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COMPANIES, CULTURE, SPORTS
AND LIFESTYLE.

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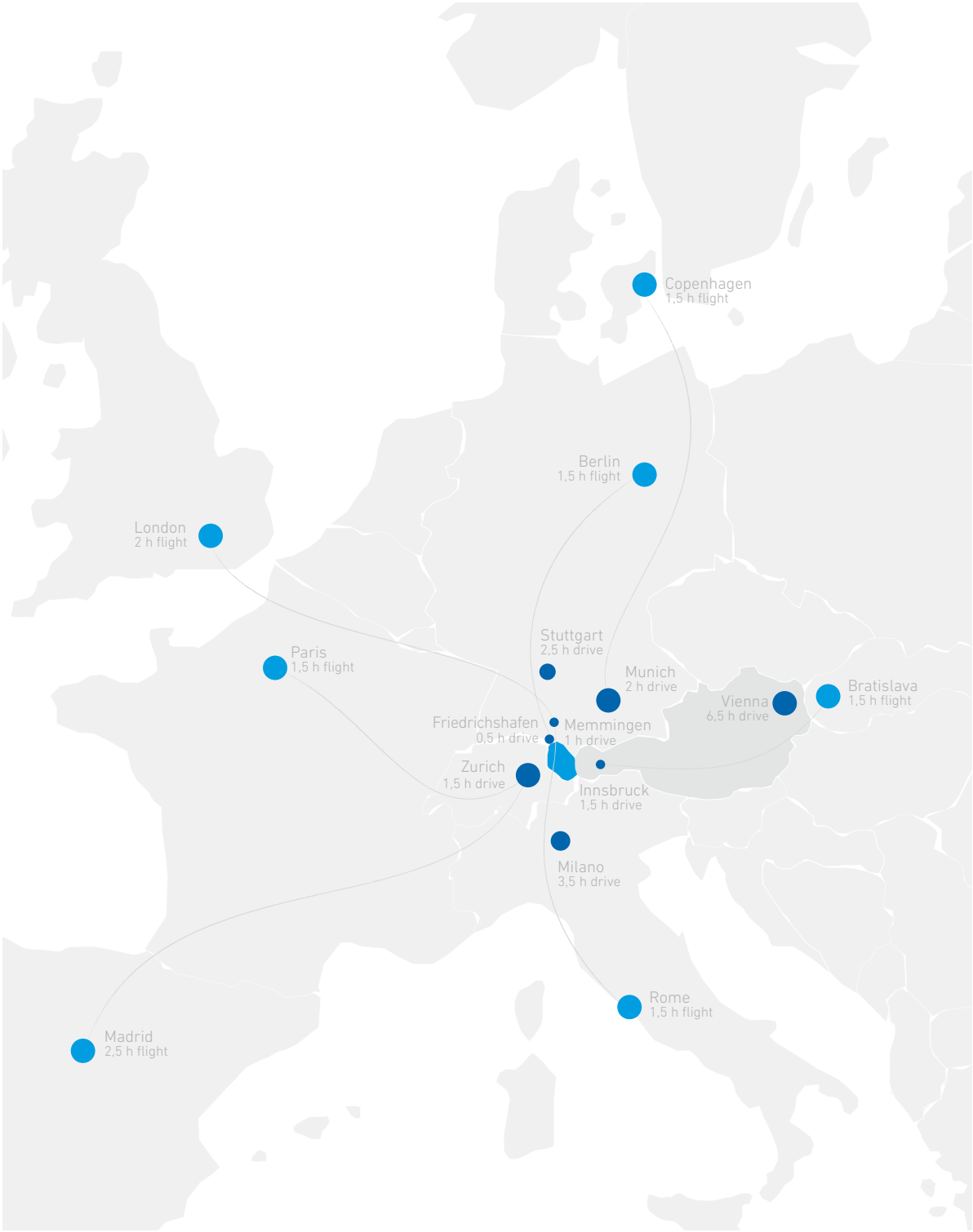
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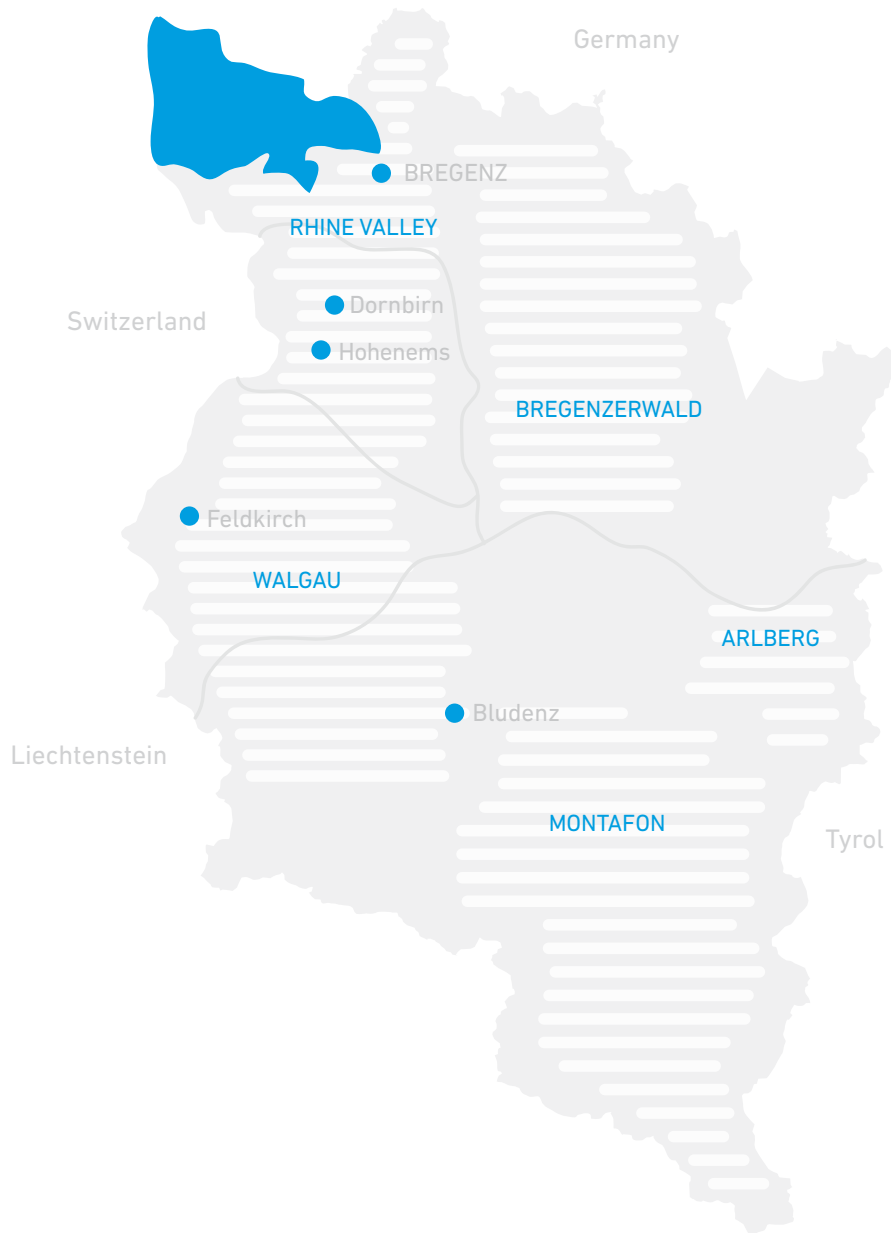
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This brochure is not intended to be exhaustive.
There are a number of similarly important
businesses, institutions, companies, projects
and personalities as well as leisure, culture and
sport activities in Vorarlberg worth mentioning
in addition to the examples listed here.

