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# Austria



# Overview

## Background

Austria is a land-locked country located in southern central Europe, between 49°01' and 46°22' N and from 9°32' to 17°10' E, covering part of the eastern Alps and the Danube region. Austria's total surface area covers 83,858 km<sup>2</sup> with a share of 37.5% settlement area.

Austria's GDP reached \$428.9 billion and its per capita GDP reached \$48,105 in 2020. Austrian exports contribute approximately 52% to GDP (2020). Austria's total permanent population reached 8.9 million inhabitants in 2020 and nearly one third of all Austrians (2.6 million) live within the metropolitan area of Vienna.

Austria is expected to be very vulnerable to climatic change given that its ecosystems in mountainous regions are highly sensitive and approximately 70% of Austria's surface is situated higher than 500 m above sea level.

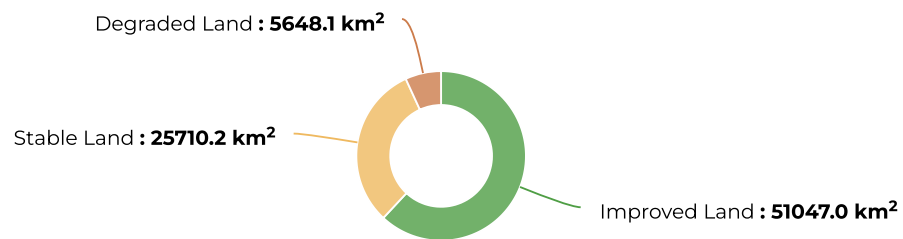
Austria can be divided into three climatic zones: the eastern part shows a continental Pannonian climate (mean July temperature >19°C, annual rainfall Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the UNFCCC as an EU Member State in 2020, and its Seventh National Communication in 2018.

Credits: [World Bank](#)

# Summary Chart

## Current State

Land degradation between 2001 and 2015 - SDG 15.3.1 (km<sup>2</sup>)

