

Women4Advancement

The project "Equal and inclusive representation of women in decision-making for women advancement"

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The initiative "DAMENWAHL" - women's political aspects of the election programs

<p>1. Main theme</p> <p>Related themes</p>	<p>The initiative "DAMENWAHL" focuses on the women's political aspects of the election programs of various parties in national, regional, and local elections.</p> <p>Related topics, always from a feminist perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education - Labor market - Compatibility of private caregiving and domestic work - Health - Gender-based violence - Political representation - Gender mainstreaming/Gender budgeting
<p>2. Implementing country</p>	<p>Austria</p>
<p>3. Implementation level</p>	<p>national, regional, local</p>
<p>4. Main goal and objectives of the good practice</p>	<p>The main goal is to make women's political aspects in the election programs of various parties visible.</p>
<p>5. Target group/groups</p>	<p>The main goal is to make women's political aspects in the election programs of various parties visible.</p>
<p>6. Name of lead organisation/body implementing the practice</p>	<p>Graz Women's Council and Thekla</p> <p>The Graz Women's Council is an independent association for networking and supporting the feminist scene in Graz. Originally founded in 1986 by Grete Schurz, the Graz Women's Council today consists of representatives from many feminist groups, associations, institutions, and activists.</p> <p>Thekla was an independent coalition of all autonomous women's organizations in Graz, which was dissolved a few years ago.</p> <p>Local and regional.</p>
<p>7. Partners, if relevant</p>	<p>Thekla initiated "DAMENWAHL." The Thekla network consisted of the following institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Danaida - Meeting point for migrant women - Frauenservice Graz

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women's Health Center Graz - Women's Shelters Styria - Mafalda – Girl's Counseling Center Graz - Peripherie – Institute for Practical Gender Studies <p>These institutions are all also members of the Graz Women's Council.</p>
8. Period of implementation	Since 2010
9. Funding/Financial resources and other resources	City of Graz
10. Description of good practice and it's activities	
<p>Before each election at the city, state, and federal levels, leading candidates from Graz and Styria are asked questions about their feminist political orientation to provide voters with guidance on women's politics.</p> <p>The questions cover the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education - Labor market - Compatibility of private caregiving and domestic work - Health - Gender-based violence - Political representation - Gender mainstreaming/Gender budgeting <p>The results are published through newspapers, events, social media, websites of the networks and member organizations, and panel discussions with politicians.</p> <p>In this way, voters are informed about the positions of candidates from different parties on important women's political issues.</p> <p>The concept of "DAMENWAHL" has been adopted by the Austrian Women's Ring for Vienna and Salzburg and adapted to regional circumstances.</p>	

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<p>11. Impact/results of monitoring and evaluation of good practice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Orientation in the field of women's and feminist politics for voters – local, regional, national. - Guidance and basis for reflection for parties and their candidates – local, regional, national. - Women's and feminist politics have been advanced – local, regional, national. - Comparison of parties and their candidates in the area of feminist and women's political agendas.
<p>12. Lessons learned</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is advisable to gather extensive knowledge and data on institutional and social aspects. - All channels should be used to publish the results, and discussions with various target groups should take place. The results should be collected and used for the next steps.
<p>13. Success factors of the practice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background knowledge - Processing of social science data over time to show development. - Formulating a few clear and concise questions that cover all areas: They must be clear and unambiguous. This requires extensive background knowledge. - Invest a lot of energy in public relations.
<p>14. Ways in which the practice could be improved</p>	<p>To achieve improvement, the Austrian "DAMENWAHL" could be compared with other countries.</p> <p>We, the Graz Women's Council and several women's organizations, are planning a proposal for an international project in which we aim to compare the different situations in various countries. For this, we will select countries with varying levels of women's representation in politics and in the electoral system. Before the selection, we will create a cluster based on the above-mentioned criteria. Then, we will adapt and compare the concept of "DAMENWAHL."</p>
<p>15. Advice and recommendations for those, who wish to implement this good practice</p>	<p>Siehe oben</p>
<p>16. Source of good practice, contacts, references</p>	<p>www.grazerfrauenrat.at/damenwahl</p>