

AUSTRIA'S ANNUAL GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY 1990–2020

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Since 23 December 2005 the Umweltbundesamt has been accredited as Inspection Body for emission inventories, Type A (ID No. 241), in accordance with EN ISO/IEC 17020 and the Austrian Accreditation Law (AkkG), by decree of Accreditation Austria (first decree, No. BMWA-92.715/0036-I/12/2005, issued by Accreditation Austria / Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour on 19 January 2006).



SHORT SUMMARY

In "Austria's Annual Greenhouse Gas Inventory 1990–2020" the Umweltbundesamt presents updated greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Austria covering the 2nd commitment period under the Kyoto-Protocol. In 2020, total GHG emissions amounted to 73.6 Mt CO₂e. This corresponds to a 6.2% decrease compared to 1990 and a 7.7% decrease compared to 2019. Key drivers for the development were the pandemic-related lower fossil fuel sales as well as the decommissioning of a coal-fired power plant and lower electricity production from natural gas power plants in 2020.

GHG emissions according to Article 2(1) of Decision No. 406/2009/EC ("Effort Sharing Decision") amounted to 46.5 Mt CO_2e in 2020 and were thus 1.2 Mt CO_2e below the annual emission allocation for 2020. Content and format of this report are in accordance with the obligations under the GHG Monitoring Mechanism Regulation (EU) No. 525/2013.