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## Approaches to Awareness-raising and Training in Austria

Austrian Agency for Research Integrity (OeAWI)  
European Network of Research Integrity Offices (ENRIO)  
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### Austrian Agency for Research Integrity

- founded in **2008**
- set up as an **association** in accordance with the Austrian Associations Act; membership is voluntary AND is “confession” to good scientific practice
- financed by **membership fees**
- **Not part** of any Ministry; independent organization

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## Members

- **All public Universities** (21 + 1)
- **Applied Universities** (4)
- **Private Universities** (1; umbrella organisation as an associate member)
- **Non-university research institutions** (6)
- **Research funding agencies** (4)

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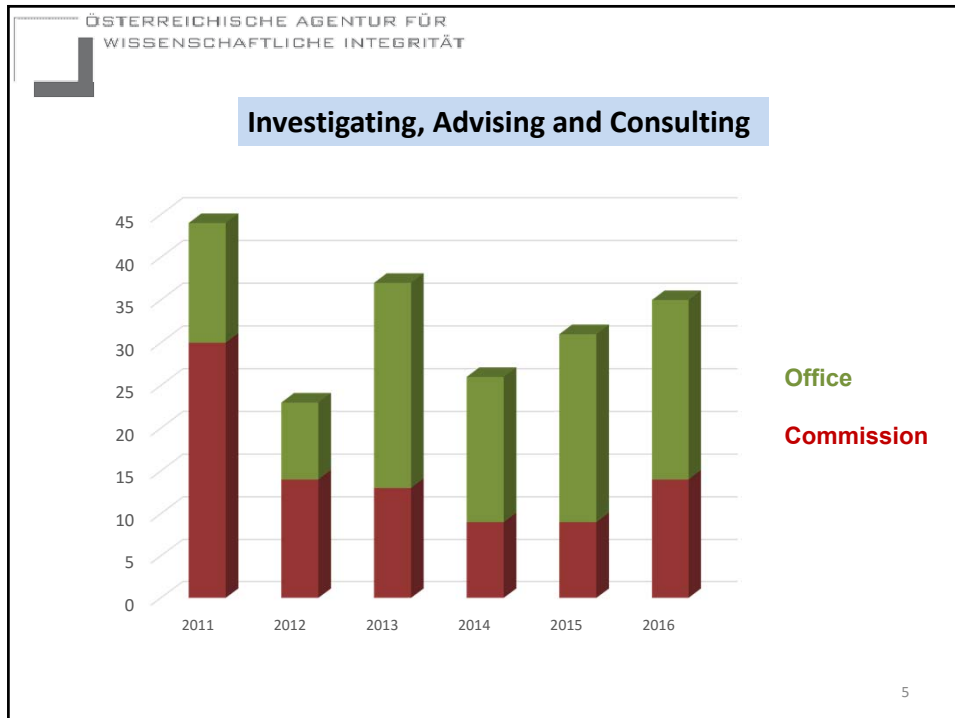
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## Austrian Agency for Research Integrity

1. **Raising awareness:** seminars, lectures, workshops,..
2. **„service facility“:**
  - guarantee **independent investigation** in cases of alleged research misconduct
  - **advise members** in all matters related to research integrity
  - **mediation** in case of conflict
3. **National and international networking**

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**SE Recommendations on RAISING AWARENESS**

**6. RFOs and RPOs should make a clear statement on their public websites describing the organisation's policy on research integrity and making it possible to download relevant documents. The information should be available in English and include the name and contact information of the person responsible for the policy within the organisation.**

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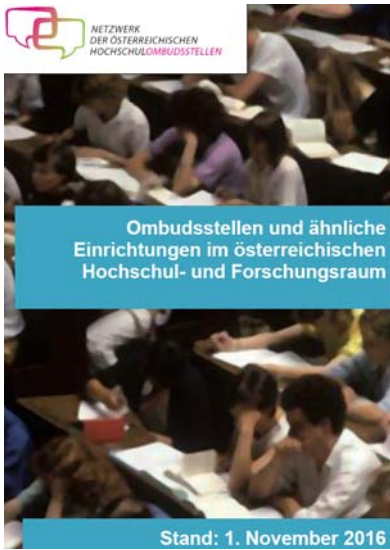
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Richtlinien der Österreichischen Agentur  
für wissenschaftliche Integrität  
zur Guten Wissenschaftlichen Praxis  
(GWP-Richtlinien der OeAWI)

Austrian Agency for Research Integrity  
Guidelines for Good Scientific Practice  
(OeAWI Guidelines for Good Scientific Practice)

→ **Approved by 37 member organisations**

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NETZWERK  
DER ÖSTERREICHISCHEN  
HOCHSCHULOMBUDSSTELLEN

Ombudsstellen und ähnliche  
Einrichtungen im österreichischen  
Hochschul- und Forschungsraum

Stand: 1. November 2016

→ **Contact details of all  
persons/boards/...  
being in charge of e.g. RI matters**

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**SE Recommendations on RAISING AWARENESS**


  
  

**7. RFOs should provide a clause on research integrity in application forms; [...] information about how RI is dealt with during the assessment procedure, including what is expected of peer reviewers and committee members.**


  
  

**8. RFOs should provide general information and/or guidelines about good research practice in the terms and conditions of grants and contracts; in some cases researchers may be required to sign a formal agreement.**

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## Rules of good scientific practice

Rules of good scientific practice
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The Guidelines for Good Scientific Practice published by the Austrian Agency for Research Integrity ([OeAWI](#)) are to be observed in any case.

