

# Sozialsysteme und Wohlfahrtsstaat in Europa

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# Introduction

- ▶ **Objective:** Explore Sozialsysteme und Wohlfahrtsstaat in Europe.
- ▶ **Why It Matters:** Understanding Europe's social dynamics, historical context, and future trends.



# Key Concepts

- ▶ **Sozialsysteme (Social Systems)**
  - ▶ Healthcare, education, social security.
- ▶ **Wohlfahrtsstaat (Welfare State)**
  - ▶ Government role in social safety nets, reducing inequality.



# Historical Perspective

- ▶ **Post-WWII Reconstruction**
  - ▶ Europe's shift towards social policies.
- ▶ **Austria's Experience**
  - ▶ Marshall Plan influence on social commitment.



# European Variations

## ► Diverse Models

- Nordic, Southern European, Bismarckian models.

## ► Austria's Model

- Emphasis on social insurance and solidarity.

	Scandinavian Model	Anglo-Saxon Model	Bismarck Model	Mediterranean Model
Expenses on social support	High	High, the taxpayers ask the decrease in taxation burden	High	High
Employment	High, stimulated by the government	High	High, the part-time employment is widely spread	Low, the majority of women do not work
Principle source of financing	Government and local authorities; taxation re-distributing	Government for unemployed taxes re-distribution), while the social insurance for employed people	Market; the social insurance	Market; local authorities; family support; self-support.
Level of poverty	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High
Re-distribution	High	High	Moderate	Low
Private provision of social support	Yes	Yes	Yes	

The table is based on Grigorieva, 2008; Popova, 2008.

# Funding and Sustainability

- ▶ **Financing Social Systems**

- ▶ Balancing budgets, providing quality services.

- ▶ **Aging Population Challenge**

- ▶ Ensuring sustainability.



# Social Inclusion

- ▶ **Promoting Inclusion**

- ▶ Addressing inequality, reducing poverty.

- ▶ **Austria's Commitment**

- ▶ Supporting vulnerable populations, fostering cohesion.

# Case Study - Austria

- ▶ **Austrian Approach**

- ▶ Public-private partnerships, social solidarity.

- ▶ **Examples**

- ▶ Austrian Health Insurance Fund (Österreichische Gesundheitskasse).
  - ▶ Family allowance system (Familienbeihilfe).



# Future Trends

- ▶ **Challenges and Opportunities**

- ▶ Technology, climate change impact on social systems.

- ▶ **Austria's Initiatives**

- ▶ Investment in renewable energy, sustainability.

# Conclusion

## ► Takeaways

- Europe's commitment to social well-being.
- Historical context and future challenges.

## ► Questions and Discussion

# Thank You

## ► **Contact Information**