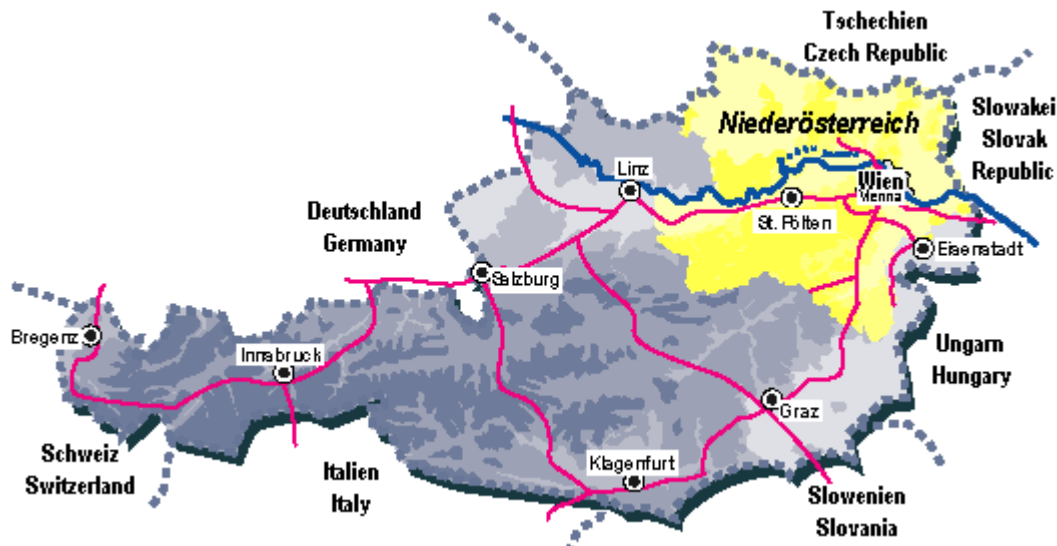


## Some details about Lower Austria

### Lower Austria is a federal province of Austria in Europe.

Austria is based on a federal system. Nine federal provinces form the country. Certain legal agenda like spacial planning, protection of natural resources etc. are regulated on the provincial level.



<b>Position:</b>	In the North-East of Austria (the province around Vienna)
<b>Area:</b>	19,174 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population:</b>	1.55 million
<b>Households:</b>	approximately 623,000
<b>Citizenship:</b>	Austrians: 93,92 % EU-citizens (except Austrians): 1,56 % Non-EU-citizens: 4,52 %
<b>Capital:</b>	St. Pölten (49,000 inhabitants)
<b>Districts:</b>	25 administrative districts
<b>Municipalities:</b>	573
<b>Major rivers:</b>	Danube, Enns, March, Thaya, Traisen, Ybbs
<b>Highest elevation:</b>	Schneeberg (2,076 m)
<b>Lowest point:</b>	Municipality of Berg in the district of Bruck/Leitha (129 m)
<b>Boundaries to other EU members:</b>	414 km (Czech Republic: 333 km, Slovakia: 81 km)

In the region of Lower-Austria the towns have to fulfil many functions for the region. But most towns are very small and do not have more than 10.000 inhabitants, mostly between 5.000 and 10.000. The biggest town in Lower-Austria is St. Pölten with about 50.000 inhabitants. 40% of Lower Austrian citizens live in small and middle sized towns.