Where a breach of these standards is suspected, the case will be investigated by the ombudsperson of the research institution responsible or by the Austrian Agency for Research Integrity. The FWF reserves the right to suspend any procedures related to applications or ongoing projects partly or entirely until such investigations have been concluded.

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[www.fwf.ac.at](http://www.fwf.ac.at)

## SE Recommendations on TRAINING

9. RFOs and RPOs should **actively support training in research integrity** within their remits.

10. RPOs should **ensure that all people working on research projects are trained** in good research practice.

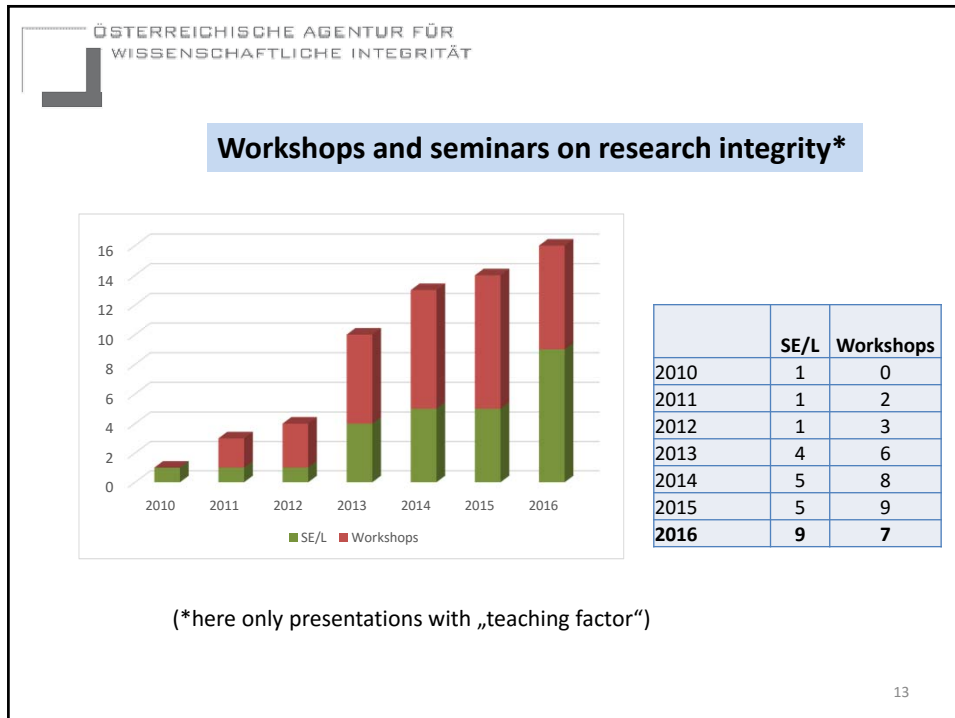
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## SE Recommendations on TRAINING

11. RFOs and RPOs should encourage responsible bodies to ensure that training in research integrity is **mandatory** and that it **starts at the undergraduate/PhD level** and **continues throughout a researcher's career**.

12. RFOs and RPOs should **encourage** responsible bodies **to establish train-the-trainer courses** to introduce **knowledge sharing and harmonization** and to **maintain training standards**.

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### Austria: Good practice

- ✓ **PhD programs non-university RPOs** (e.g. IST Austria, VBC, AIT)
  - (used to) mandatory courses
  - PhD retreats
  - Highly motivated young researchers
  - **Sometimes on initiative of PhDs!**

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**Austria: Good practice**

- ✓ **Postdoc training** (Medical University Graz)
  - **mandatory** for all who want to qualify as a professor
  - **whole day seminar about good scientific practice**  
(includes information about ethics reviews, compliance rules,..)
- ✓ **Training for teachers/supervisors/senior scientists** (FH Campus Vienna)
  - **"mandatory"**
  - **strongly recommended by the Vice Rector**

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**eneri**

**EU-Project ENERI**

**ENERI: European Network of Research Ethics and Research Integrity**  
September 2016 – August 2019

**Aims:**

- Intensive exchange of expertise in the fields of research ethics (RE) and research integrity (RI)
- Harmonisation of processes within ethics reviews and investigation procedures of allegations of research misconduct
- **Development of a core curriculum for persons, who are involved in ethics review and investigation panels**
- Database of RE/RI experts

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**Cooperations and Networks**

**National:**

- Netzwerk der Österreichischen Hochschulombudsstellen
- RRI-Plattform Österreich

