



# How to form a company in Austria



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## Why incorporate a company in Austria?

Centre of  
common market  
with 500 million+  
customers

Vienna is a  
HQ of UN and is  
a Member of EU,  
OECD, OSCE,  
& UN

Innovative,  
skilled, and flexible  
workforce

Incentives to  
attract foreign  
investors

High quality of life  
and infrastructure



## Types of legal entities

- Sole Entrepreneur
- Partnership under Civil Law
- General Commercial Partnership
- Limited Partnership
- Silent Partnership
- Cooperative
- Limited Liability Company (GmbH)
- Flexible Company (FlexCo)
- Joint Stock Company (AG)
- European Public Limited Company (Societas Europea – SE)



## Fact Sheet

Is foreign ownership allowed?

**Yes**

Is foreign directorship allowed?

**Yes**

Can the company sponsor  
foreign employees?

**Yes**

Is there a minimum share capital?

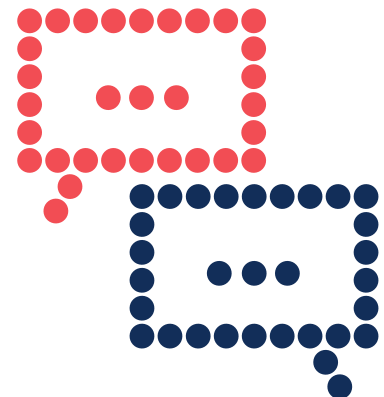
**Yes, in certain types.**

- **Limited Liability Company**  
is EUR 10,000.

- **Joint Stock Company**  
is EUR 70,000.

What is the minimum number  
of shareholders?

**The minimum number of  
shareholders is 1.**



## How to do it

In order to successfully form your company, you will have to follow the steps outlined in this guide. There are 7 main steps involved in this process.

- 1 Choose a company type and firm name.
- 2 Set up necessary corporate legal documents.
- 3 Open a corporate bank account and deposit the minimum share capital (if required).
- 4 Set up head office and business address.
- 5 Register with the Austrian companies' register and file relevant legal documents.
- 6 Obtain an Austrian tax number.
- 7 Apply for work and residence permit and trade license (if required).

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