

Country:	Austria
Name of religious minority:	Cultural Club of Albanian Muslims in Hadersdorf near Krems
Number of believers:	About 150 families
Regional, national distribution within the country (e.g. are believers dispersed or concentrated in one or more places?):	The number of Muslims in Austria has approximately got nearly doubled since 2001. The increase is not only the result of birthrate, but of immigration, too. About 50 % of the Muslims in Austria do have the citizenship. Believers are dispersed, concentration can be found in the capital city Vienna, but also in the regional capitals and in larger towns.
Are believers organized in communities or similar structures? Legal position/ status (e.g. is the religious minority recognized and is there an equal status within the religion of the majority?):	The Islamic Denomination in Austria (IGGIÖ) was constituted as corporation of public law in 1979. It represents the public administration of religious issues for all Muslims in Austria. Not only public practising religion for Muslims is guaranteed, but by having this acceptance they also enjoy autonomy within regulating their inner affairs. The regional communities are mainly orientated to ethnic affiliation; some do not have many contacts among each other. The cultural club in Hadersdorf gets into contact with other religions.
Are there reasons which stop the religious minority enjoying freedom of worship in the country?	They can practise their religion, but sometimes there's social hostility.
If yes, what are the reasons... -legal reasons -social reasons -other reasons	There are social reasons, particularly prejudice.
Is the religious minority visible to others? When yes, how?	The mosques don't look very special from outside. Most of them reside in shut down flats or houses. Only three mosques have been built in Austria. Muslims' clothes are noticed, and especially females' head cloth. Some of the younger generation don't use typical clothes.
What influence does the majority culture of the country have on the religious minority?	Increasing secularisation.
What influence does the culture of the religious minority have on the majority culture of the country?	On the one hand there's an increasing willingness to communicate, but there's also a rising polarisation, especially within the groups of illiterate and underprivileged people. Some restaurants and markets in town offer oriental and particularly Turkish goods.