Supervisory regime in Austria

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Supervisory structure in Austria

Tiered structure of supervision

**BMF**
Bundesministerium für Finanzen
- Legislative framework (adopted by parliament)

**OeNB**
Österreichische Nationalbank
- Stability of financial market (macro level)
- Supervision of payment systems
- Involved in supervision of banks

**FMA**
Finanzmarktaufsicht
- Monitors and checks individual financial institutions (micro level)

Integrated supervisory institution

2008 – reform of the supervisory system – higher efficiency without parallel work, narrow collaboration of OeNB and FMA (e.g. common data base)
FMA (Finanzmarktaufsicht)

- Created 2002 as integrated supervisory institution
- About 300 employees

- Fields of supervision
  - Banking supervision
  - Insurance and pension companies supervision
  - Securities supervision

- Supervised companies
  - Credit institutions
  - Insurance companies
  - Pension companies
  - Investment funds
  - Investment service providers
  - Issuers of securities
  - …

- Two distinct approaches
  - Solvency supervision
  - Market and conduct supervision
Structure of FMA

Executive Board
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DEPARTMENT I
Banking Supervision

DEPARTMENT II
Insurance and Pension Companies Supervision

DEPARTMENT III
Securities Supervision

DEPARTMENT IV
Integrated Supervision

DEPARTMENT V
Services

• Actuarial issues
  • Business plans and actuarial underlyings
  • Issues of actuaries and appointed actuaries
  • Supervision of annual closings in resp. to actuarial aspects
  • Analysis of life and health products and profit sharing systems

• Supervision of solvency models
Actuaries in Austria

AVÖ (Aktuarvereinigung Österreichs) – Austria actuarial association (www.avoe.at)

- **Members** (~430 ordinary members, ~260 accredited actuaries, ~30 associated members (members of foreigner actuarial ass.), ~30 supporting members, ~16 extraordinary members)
- **Internal working groups** (Education, Accounting, Solvency & Riskmanagement, Pension companies, Social capital, Announcements, Insurance companies)
- **Education** (Österreichische Förderungsgesellschaft für Versicherungsmathematik GmbH)
- **EAA – European Actuarial Academy** (workshops and publications - initiative of German, Dutch, Swiss and Austrian actuarial association – www.actuarial-academy.com)
- **Annual fees** (€70 proper members, €140 accredited actuaries, ~70 associated members, >~840 supporting members)

- **Accredited actuaries**
  - Members of the section of accredited actuaries
  - Have to meet qualifying criteria (lectures/examinations + 3-year practise)
  - Obligatory further training since 2011 (15 points p.a.)

- **Appointed actuaries**
  - Appointed by FMA, criteria set by law (VAG)
  - Criteria similar to the criteria for accredited actuary
  - Only in life/health insurance (connection to policy reserve fund)
  - Not planned for non-life insurance (no policy reserve fund)