

Management and Implementation of the Austrian State Environmental Grant Scheme for Public Water Supply and Sanitation Projects

Client: Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

Duration: 1993 – ongoing

Location: Austria



Programme Management of the Austrian federal environmental grant scheme for public investment projects in the field of water supply and sanitation based on the Austrian Environmental Support Act. Kommunalkredit manages the entire programme from receiving the grant funding applications, appraising the funding applications including all technical supporting documentation (technical, economic and financial evaluation), concluding the funding agreements and fiduciary management (disbursing the grant funds, monitoring compliance with grant conditions).

The final beneficiaries are municipalities or municipal associations and water/wastewater utilities across all of Austria.

Moreover, the activities include consultancy services for general program creation and development. KPC has managed the the state environmental grant scheme since 1993 based on a framework contract.

Support funding is provided for projects in the following sub-sectors:

- Waste water treatment plants and sewer systems
- Small scale sanitation and waste water treatment facilities
- Public water supply systems
- Small scale water supply systems
- Industrial wastewater treatment plants
- Research in the field of water supply and sanitation

The contract also involved the management of the Austrian Environmental and Water Management Fund. Before 1993 this fund provided long-term subsidised loans to municipalities. In 1993 the support structure was changed from subsidised loans to capital grants, therefore the fund provided has not provided any new loans since 1993. The main management activities of the fund involve accounting, reporting and liquidity management.