

Source:

### **Health targets Austria**

[https://gesundheitsziele-oesterreich.at/website2017/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/gz\\_kurzfassung\\_en\\_20170626.pdf](https://gesundheitsziele-oesterreich.at/website2017/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/gz_kurzfassung_en_20170626.pdf)

In 2011 the Federal Health Commission of Austria and the Austrian Council of Ministers decided to draw up health targets. The corresponding targets have now been drafted. They describe approaches towards a further increase in general health in Austria and the path to be taken to attain this. The 10 health targets will be in force for the next 20 years.

Article:

### **Challenges of health literacy in 21<sup>st</sup> century**

<https://www.credoweb.at/publication/95490/gesundheitskompetenz-health-literacy-die-grosse-herausforderung-des-21-jahrhunderts>

In today's healthcare society, we are constantly challenged to make health decisions. Decisions that can only be made correctly and quickly if we know and weigh the options available to us, for example therapies. Personal skills and abilities are necessary and of essential importance, which we call health literacy and have acquired throughout our lives.

Website:

### **Health literacy tool shed**

<http://healthliteracy.bu.edu/all>

A database of health literacy measures

Social network:

### **Health literacy Checkpoint Austria– Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/Health-Literacy-Checkpoint-Austria-428003357271341/>

Different information about health literacy

Source:

### **How can the health literacy be improved in the population?**

<https://www.oegkk.at/cdscontent/load?contentid=10008.576339>

In the following scientific work the answer to the question “How can health literacy be improved in the population?” is prepared with the help of eight good practice examples from Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

Source:

### **Meeting in Vienna 2017 (Women’s health centre)– “Promotion of health literacy”**

[http://www.dachverband.at/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2\\_Schader\\_Gesundheitskompetenz.pdf](http://www.dachverband.at/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2_Schader_Gesundheitskompetenz.pdf)

The meeting was about what health literacy is and how it can be improved.

Source:

**6 th Annual Health Literacy Research Conference November 3-4, 2014**

<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/healthliteracyconference/files/2014/06/Pelikan-et-al-HARC-2014-fin.pdf>

Measuring comprehensive health literacy in general populations: validation of instrument, indices and scales of the HLS-EU study

Source:

**GRUNDTVIG LEARNING PARTNERSHIP - Health literacy and health education fostering participation and improving women's and men's health**

[http://www.iss.it/binary/sdoc/cont/2013\\_Report\\_Grundvig\\_Learningpartnership\\_Health\\_Literacy.pdf](http://www.iss.it/binary/sdoc/cont/2013_Report_Grundvig_Learningpartnership_Health_Literacy.pdf)

Recent initiatives such as the first European Health Literacy Survey emphasized the relevance of advancing health literacy in all member states. Health literacy and health education are the prerequisites for patients and citizens to fully participate in health care and to communicate on eye level with their health professionals. Health literacy plays a key role in overcoming health inequalities caused by social determinants of health. This learning partnership fostered health literacy as an important part of life long and continuous education.

Online-Paper:

**Eurohealth, 2016**

<https://www.ehfg.org/fileadmin/downloads/21-press/2016/Eurohealth-volume22-number-3-2016.pdf>

Source:

**Examples of good practice to promote health education and strategies to advance health literacy**

[https://www.coe.int/t/dg3/health/INVENTORY%20OF%20GP%2015-05-2013%20\(2\).pdf](https://www.coe.int/t/dg3/health/INVENTORY%20OF%20GP%2015-05-2013%20(2).pdf)

This inventory was compiled by the Secretariat of the Council of Europe (Social Cohesion and Integration Division of the Directorate General of Democracy) to provide member states with examples of good practice in health education and the promotion of health literacy. The strategies to advance health literacy will be useful for wide-range health policy design and long-term health policy planning.

Source:

**Health Literacy Around the World: Part 1**

**Health Literacy Efforts Outside Of the United States<sup>1</sup>**

<http://nationalacademies.org/hmd/~media/Files/Activity%20Files/PublicHealth/HealthLiteracy/Commissioned%20Papers%20Updated%202017/Pleasant%20A%202012%20Health%20Literacy%20Around%20the%20World%20Part%201.pdf>

An overview about the efforts of health literacy in different countries.

Source:

**Colloquium, 2017: “Developing the healthcare system, improving individual skills, and increasing awareness in the service and production sector for better health literacy in Austria –the role of the MoH”**

([http://www.uzg.cz/doc/1\\_prezentace\\_4\\_10\\_2017.pdf](http://www.uzg.cz/doc/1_prezentace_4_10_2017.pdf))

- Why an Austrian policy on health literacy?
- Health literacy in the Austrian (health) policy context
- Current implementation activities within the health care sector
- Current status in other sectors

Website:

**Blog: Health literacy for "vulnerable" target groups: examples from Austria**

<https://ec.europa.eu/epale/en/blog/health-literacy-vulnerable-target-groups-examples-austria>

In 2013, the Women's Health Centre in Graz produced an overview of strategies to promote health literacy(link is external)relating to information, advice and training.

