

# Take Home Naloxon Projects and Drug Testing in Austria Update 2023

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# Take Home Naloxon Projects in Austria

- **2018: Styria (Graz)**
  - Low-threshold centre (*Kontaktladen & Streetwork, Caritas*)
- **2019: Vienna**
  - Low-threshold centre (*Viennese Ambulatorium and Jedmayer services*)
- **2020: Burgenland (Eisenstadt)**
  - specifically oriented towards young drug users (coordinated by the Child and Youth Psychiatry and Psychotherapy Centre of Eisenstadt)
- **2022: Carinthia**
  - Based on training of multipliers (social workers, therapist, advisors) who train people who use drugs in several Carinthian drug outpatient clinics and drug counselling facilities
- **2022: Vorarlberg (Bregenz, Dornbirn, Feldkirch, Bludenz)**
  - Low-threshold centres (do it yourself, Caritas, Ex und Hopp, dowas)
- **2023: Tyrol (Innsbruck, Hall in Tyrol)**
  - Based on training of multipliers (social workers, therapist, advisors) who train people who use drugs in
    - several drug counselling facilities (*Mentvilla, KomFüDro, abrakadabra, baseCamp mobil*)
    - *drug outpatient clinic of the Department of Psychiatry at Innsbruck University Hospital and*
    - *specialized unit for drug therapy of the provincial hospital Hall in Tyrol.*

**New**

**THN projects in 6 out of nine Austrian Federal States**

# Is this sufficient?

- Rather small projects – there is no systematic monitoring (e.g., how many kits are distributed)
- The number of kits should be set in relation to the number of problem drug users (“to be prepared”; new indicator for EUDA?)
- The essential question is: How likely is it that Naloxon will be available in the event of opioid overdose?
- Groups to be focused on in the future:
  - Patients in OAT
  - People who use drugs in prison
  - People who use drugs surviving an intoxication

# Drug Checking Projects in Austria

- **Vienna: checkit!**

- **1997**: launch of research project in collaboration with the clinical toxicology laboratory of the Medical University of Vienna. „Integrated Drug Checking” was offered at events, parties, and festivals.
- **2000**: additional web-based psychosocial counseling (telephone and online counseling)
- **2007**: opening of Homebase (on-site personal advice, specialist staff)
- **2019**: start of on-site drug checking at Homebase
- **2020**: start of drug checking via participating Viennese pharmacies

- **Innsbruck/Tyrol: Drogenarbeit Z6**

- **2014**: start of on-site drug checking in collaboration with the Innsbruck forensic medicine department; also streetwork

- **Graz/Styria: Triptalks**

- **2022**: on-site only via Caritas Kontaktladen and Streetwork

**New**

**Drug Checking projects in three out of nine Austrian Federal States**

# Many thanks for your attention!

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