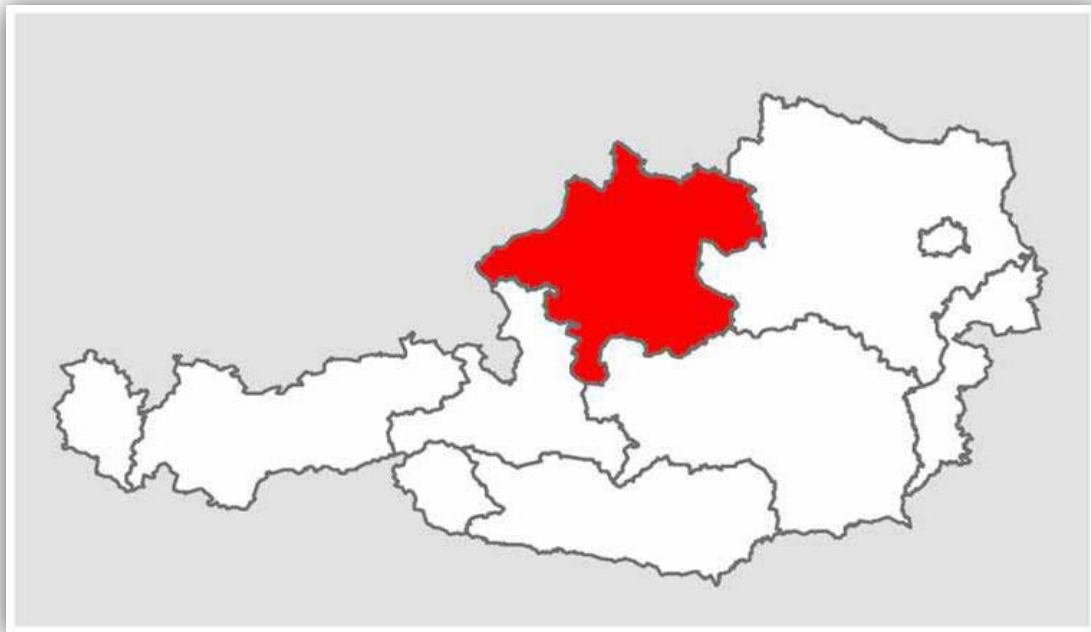
<input type="checkbox"/> Area:	84.000 km <sup>2</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/> Population:	8.4 million
<input type="checkbox"/> Capital:	Vienna
<input type="checkbox"/> EU accession:	January 1st, 1995
<input type="checkbox"/> Currency:	Euro
<input type="checkbox"/> Official Language:	German
<input type="checkbox"/> President:	Heinz Fischer
<input type="checkbox"/> Time zone:	CET/CEST (UTC+1/+2)



The Republic of Austria is a landlocked country in Central Europe with an area of 83.858 km<sup>2</sup>. It has a population of about 8,4 million and borders both Germany and the Czech Republic to the north, Slovakia and Hungary to the east, Slovenia and Italy to the south, and Switzerland and Liechtenstein to the west. Vienna is the capital city and located on the River Danube. Austria is a member of the United Nations and has joined the European Union in 1995.

**UPPER AUSTRIA**

<input type="checkbox"/> Area:	<i>11.980 km<sup>2</sup></i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Population:	<i>1.41 million</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Capital:	<i>Linz</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Governor:	<i>Josef Pühringer</i>



Upper Austria (Oberösterreich) is one of Austria's nine federal states. It borders Germany and the Czech Republic to the north, and is surrounded by the federal states of Lower Austria, Styria, and Salzburg. Its capital is Linz. With an area of 11,982 km<sup>2</sup> and 1.4 million inhabitants, Upper Austria is the fourth largest Austrian federal state by land area and the third largest by population.

## WELS

<input type="checkbox"/> State:	<i>Upper Austria</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Area:	<i>46 km<sup>2</sup></i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Population:	<i>~60.000</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Elevation:	<i>317m</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor:	<i>Peter Koits</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Postal Code:	<i>A-4600</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Area Code:	<i>+43 7242 ...</i>



Fotonachweis: Stadtmarketing Wels GmbH/Hauer

*Wels* is the second largest town of Upper Austria. It is situated near Linz, upon the river Traun. *Wels* is the county seat of the political district of *Wels Land* (*Wels County*). However, being a so-called *Statutarstadt*, *Wels* itself is an independent city and does not form part of the district *Wels Land*.