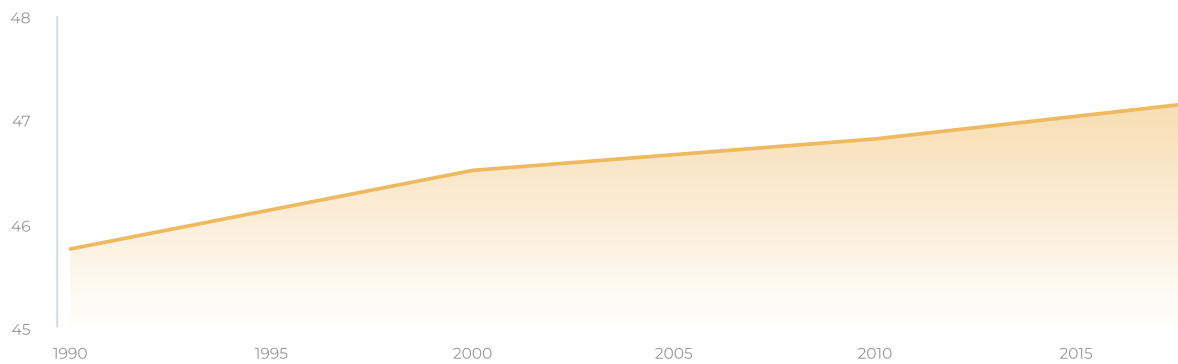


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Forest area

**47.3 % land**

0.9 % change over last 10 years

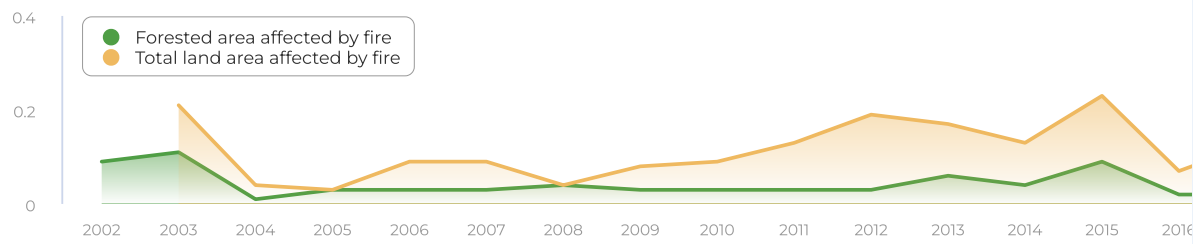


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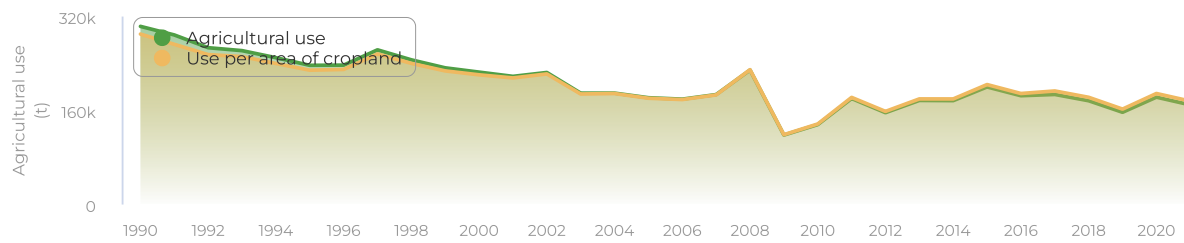
# Stressors

### Area affected by wildfires (kha)



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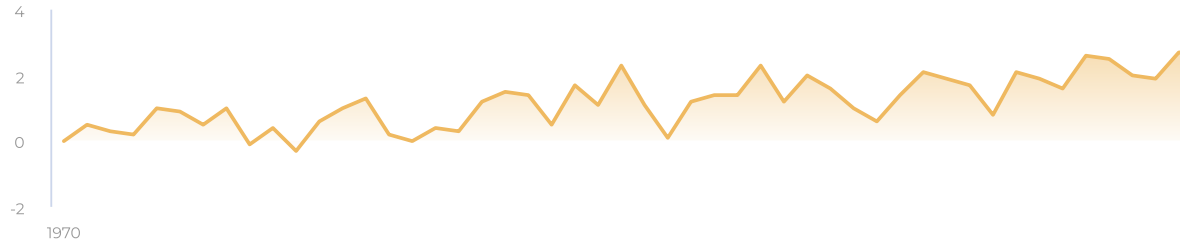
### Use of nutrients



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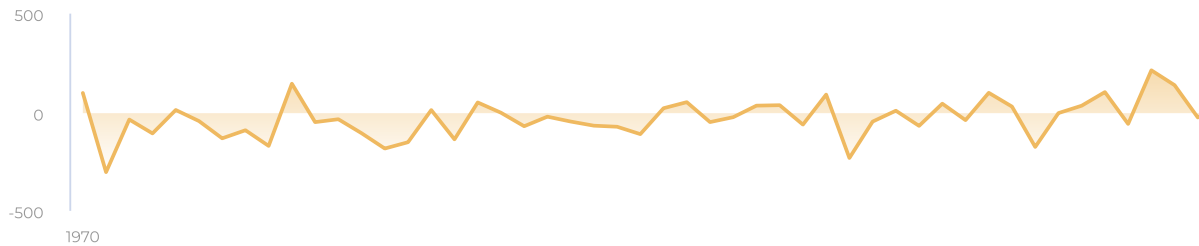
# Trends

### Annual temperature anomalies against 1901-1920 (°C)



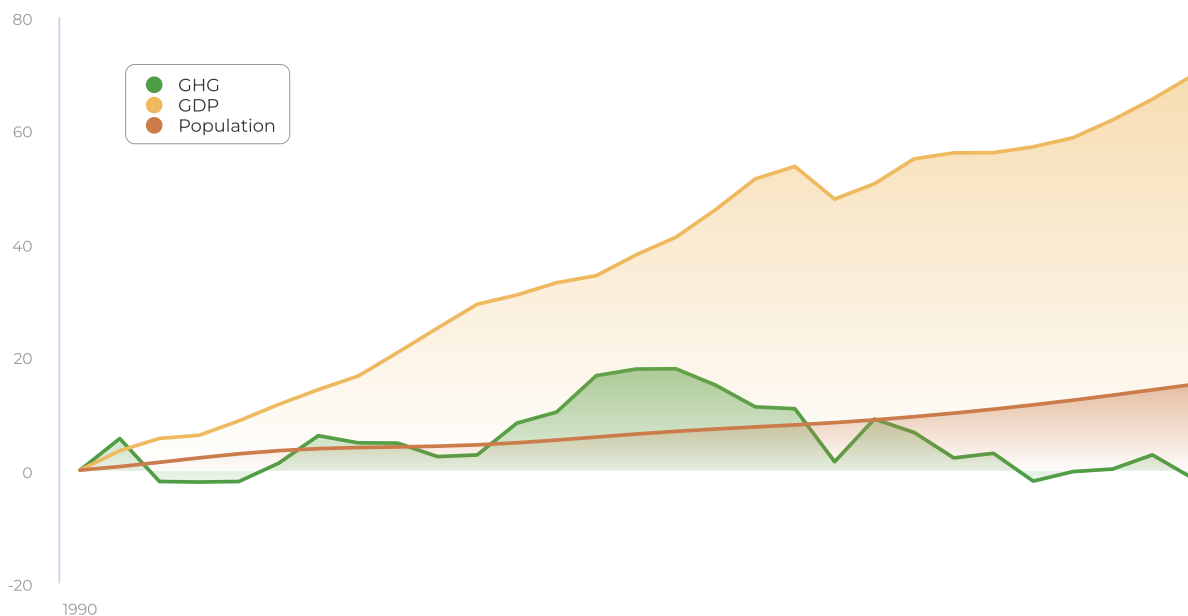
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### Annual precipitation anomalies against 1901-1920 (mm)