VORARLBERG



Vorarlberg lies within Europe's most dynamic technology regions. The picture shows the nearest airports and distances to major European cities. ©WISTO



WELCOME TO VORARLBERG

01 A PORTRAIT OF THE REGION

An impressively diverse region

The economic centre of Vorarlberg is concentrated around the Rhine Valley-Walgau metropolitan area. This is where the state's major cities can be found, beginning with the state capital of Bregenz and continuing to Dornbirn, Hohenems, Feldkirch and finally Bludenz. The area is also home to a thriving economic and cultural region that leads the way in Europe.

Vorarlberg is surrounded by the majestic Alpine regions of Montafon, Arlberg and Bregenzerwald, which come together in the dynamic four-country-region of Lake Constance and create a unique blend of urban life and natural simplicity.

Vorarlberg's appealing geographic location offers residents a world of remarkable cultural and economic opportunities, not to mention an excellent range of leisure activities and employment options.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STRENGTH

In recent decades Vorarlberg has developed from a successful, albeit one-sided textile manufacturing location into an economic powerhouse and a creative, high-tech region that is now home to a plenitude of different industries. Very few regions are capable of executing this type of structural change as brilliantly as Vorarlberg. So many businesses in Vorarlberg boast continuous success, and products from Alpla, Blum, Doppelmayr, Hirschmann Automotive or Zumtobel, are in high demand worldwide. What they all have in

common is that their achievements are rooted in hard work, technical precision, economic expertise and unsurpassed knowledge.

CULTURAL COSMOPOLITANISM

The same characteristics can also be ascribed to the region's residents. The "typical Vorarlberger" is often described as hard-working, efficient, intrepid and friendly. Performance is just as important as creativity and personal dedication. Ideals such as community and family life play an important role, and the numerous clubs and voluntary commitments reflect this.

WELCOME TO VORARLBERG

Experience everything Vorarlberg has to offer, from business to sports and leisure to cultural events, you are sure to enjoy!

On the following pages we've put together an overview of the region for you. We are pleased to show you our state's economic strength and its businesses, how it excels in architecture, culture and creative endeavours, the outstanding sport and leisure opportunities available to you and the foundation on which our region is built: an exemplary education and social welfare system.

Further information is available at www.chancenland.at.



ALPLA is one of the largest companies within the region with well-known customers such as Coca-Cola, Henkel or Vöslauer. The specialist for plastic packaging is currently working on the development of a completely bio-based and recyclable paper bottle. Weissengruber+Partner/Chancenland Vorarlberg

02 FACTS AND FIGURES

A brief initial overview

IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

Vorarlberg is frontier land. 80 % of the state's 350 km long borders are national borders. The region shares its frontiers with the Swiss cantons of St. Gallen and Graubünden, the German state of Bavaria, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Austrian state of Tyrol.

This unique location between four countries and Lake Constance (Central Europe's third largest lake) is responsible for the region's openness and the international appeal of its economy.

A REGION WITH A PROMISING FUTURE

- Vorarlberg's population is growing at a comparatively high rate. Its numbers have climbed by 22 % in the last 30 years (Austria Ø: 11 %).
- With a ratio of 23 % of inhabitants younger than 20 years, Vorarlberg easily surpasses the Austrian average of 20 % and is home to the youngest population nationwide.
- The Rhine Valley is the second most densely populated region in Austria, right behind Vienna. Unlike the mono-centric structure of a large city, Vorarlberg's city centres are spread across the region, thus creating a large metropolitan area with seamless borders to Switzerland and Germany.
- Almost 18 % of Vorarlberg's inhabitants are citizens of countries other than Austria.
- According to forecasts, 400,000 people will be living in the state of Vorarlberg by the year 2030.



TOTAL AREA	2,601 km ²
CAPITAL CITY	Bregenz (29,742 inhabitants*)
POPULATION	396,700*
POPULATION DENSITY	152 inhabitants/km ²
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	169,000**
POLITICAL STRUCTURE	96 municipalites 5 cities 4 districts

*Numbers of June 2019 | ** Jan 2019

Citizens of Vorarlberg enjoy an above-average standard of living and an extraordinary quality of life. The region lies within reach of the world's best places to live: Zurich, Munich and Vienna.

The cornerstone of Vorarlberg's appeal is its economic strength, ranking it among major international metropolitan regions such as Paris and Munich.



Vorarlberg offers a unique combination of mountains, lake, culture, architecture, urban life style and a strong economy. ©Petra Rainer/Vorarlberg Tourismus | **TOP** Lech-Zürs is one of the most popular ski resorts in the Alps. ©Sepp Mallaun/Vorarlberg Tourismus

03 PIONEERS IN BUSINESS

Vorarlberg: Innovation and export champion

Vorarlberg's economy is just as diverse as its landscape. A wide range of industries and regional value chains working by international standards are characteristic business drivers here. This is why the state is one of the strongest economic regions and largest exporters in Europe today.

BUSINESS LOCATION - FACTS

- Low unemployment rate of 5.4 % (WKO 2018)

7.7 %	Austria	12.3 %	Vienna	5 %	Upper Austria
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- Strong GDP per capita of 46,700 € (Statista 2018)

43,700 €	Austria	45,810 €	Bavaria	44,886 €	Baden-Wuerttemberg
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- Highest export rate per capita with 26,175 €

26,175 €	Vorarlberg	16,139 €	Austrian average
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- Ranks 4th among the world's most innovative regions

ROBUST ECONOMIC STRUCTURE

Vorarlberg's economic landscape is characterized by innovative companies involved in a remarkable number of different industries. This versatility gives the region its flexibility in responding to changing demands within the marketplace and its international reputation for resilience.