### How to get there

By car: highway A25 or A9

By train: most international long distance trains from and to Austria will stop in *Wels*.

By plane: Distances to airports:

<input type="checkbox"/> Linz:	15 km
<input type="checkbox"/> Salzburg:	110 km
<input type="checkbox"/> Vienna:	220 km
<input type="checkbox"/> Munich:	250 km
<input type="checkbox"/> Innsbruck:	290 km



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## GENERAL INFORMATION



### TIME

Austria is located in the Central European Time Zone – CET/CEST (UTC+1/+2)



### CLIMATE

The bigger part of Austria lies in the cool/temperate climate zone in which humid westerly winds predominate. With more than half of the country being covered by the Alps, the alpine climate is the predominant one. In the East, in the Pannonian Plain and along the Danube valley, the climate shows continental features with less rain than the alpine areas. Although Austria is cold in the winter, it has warm summers, with temperatures reaching 20-35 degrees Celsius. In early November, temperatures may vary from 4°C to 8°C.



### LANGUAGE

Austria's official language is German. English is also understood and widely spoken.



### ELECTRICITY

Electricity is supplied at 220 to 230V 50Hz. Outlets are the European standard CEE-7/7 "Schuko" or "Schuko" or the compatible, but non-grounded, CEE-7/16 "Europlug" types.



### CURRENCY

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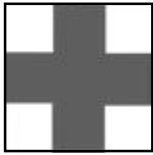
Opening hours are from Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm, and from 8am to 6pm on Saturday. Except for shops at gas stations or railway stations (usually high priced), shops are closed on Sunday. Be aware that paying by credit card is not quite as common in Austria as it is in other European countries! All major credit cards, however (Visa, Mastercard, American Express), will be accepted at almost every gas station and at bigger shops, especially in shopping malls. Many supermarkets offer the service to pay directly with an ATM/ debit card.

**RESTAURANTS**

Traditional Austrian food at reasonable prices is served in restaurants - "Gasthaus" or "Gasthof". Lunch is served from about 11 am - 3 pm, dinner from 6pm - 10 pm. For lunch, most restaurants offer a two- or three course "Menu of the day" (Tagesmenü), including soup, main course, and dessert. Except for very touristy areas, prices for such a "menu" are about €10 to €15. An "à la carte"-dinner may arise to considerably higher amounts, depending on the type of restaurant you chose. Some restaurants will have menus in English as well. Keep in mind that tipping is expected throughout all restaurants in Austria.

**PAYING**

Please note that in small restaurants and cafés, you will be expected to pay cash. For tipping, hand the gratuity directly to your waitress or waiter, or tell her or him how much the bill should be (including tip). As service charges are included, the amount of the tip is at your discretion; however, a 5 - 10% will be expected (depending on the type of restaurant you chose: the fancier, the higher the percentage).

**STAY HEALTHY**

Nearest hospital in Wels:

Klinikum Wels | Grieskirchner Straße 42 | A-4600 Wels | Tel.: +43 7242 4152222

Austria has an excellent healthcare system meeting Western standards. Hospitals are modern, clean, and well-equipped. EU-citizens will get any form of urgent treatment for free (or a small token fee) that is covered by the Krankenkassen. Non-urgent treatment is not covered. Simply show your European Health Insurance Card and passport to the doctor or hospital. When going to a GP, watch out if the street sign says "Alle Kassen" (all Krankenkassen accepted), or "Keine Kassen" (no Krankenkassen accepted), in which case your EHC is not valid. Supplemental travel insurance is recommended if you want to be able to see any doctor or go to the special ward.

Tap water is of exceptional quality and safe to drink.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Austrian International code is	+43
General emergency call	112
Fire brigade	122
Police	133
Emergency	144
ÖBB-Fahrauskunft	05-1717

Austria has a perfect GSM and 3G (UMTS) network coverage of nearly 100%. Make sure that your cell phone operates on 900MHz / 1800MHz (GSM) or 2100Mhz (3G WCDMA).

**INTERNET**

Public internet access is well covered across the country; internet cafes are common in bigger cities. Hotels in cities do normally have internet terminals, more expensive hotels provide internet access directly in the rooms. Wireless hotspots in restaurants and cafes are becoming more and more common.

