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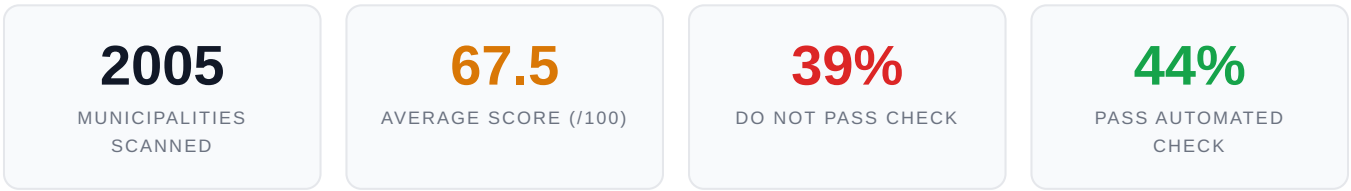
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Austria

Municipality Web Accessibility

Automated WCAG 2.1 AA Compliance Scan — EU Directive 2016/2102

Austria — Municipality Accessibility at a Glance



39% of Austria municipality websites **do not pass** the automated WCAG accessibility check. Only **44%** of scanned sites pass.

The average compliance score across 2005 scanned municipality homepages is **67.5/100**. A total of **15471** individual accessibility violations were detected, averaging **7.7** issues per site.

Score Distribution

888		345	772	592
Category	Count	%	Definition	
PASS	888	44%	Score ≥ 80 — passes automated check	
NEEDS WORK	345	17%	Score 50–79 — partially accessible	
FAIL	772	39%	Score < 50 — does not pass automated check	
NOT SCANNED	592	—	Website unavailable or scan failed	

Most Common Accessibility Violations

The table below lists the 10 most frequent axe-core rule violations found across Austria municipality homepages.

#	RULE	IMPACT	DESCRIPTION	OCCURRENCES	SITES
1	color-contrast	SERIOUS	Ensure the contrast between foreground and background colors meets WCAG 2 AA minimum contrast ratio thresholds	9183	698
2	link-name	SERIOUS	Ensure links have discernible text	3242	550
3	image-alt	CRITICAL	Ensure elements have alternative text or a role of none or presentation	761	238
4	nested-interactive	SERIOUS	Ensure interactive controls are not nested as they are not always announced by screen readers or can cause focus problems for assistive technologies	282	45
5	link-in-text-block	SERIOUS	Ensure links are distinguished from surrounding text in a way that does not rely on color	217	134
6	button-name	CRITICAL	Ensure buttons have discernible text	194	54
7	svg-img-alt	SERIOUS	Ensure	176	6
8	aria-allowed-attr	CRITICAL	Ensure an element's role supports its ARIA attributes	151	117
9	aria-required-parent	CRITICAL	Ensure elements with an ARIA role that require parent roles are contained by them	148	19
10	aria-hidden-focus	SERIOUS	Ensure aria-hidden elements are not focusable nor contain focusable elements	134	19

Municipality Ranking — Top & Bottom Performers

Top 15 Highest Scores

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
1	Peuerbach	peuerbach.at	100.0	0
2	Königsbrunn am Wagram	koenigsbrunn.at	100.0	0
3	Reith bei Seefeld	reith-seefeld.at	100.0	0
4	Attersee am Attersee	attersee.ooe.gv.at	100.0	0
5	Lessach	lessach.at	100.0	0
6	Schärding	schaerding.ooe.gv.at	100.0	0
7	Weibern	weibern.at	100.0	0
8	Kundl	kundl.gv.at	100.0	0
9	Mattighofen	mattighofen.at	100.0	0
10	Ottnang am Hausruck	ottnang.ooe.gv.at	100.0	0
11	Persenbeug-Gottsdorf	persenbeug-gottsdorf.gv.at	100.0	0
12	Fügen	fuegen.at	100.0	0
13	Kautzen	kautzen.gv.at	100.0	0
14	Furth bei Göttweig	furth.at	100.0	0
15	Enzenkirchen	enzenkirchen.ooe.gv.at	100.0	0

Bottom 15 Lowest Scores

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
1	Au	au-schoppernau.at	0.4	33
2	Schwarzenberg	schwarzenberg.at	0.6	53
3	Sibratsgöll	sibra.at	0.6	91
4	Premstätten	unterpremstaetten.at	0.7	28
5	Muggendorf	muggendorf.at	1.4	21
6	Mühlbachl	muehlbachl.at	3.1	24
7	Lesachtal	lesachtal.com	3.1	43
8	Puchberg am Schneeberg	puchberg.at	3.1	69
9	Mureck	mureck.gv.at	3.1	82
10	Grünbach am Schneeberg	gruenbach-schneeberg.gv.at	3.1	81
11	Gurk	gurk.at	3.1	27
12	Arnfels	arnfels.gv.at	4.6	15
13	Ehrenhausen an der Weinstraße	ehrenhausen-gv.at	4.6	39

#	MUNICIPALITY	WEBSITE	SCORE	ISSUES
14	Kaprun	kaprun.at	4.6	81
15	Straß in Steiermark	strass-steiermark.gv.at	4.6	36

Methodology & Limitations

Testing Tool

[axe-core](#), the open-source accessibility testing engine maintained by Deque Systems. It is the most widely used automated accessibility testing library and powers the accessibility checks in Chrome DevTools and Lighthouse.

Standard

WCAG 2.1 Level AA — the standard referenced by EU Directive 2016/2102 (Web Accessibility Directive) and harmonised European standard EN 301 549.

Scope

- Homepage only (crawl depth = 1). Subpages are not scanned.
- One domain per municipality (primary official website).
- Scores range from 0 (worst) to 100 (best).

Important limitation: Automated tools detect approximately 30–50% of WCAG 2.1 criteria. A site that does not pass the automated check is certainly non-compliant. A site that passes may still have accessibility barriers detectable only through manual expert review. These scores represent a **floor**, not a ceiling, of real-world accessibility issues.

Data Collection

Municipality websites were collected from official national registers, Eurostat LAU codes, and Wikidata. Domains were validated via DNS resolution and HTTP checks. Scans were performed using headless Chromium via Playwright + axe-core.

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