TOP INDUSTRIALISED AREA

Industry plays a key role in Vorarlberg's economy. Together with manufacturing it makes up nearly a third of the entire economy (29 %). This is considerably more than in other states. Vorarlberg's industry is primarily focused on iron and metalworking (63 % of industrial produc-

tion), but the electrical and electronic industry (17 %) and food and beverage production (12 %) are also gaining importance. Due to Vorarlberg's diversity of industries, career changes are possible across many products and industries.

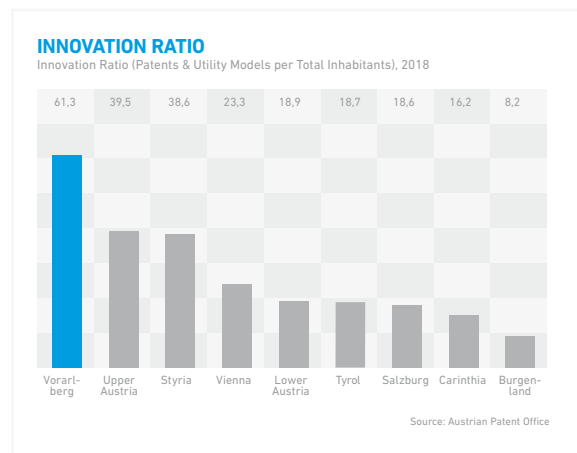
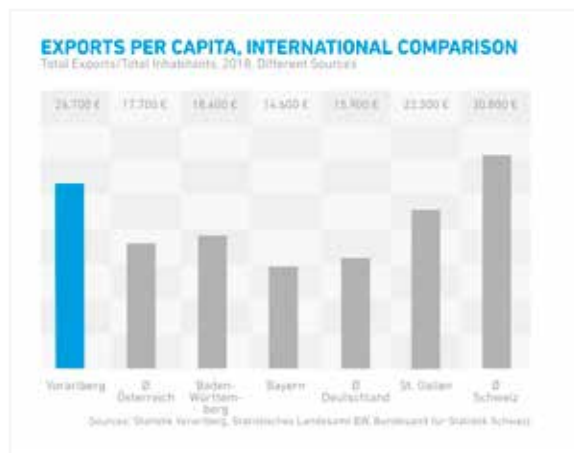
COSMOPOLITAN EXPORT CHAMPION

Around 80 % of goods and services from Vorarlberg are sold to foreign countries, making Vorarlberg Austria's export champion. In 2018, Vorarlberg broke the 10 billion euro mark in exports for the first time. The main trade partner is Germany, but goods are also predominantly exported to Switzerland, Italy, the USA, France, Great Britain and Liechtenstein.

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Research in Vorarlberg is realised according to market needs, mostly with an international focus, highly efficient and generally carried out by companies themselves. It is not uncommon to see corporate R&D ratios of up to 20 % of turnover.

Inter-company research centres are initiated for disciplines that are notable for a relevant number of different branches. The industrial research centre V-Research cooperates with local companies such as Liebherr, Gebrüder Weiss and Zumtobel for projects with tribological challenges, design automation as well as digital production. The Research Institute for Textile Chemistry and Textile Physics works on high-level European Union projects and utilizes Vorarlberg's textile industry experience for state-of-the-art research. Additionally, Vorarlberg's University of Applied Sciences (FH Vorarlberg) is home to facilities that conduct research in microtechnology, mechatronics, energy efficiency and more. In the new *Digital Factory* research centre, new digital methods are developed and tested in joint projects with companies and academic partners.



LEFT International comparison of export rates per inhabitant. | RIGHT Vorarlberg's innovation ratio in a context of Austria's federal regions. ©WISTO

04 HOME TO POWERFUL BRANDS

Global players from Vorarlberg

Vorarlberg has a larger concentration of internationally known brands than any comparable region. The economic landscape features countless high-performance industrial companies successful in numerous market niches and a wide range of industries.