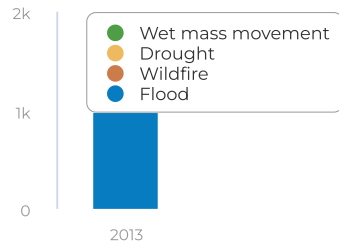
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### Population / Gross domestic product / Greenhouse Gases - change in % since 1990



## ↗ Impacts

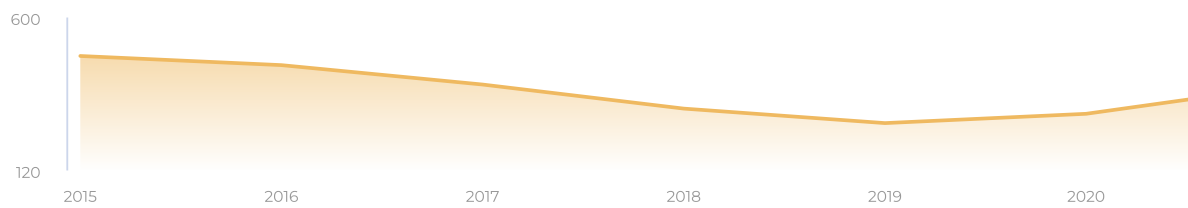
### Human displacements caused by climatic hazards



Credits: Climatic Research Unit (University of East Anglia) and Met Office

### Number of severely food insecure people - SDG 2.1.2

**386.2 people**



Credits: FAO

# 💡 Solutions

Proportion of terrestrial protected areas

**29.5 % of total land area**

2024

Credits: UNEP-WCMC

Official Development Assistance flows

Biodiversity sector (million USD)



Credits: OECD

# Commitments

**No data  
available**

## **LDN**

Land Degradation Neutrality

**No data  
available**

## **NBSAP**

National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans under the Convention on Biological Diversity

**No data  
available**

## **NDC**

Nationally Determined Contributions embody efforts by each country to reduce national emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

**No data  
available**

## **Bonn Challenge**

Bring 150 million hectares of degraded and deforested landscapes into restoration by 2020 and 350 million hectares by 2030

# Treaties

Treaty	Signature	Ratification	Party status
Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol	2011-05-11	2021-05-20	Ratification
Nagoya Protocol	2011-06-23	2018-07-20	Ratification
Minamata Convention on Mercury	2013-10-10	2017-06-12	Ratification
Paris Agreement	2016-04-22	2016-10-05	Ratification
Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment	2003-05-21	2010-03-23	Ratification
Kyiv Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers	2003-05-21	2010-03-23	Ratification
International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	2002-06-06	2005-11-04	Ratification
Convention on Migratory Species	2005-07-01	2005-07-01	Ratification
Aarhus Convention	1998-06-25	2005-01-17	Ratification
Stockholm Convention	2001-05-23	2002-08-27	Ratification
Cartagena Protocol	2000-05-24	2002-08-27	Ratification
Rotterdam Convention	1998-09-11	2002-08-27	Ratification
Kyoto Protocol	1998-04-29	2002-05-31	Ratification
Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents	1992-03-18	1999-08-04	Ratification
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification		1997-06-02	Accession
Protocol on Water and Health	1992-03-18	1996-07-25	Ratification
The Water Convention	1992-03-18	1996-07-25	Ratification

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Convention on Biological Diversity	1992-06-13	1994-08-18	Ratification
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	1992-06-08	1994-02-28	Ratification
Basel Convention	1990-03-19	1993-01-12	Ratification
Ramsar Convention	1983-04-16	1982-12-16	Ratification
Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution	1979-11-13	1982-12-16	Ratification
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora	1982-04-27	1982-01-27	Ratification
Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats			

