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# Country Report Austria

* Up to now we have trained 122 coordinators
* Most of them are working in Lower Austria for the Child and Youth Services. FGC‘s are financed by this organisation.
* Some of the former participants of the training are spreading the idea in other parts of Austria (Carinthia, Styria, Vienna and Vorarlberg), so that it is now possible, that FGC’s in Carinthia are going to be financed by the Child and Youth Services.
* We have renewed our training for coordination FGC‘s in Guardianship and supporting caring family-members. Realising FGC’s in this field is not so easy to practise, because people are often ashamed asking for help. These FGC’s needs a lot of time to be realised.
* This year we will have a special network-meeting with coordinators and referrers of the Child and Youth Services to improve the FGC-System.
* An organisation in Vorarlberg asked our university in St. Pölten for a special training for their employees and some colleagues from the Child and Youth Service. Through this “double-training” it is possible to support coordinators and referrers together.
* We, the university of applied sciences in St. Pölten cooperate with the university of applied sciences in Luzern to make a research concerning the effectiveness of FGC’s. This is necessary and useful, to convince people in politics, that FGC’s can help people in supporting caring family-members.
* FGC in Austria is getting 10 years old. Getting from primary school to high school.

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