**POST OFFICES**

For posting your letters or postcards, use the yellow letter boxes found on many street corners. Stamps can be bought in post offices or at the tobacconists. Most post offices are opened from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Closed on Sundays and public holidays.

**VISA**

In general, visitors coming to Austria will need a valid passport. Citizens of countries that are subject to visa requirements should have a passport with a validity period at least three months longer than that of the visa.

Citizens from Schengen countries will need a valid passport or identification document ( ID card). The following countries are part of the Schengen Area:

Belgium | Denmark | Germany | Estonia | Finland | France | Greece | Italy | Luxembourg | Latvia | Lithuania | Malta | Netherlands | Poland | Portugal | Sweden | Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Czech Republic | Hungary | as well as the non-EU members Iceland and | Norway

**Visitors from Russia, Serbia, Montenegro, Ukraine, and Belarus need to apply for a Schengen-Visa at their Austrian Embassy or Consulate.**

Requirements for the issuing of a Schengen-Visa valid for the stay of up to 90 days during a 6-months period (short stay visa).

**General regulations**

- Application fee: Information on the fees for visa application can be obtained at the Austrian Embassy or Consulate.
- Please note that the application for the Schengen-visa has to be lodged IN PERSON.
- The application can only be processed when all the when all the required documents have been submitted.
- Applicants should apply at least 3 weeks prior to their date of travel.

For more information about applying for a visa in Austria see: [www.bmeia.gv.at/en](http://www.bmeia.gv.at/en) | [www.help.gv.at](http://www.help.gv.at)  
or contact: +43 501150 3775



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### TRANSPORT – AIRPORT | TRAIN STATION | HOTELS | SPORTS HALL



For Team of the Nations who have booked their hotel with the organizers, the Austrian Karate Federation provides free transport to and from the airports of Salzburg and Linz and Wels train station, and between the official hotels and the sports hall.

You will receive the schedule of the shuttle on your arrival at the hotel.

Service-Hotline | Tel.: +43 664 60072 134 91 | E-Mail: [office@em2009.com](mailto:office@em2009.com)

## THE HEADQUARTERS HOTEL



Hotel Greif is our Headquarter Hotel for ESKA 2009. All other hotels (offering various categories / prices) can be booked via Hotel Greif in our name.

For contacting HQ Hotel Greif, please use the contact details below.

The Hotel Greif is a modern \*\*\*\* Hotel in the Centre of Europe. Known for its style, ambience and a special kind of hospitality, Hotel Greif is the leading place to stay in Wels.



## BOOKING INFORMATION FOR THE HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Book directly through our online form:

Web-Form Headquarters Hotel: [www.em2009.com/form/index.php](http://www.em2009.com/form/index.php)

Service-Hotline | Tel.: +43 664 60072 134 91 | E-Mail: [office@em2009.com](mailto:office@em2009.com)

## DISTANCES FROM HOTEL GREIF

<input type="checkbox"/> City Centre Wels	20 m
<input type="checkbox"/> Railway Station Wels	800 m
<input type="checkbox"/> BRP ROTAX-Arena	1.3 km
<input type="checkbox"/> Kraftwerk-Arena	1.4 km
<input type="checkbox"/> Budokan	2.0 km
<input type="checkbox"/> Airport Linz	20 km
<input type="checkbox"/> City Centre Linz	35 km



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## ENTRANCE TICKETS



Tickets can be booked online under the official ESKA 2009 address.

[www.em2009.com](http://www.em2009.com)

Prices of the entrance tickets:

- For 1 day 7 €
- For 3 days 15 €

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## CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE

The BRP ROTAX-Arena is located inside the trade fair area of Wels. Its ample dimensions and high technical standards are ideal for the ESKA Championships 2009.



BRP ROTAX-Arena | Messegelände | A-4600 Wels  
Service-Hotline | Tel.: +43 664 60072 134 91 | E-Mail: [office@em2009.com](mailto:office@em2009.com)



## PROGRAM

### **Wednesday, 25.11.2009**

Arrival

Course of Referees

### **Thursday, 26.11.2009**

Course of Referes

ESKA- Congress Hotel Grief

### **Friday, 27.11.2009**

Competitions (eliminations, finals)

### **Saturday, 28.11.2009**

Competitions (eliminations, finals)

### **Sunday, 29.11.2009**

Competitions (eliminations, finals)

Farewell-Party

### **Monday, 30.11.2009**

Departure



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