

Austria

Joint National implementation report

The consultations between the Austrian employees and employers organisations, ÖGB (Austrian Trade Union Confed.), VÖWG (Austrian Ass. For Public and Social Economy), WKÖ (Austrian Economic Chamber) and IV (Fed. Of Austrian Industry) on a common national way of implementation have not been finished until April 2006. These consultations aim at a common social partner recommendation which can be implemented at the enterprise level.

In July 2005 the Austrian employers organisations decided to publish guidelines on the implementation of the Telework agreement and made them available via Internet.

The guidelines are addressed to employers and employees. Their aim is twofold:

- 1) they contain the text of the European agreement in German and
- 2) they make reference to the relevant already existing Austrian legislation concerning various aspects of telework. Not all paragraphs of the telework agreement are commented in the guidelines but those aspects which are most important to Austrian enterprises. The aim is to give enterprises guidance on how to establish telework at the workplace.