**International:**

- **ENRIO (European Network of Research Integrity Offices)**
- **ENERI (European Network of Research Ethics and Research Integrity)**
- **ALLEA (All European Academies)**
- **ENOHE (European Network for Ombudsmen in Higher Education)**
- **ETINED (Pan-European Platform on Ethics, Transparency and Integrity in Education)**
- **HEIRRI (Higher Education Institutions & Responsible Research and Innovation)**
- **PRINTEGER (Promoting Integrity as an Integral Dimension of Excellence in Research)**
- **Science Europe Working Group on Research Integrity**

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**OUTLOOK**

✓ **Setting up national guidelines on good scientific practice** (spring 2015)

- **Implementation** (2 yrs later?)
  - **employment contracts** (challenge civil servants!!!)
  - **grant agreements**
- **Train-the-Trainer courses** (REC 12)
  - **knowledge sharing**
  - **harmonization**
  - **maintain training standards**

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### Promoting RI as an institution:

- **communicate** Standards of Good Scientific Practice!
- **communicate** procedures!
- **RI training!**
- **through infrastructure** (e.g. central data management)!
- **Clear assignment of supervisory duties!**
- **Make persons responsible for RI visible!**
- **Positive incentives!**
- **Protect whistleblower!**
- ..

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## ENRIO: Members 2017

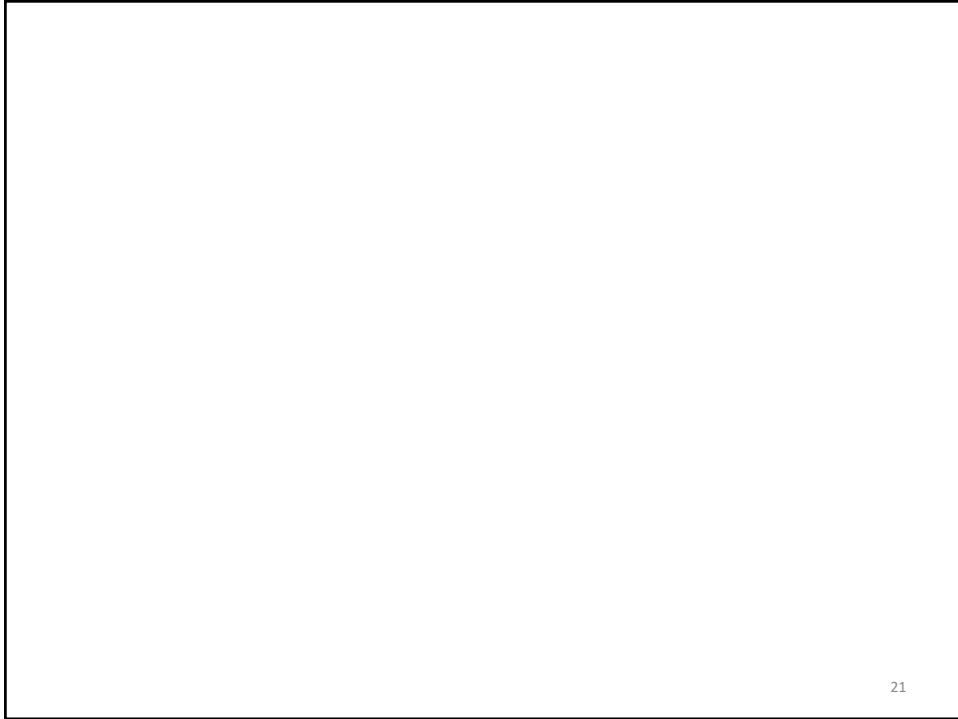
## www.enrio.eu

05/2015 by OeAWI

■ Member  
■ Observer

**ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>Austria</b>	OeAWI Austrian Agency for Research Integrity
<b>Belgium</b>	VCWI Flemish Commission for Research Integrity
<b>Croatia</b>	CESHE Croatian Committee on Ethics in Science and Higher Education
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic
<b>Denmark</b>	DCSD Danish Committees on Scientific Dishonesty
<b>Estonia</b>	ETAg Estonian Research Council
<b>Finland</b>	TENK Finnish Advisory Board on Research Integrity
<b>France</b>	CNRS Centre national de la recherche scientifique INSERM Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale
<b>Germany</b>	OMBUDSMAN Ombudsman für die Wissenschaft SciInt ScientificIntegrity.de
<b>Greece</b>	EARTHnet RCR-Greece
<b>Ireland</b>	EARTHnet HRB Health Research Board RIA Royal Irish Academy
<b>Italy</b>	CNR Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche
<b>Luxembourg</b>	FNR Fonds National de la Recherche
<b>Netherlands</b>	LOWI National Board for Research Integrity
<b>Norway</b>	ETIKKOM The National Committees for Research Ethics
<b>Poland</b>	PAN Polska Akademia Nauk
<b>Portugal</b>	FCT Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology
<b>Slovak Republic</b>	SRDA Slovak Research and Development Agency
<b>Slovenia</b>	CWS Committee for women in science
<b>Spain</b>	CSIC Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas
<b>Sweden</b>	CEPN Expert Group for misconduct in research at the Central Ethical Review Board
<b>Switzerland</b>	SA Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences
<b>United Kingdom</b>	UKRIO UK Research Integrity Office



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