Website:

**Health in Austria**

<https://goeg.at/index.php/>

There you can find several information about the topic health and health literacy.

Website:

**Tools & Policies in health literacy in Austria**

<https://oepgk.at/wissenscenter/tools/>

Website:

**A Comparative Transnational Study in Health Literacy between Austria and Portugal**

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/275209446\\_A\\_Comparative\\_Transnational\\_Study\\_in\\_Health\\_Literacy\\_between\\_Austria\\_and\\_Portugal](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/275209446_A_Comparative_Transnational_Study_in_Health_Literacy_between_Austria_and_Portugal)

Health literacy (HL) is the ability to understand and use basic health information. We used a validated standard assessment tool for HL and added individual factors in order to investigate the English HL be-tween non-native students from Health Science studies of Austria and Portugal

Source:

**Investing in health literacy of children and youth**

<https://www.bmgf.gv.at/cms/home/attachments/7/0/8/CH1473/CMS1479906038811/gesundheitskompetenzkinderjugendliche.pdf>

This article demonstrates the importance of promoting health literacy of children and youth.

Source:

**Recommendations to set up an Austrian platform for health literacy**

[https://www.bmgf.gv.at/cms/home/attachments/5/7/0/CH1473/CMS1423210822655/plattform\\_gesundheitskompetenz.pdf](https://www.bmgf.gv.at/cms/home/attachments/5/7/0/CH1473/CMS1423210822655/plattform_gesundheitskompetenz.pdf)

This article demonstrates different recommendations to set up an Austrian platform for health literacy.

Source:

**How to increase health literacy**

[https://www.bmgf.gv.at/cms/home/attachments/9/4/3/CH1473/CMS1421673601207/healthliteracy\\_bericht\\_2015.pdf](https://www.bmgf.gv.at/cms/home/attachments/9/4/3/CH1473/CMS1421673601207/healthliteracy_bericht_2015.pdf)

The Federal Ministry of Health commissioned the Women's Health Center with the project "Increase Health Literacy - Capacity Building with Representatives of Patients and consumers of health services "(August 2013 to March 2014).The aim of the project was to ascertain what experiences the patients Representatives who participate in the committees of the Federal Ministry of Health, as well as the leaders of these committees have done so far and what competencies they will have in the future necessary for patient representatives to be competent in their concerns and effectively represent. The results of the participation and survey of the patient representatives and the committee leaders as well as the contributions of the steering group were the basis to develop a 1 1/2-day pilot training for patient representatives in February 2014 was carried out.

<https://www.bmgf.gv.at/home/Gesundheit/Gesundheitsreform/Gesundheitskompetenz/>

Source:

**Health literacy of the Austrian people**

[http://old.fgoe.org/projektfoerderung/gefoiderte-projekte/FgoeProject\\_1412/90528.pdf](http://old.fgoe.org/projektfoerderung/gefoiderte-projekte/FgoeProject_1412/90528.pdf)

This report and the underlying project follow the European Health Literacy Survey (HLS-EU). The HLS-EU project was funded by the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (EAHC) under the European Public Health Program (Grant 2007-113). In addition to the international report, however, a German-language Austrian report was also requested, which should also include data for the Austrian federal states in order to comply with the federal structure of the Austrian public health system.

Source:

**Measures to promote health literacy in Austria**

[http://www.frauengesundheitszentrum.eu/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/frauengesundheitszentrum\\_erhebung\\_gesundheitskompetenz\\_2013\\_01\\_29\\_end\\_01.pdf](http://www.frauengesundheitszentrum.eu/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/frauengesundheitszentrum_erhebung_gesundheitskompetenz_2013_01_29_end_01.pdf)

Consumers, the insured and patients need health literacy - Health Literacy. Only then can they act as equal partners with health professionals, bring in their perspectives, needs and wishes and make independent health decisions.

The current Health Literacy study on eight EU countries (HLS-EU) shows that about 56 percent of Austrians have inadequate health literacy (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute

2012). Thus, Austria is among the eight countries examined in the study (Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Ireland, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Austria), penultimate to Bulgaria.

Website:

### **Health Literacy Survey - Gesundheit Österreich GmbH**

[https://goeg.at/Health\\_Literacy\\_2016](https://goeg.at/Health_Literacy_2016)

In 2016, GÖG developed a scientifically and internationally coordinated survey design for a next Austrian Health Literacy Survey, which clarifies the basic methodological questions for a new survey, formulated nine recommendations for an internationally coordinated survey and work packages as well as the time schedule for the preparation and implementation of the survey in Austria. Are defined. This recommendation paper is intended to serve both the Austrian decision-making regarding the new survey and the international vote in 2017.