

# AUCEN – Austrian University Continuing Education and Staff Development Network

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# History

- 1996 – University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna: Vice rectorate for continuing education & staff development > **informal round table** with other colleagues
- 1998 – Establishment of the name **AUCEN** with external representation (spokesperson)
- 2001 - two thematic fields **Continuing Education (CE) & Staff Development (SD)**
- 2002-2005: Ministry for Education, Science and Research - financial support to set up the **formal network AUCEN**
- since October 2005 - Aucen = an **association**

# Introduction

## AUCEN IS

- the first and only Austrian **network for universities** with a focus on continuing education and staff development
- **Non-profit association**
- a forum for the exchange of knowledge & experience and acts as a lobby for both thematic fields – **networking!**
- supported by an **office**; the member universities pay an **annual membership fee** of € 600,- (21 Austrian universities out of 22 are members).

# Organizational Structure

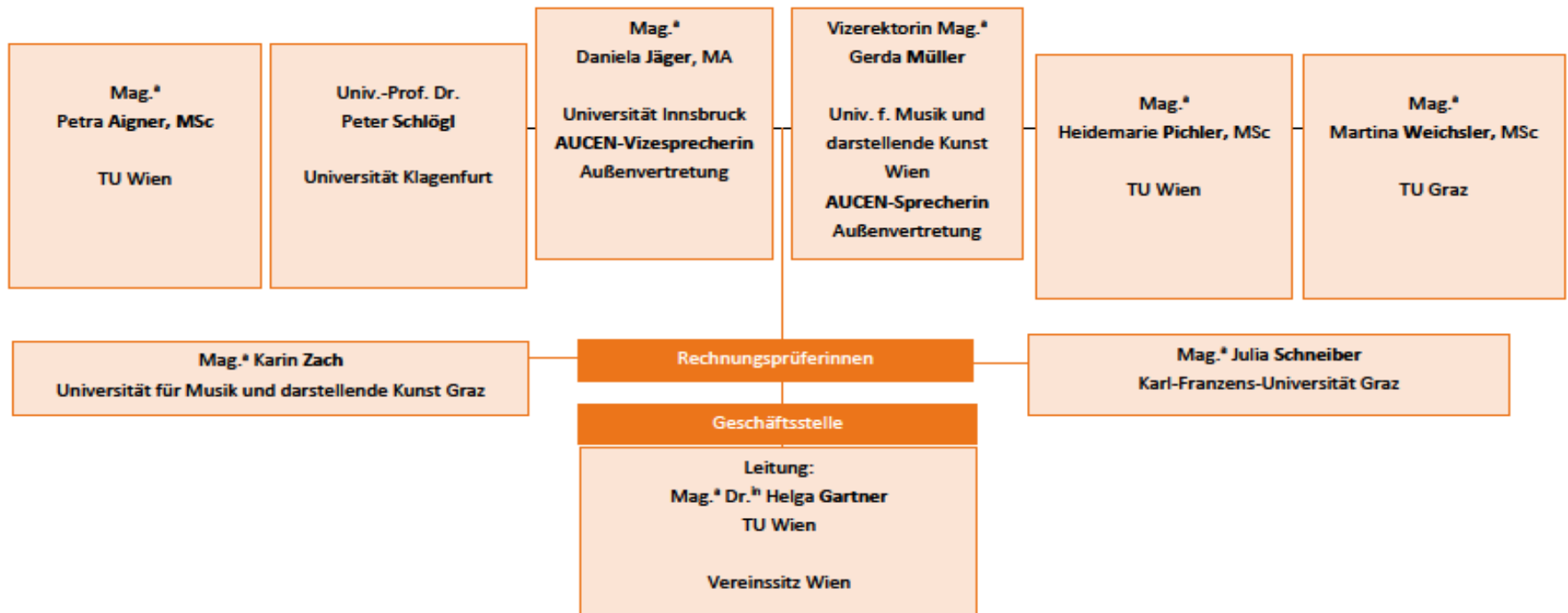
- AUCEN has its **own statutes** according to the **Austrian Association Act**
- The **financial basis** of the association = **membership fees** of the universities
- **Board** and **members** are supported by the AUCEN **office**
- **Board:** 6 members (3 each from CE and SD), elected by the Plenary Assembly every 3 years.
- **Spokesperson** and a **vice-spokesperson** represent externally AUCEN
- **Plenary Assembly:** Each **member university** nominate **two voting delegates** (1 for CE and 1 for SD).

**AUCEN Vorstand – Funktionsperiode: 30.11.2021– 31.12.2022**

**AUCEN – VORSTAND**

**Bereich Weiterbildung**

**Bereich Personalentwicklung**



Plenarversammlung (Mitgliederversammlung) – derzeit 21 Universitäten

# Focus

To promote CE and SD at:

- a) **Political level:** Participation and lobbying, national and international
- b) **Organizational level:** Networking and professionalization of the staff working at the universities in the fields of CE & SD
- c) **Content level:** Quality development in CE and SD

# Mission Statement

*Knowledge-based societies face the **challenge of organizing lifelong learning.***

*Lifelong Learning (LLL) has an **impact on the competencies, profile and role of university members in teaching, research and in the service sector** and thus on personnel development. Furthermore, it requires a change and expansion of the role of the students.*

*For universities, this means providing **differentiated offers for target groups in different phases of life.***

*AUCEN acts as a **platform of experts** from the fields of “continuing education” and “staff development”, who deal with the design of the necessary change processes.*



# Continuing Education

- Lifelong Learning Strategy
  - Development of a national LLL Strategy (ministerial project)
  - LLL Strategie for the university
- Quality assurance
  - National Qualification Framework (NQF)
  - Austrian university conference: *Principles and recommendations for continuing education at public universities*
  - IHS – Study: *Status and Development of CE in Higher Education in Austria*
  - AQ Austria - RPL projects e.g. RPL Network
- Implementation of the Amendment of the University Act
- Cooperation (EUCEN; German Association for University Continuing and Distance Education)

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