



Enabling evidence- based policy

Our mission: **Enabling evidence-based policy**

Tackling challenges in an evidence-based way

The Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO), founded in 1927 by Hayek and von Mises, is Austria's leading institute for applied empirical economic research. It bridges the gap between academic research and economic policy application, offering high-quality research and policy advice. WIFO conducts empirical analyses using advanced methods and communicates results through publications, reports, and public relations.

International orientation

WIFO is part of an international scientific network and regularly works on international research projects, for example for the European Commission or the European Parliament. The continuous exchange with the European scientific community and decision-makers is central to WIFO's bridging function.

Independence and research integrity

WIFO is committed to taking an independent position on economic policy issues, which is ensured by a broad range of supporting institutions with different interests and tasks. In accordance with its statutes, WIFO has a public mission and does not aim to make a profit. WIFO's work is generally published. WIFO is a member of the Austrian Agency for Research Integrity (ÖAWI) and observes the rules of good scientific practice in order to ensure the integrity and traceability of its research results.



Comprehensive research on issues of relevance for the economy and society

WIFO is unique in Austria because it covers almost the entire spectrum of economic research. Five Research Groups covering different areas of economics collaborate in research projects on relevant challenges.

Detailed models for the analysis of micro-, macro-, regional and environmental economic issues complement the profound econometric know-how. Extensive experience in handling complex data as well as detailed knowledge of the institutional foundations of national and international economic policy ensure a high quality of research.

Broad portfolio in the public service

WIFO's mission is reflected in a comprehensive portfolio of services. This includes, inter alia:

- Analyses and forecasts of economic, social and ecological trends
- Scientific research and analyses on relevant topics
- Quality-assured economic data
- Simulation and evaluation of the effects of economic policy measures
- Evidence-based economic policy advice at national and international level
- Impartial information for economic, public and international organisations and the media
- Design and implementation of (business) surveys

WIFO publication series

WIFO-Monatsberichte (WIFO monthly reports) | WIFO-Konjunkturberichte (WIFO Business Cycle Reports) | WIFO-Konjunkturprognose (WIFO Economic Forecasts) | WIFO-Konjunkturtest (WIFO Business Cycle Survey) | WIFO Reports on Austria | WIFO Research Briefs | WIFO Studies | Vierteljährliche Volkswirtschaftliche Gesamtrechnung (Quarterly National Accounts) | Die Wirtschaft in den Bundesländern (The Economy in the Austrian Provinces) | Weekly WIFO Economic Index | WIFO Working Papers

WIFO data system

WIFO provides current key figures on economic developments in Austria and abroad in an easily accessible form within the WIFO Data System (WDS). The WDS imports and homogenises various data sources from Austria and abroad and prepares them for the use in scientific analyses and economic policy decisions.

Public relations to introduce facts into debates

The aim of WIFO's public relations is to make the Institute's research results accessible to as wide an audience as possible in order to feed the results both into the design of economic policies and public debates. Especially in times of „fake news“ and „alternative facts“ empirical research is more relevant than ever to contribute to evidence-informed economic policies and enable evidence-based decisions. Thus, the detailed and professional response to international and national media inquiries is an integral part of the daily work of WIFO researchers.

In addition to traditional communication formats such as events, press conferences, background discussions, press releases as well as guest and discussion contributions, WIFO increasingly uses digital channels for its information activities, such as the Institute's website, regular newsletters and social media.

Members support our research on socio-economic challenges

Membership of WIFO confers a seat and vote at the General Assembly and entitles the member to preferential subscription to publications and data. With your membership you can support WIFO's research on the major socio-economic challenges of our time. Further information on membership can be found on our website.