MARKET LEADERS (Excerpt)

ALPLA GmbH & Co KG

www.alpla.com

One of the world's leading plastics processing companies, produces bottles and caps for Coca-Cola, P&G, Johnson & Johnson, Unilever among others

Employees: 1,091 (in Vorarlberg) / 10,800 (worldwide)

Bachmann electronic GmbH

www.bachmann.info

World market leader in the automation of wind power plants and other areas of renewable energies

Employees: 306 / 456

Bertsch Holding GmbH

www.bertsch.at

Leading provider of boiler and energy technology, renewable energies and food technology

Employees: 333 / 398

Doppelmayr Seilbahnen GmbH

www.doppelmayr.at

Undisputed world leader in ropeway engineering and also successful with its subsidiary DCC cable cars

Employees: 1,357 / 2,933

Erne Group

www.ernefittings.com

Worldwide leading premium-manufacturer of pipe fittings for power plants, refineries and food production, also for automotive industry via subsidiary ELB Form

Employees: 230 / 440



STRAIGHT TO THE TOP

14,900 Doppelmayr cable cars and lifts transport billions of passengers each year. In addition to cable car systems for summer and winter tourism, the demand for urban ropeway systems is rising continuously. Even the world's largest urban ropeway network - the main method of transport in the merged metropolises of La Paz and El Alto in Bolivia - comes from Doppelmayr.

Gebrüder Weiss GmbH

www.gw-world.com

Austria's largest private logistics company

Employees: 942 / 7,112

Getzner Textil AG

www.getzner.at

Leading global supplier of fashion fabrics and Damask for Armani, Hugo Boss, Calvin Klein, among others

Employees: 946 / 1,588

Getzner Werkstoffe GmbH

www.getzner.com

Leading specialist of highly elastic materials for vibration insulation (e.g. for railway tracks and skyscrapers)

Employees: 359 / 459



Ölz Meisterbäcker is the market leader for toast bread and bakery products. ©Weissengruber+Partner/Chancenland Vorarlberg | **TOP** The company Doppelmayr is the world market leader in ropeway engineering and has built ropeways in 90 countries on 5 continents. ©Doppelmayr

ECONOMY

Künz GmbH www.kuenz.com
 Developer of container and custom cranes
 Employees: 266 / 525

Head Sport GmbH www.head.com
 Leading brand of tennis rackets and winter sports equipment
 Employees: 349 / ns

Hirschmann Automotive GmbH www.hirschmann-automotive.com
 Manufacturer of connector technology for premium automotive brands including Mercedes, BMW and Audi
 Employees: 1,100 / 5,500

Jäger Bau GmbH www.jaegerbau.com
 International specialist for underground, structural and civil engineering and project development
 Employees: 534 / 595

Julius Blum GmbH www.blum.com
 Leading manufacturer of hinge systems for furniture, supplier to IKEA and other major manufacturers
 Employees: 5,874 / 7,762

Mahle König KG www.koenig-kg.at
 Cylinder, piston and piston ring supplier to global customers such as KTM
 Employees: 436 / ns

OMICRON electronics GmbH www.omicron.at
 Global market leader in testing and measurement technology for the electrical power industry
 Employees: 448 / 714

Rauch Fruchtsäfte GmbH www.rauch.cc
 Austria's largest fruit juice and tea beverage producer with brands such as Happy Day, Ice T, Nativa and Bravo
 Employees: 864 / 1,919

Rhomberg Group www.rhomberg.com
 Internationally successful construction company
 Employees: 693 / 2,741



WORLD-CLASS FAMILY BUSINESS

With around 7,100 employees, 150 company-owned locations and an annual turnover of 1.67 billion euros (2018), Gebrüder Weiss ranks among the leading transport and logistics companies in Europe. The family business based in Lauterach, implements a wide range of ecological, economic and social measures. That's why it is also regarded as a pioneer in sustainable management.

Ölz Meisterbäckerei GmbH www.oelz.com
 Leading manufacturer of baked goods and sliced bread
 Employees: 584 / 911

Wolford AG www.wolford.com
 Luxury textiles manufacturer with focus on stockings, hosiery and body apparel
 Employees: 550 / 1,433

Zumtobel Group www.zumtobelgroup.com
 Global market leader in the areas of electronic lighting technology and professional lighting systems
 Employees: 2,072 / 6,224



Almost every industrial harbour in Europe uses container, harbor or RMG cranes by Künz, the market leader for container cranes in Europe and North America. ©Christian Holzer/Künz | **TOP** In 2018, Gebrüder Weiss handled 13.4 million consignments (land transport), 108,000 standard containers (sea freight) and 61,000 tonnes (air freight). ©Marcel Hagen/Chancenland Vorarlberg

05 INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Centres of excellence for international corporations

Many global companies have chosen Vorarlberg as a business location. Their steady flow of investments and expansion projects attest to the location's competitive advantages.

INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS (Excerpt)

Carcoustics Austria GmbH www.carcoustics.com
Leading-edge manufacturer of complete solutions for vehicle acoustics with an own TechCenter for Aluforming
Employees: 330 (in Vorarlberg) / 2,700 (worldwide)

Fibria International Trade GmbH www.fibria.com.br
World's leading producer of cellulose from eucalyptus, Headquarters for all business activities in Europe
Employees: 30 / 17,000

Grass Group www.grass.at
Supplier of pull-out and guide systems for premium furniture brands, part of Würth Group
Employees: 1,091 / 1,967

HILTI AG www.hilti.at
Leading production plant for metal cutting and assembly of HILTI Group, global supplier of construction tools
Employees: 580 / 28,580

Liebherr-Werk Nenzing GmbH www.liebherr.com
Development and production of construction machines and cranes, part of Liebherr Group
Employees: 1,640 / 2,063

Mondelēz International GmbH www.mondelezinternational.at
Production of 70.000 tons of chocolate bars a year, e. g. Milka and Cadbury
Employees: 320 / 80,000

Red Bull GmbH www.redbull.at
Production of the world leading energy drink
Employees: ns / 12,239

Ball Beverage Packaging Ludesch GmbH www.ball.com/eu
Exclusive production of Red Bull cans
Employees: 200 / 18,900

Hydro Extrusion Nenzing GmbH www.hydro.at
Leading manufacturer of customised aluminium profiles
Employees: 410 / 34,410



SIKA Österreich GmbH www.sika.com
Worldwide leading manufacturer of building chemicals
Employees: 92 / 179

Spectra-Physics GmbH www.spectra-physics.at
Development of the world's shortest pulsed laser, part of Newport Corporation (US)
Mitarbeiter: 100 / ns

Viessmann (Mawera/Köb) www.viessmann.at
Competence centre for bioenergy
Employees: 140 / 11,600



Carcoustics develops and produces acoustically and thermally effective components for the automotive industry, coffee machines, vacuum cleaners, combine harvesters and other equipment. For the second time in a row, the company has been named as a Top Employer Austria. ©Carcoustics | [TOP](#)
THIEN eDrives supplies companies such as Daimler with its highly innovative electric motors. ©Weissengruber+Partner/Chancenland Vorarlberg

06 SUCCESSFUL GAZELLES

Aspiring innovators

What makes this business location so attractive is its dynamic economic growth. And it wouldn't be complete without the many innovative, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs). Due to their rapid growth and their ability to fill highly specialised niches, these nimble, versatile companies are called "gazelles". Today, many of them are among the leading global enterprises in their respective business sectors.

INNOVATIVE SMEs (Excerpt)

A.M.I. - Agency for Medical Innovations GmbH www.ami.at
High-quality medical surgery equipment and methods

BAUR GmbH www.baur.at
Experts in high-voltage testing and measurement technology, world market leader in oil testing equipment

Dorner Electronic GmbH www.dorner.at
Hardware and Software solutions for the construction materials industry

Faigle Kunststoffe GmbH www.faigle.eu
World market leader for plastic rollers used in escalators and moving walks, innovative products e. g. antibacterial straps

GANTNER Electronic GmbH www.gantner.com
Innovative systems for access control, time recording, identification, entry and accounting

Heron Gruppe www.heron.at
Manufacturer of modular automation components, produces e. g. conveyor and transport robot systems

IDENTEC Solutions AG www.identecsolutions.com
Manufacturer of wireless sensor networks based on active RFID technology

inet-logistics GmbH www.inet-logistics.com
Internet-based transport logistics solutions

Meusburger Georg GmbH & Co KG www.meusburger.com
Manufacturer of high-quality moulds for the production of plastic parts

Obrist Engineering GmbH www.obrist.at
Developer of environmentally friendly CO2 air conditioning systems for vehicles

robotmech Stössl GmbH www.robotmech.at
Experts in rapid prototyping

S.I.E System Industrie Electronic AG www.sie.at
Manufacturer of customer-specific industrial computers

Schelling Anlagenbau GmbH www.schelling.com
Global market leader in panel saws for woodworking

SOLA Messwerkzeuge GmbH www.sola.at
Producer of precision measuring tools for construction

THIEN eDrives GmbH www.thien-edrives.com
Developer of electrical engines for industrial use, provides Daimler with compressor drives

WolfVision GmbH www.wolfvision.com
Leading manufacturer of visualizers, that are e. g. used by Google, Microsoft, Nike, NASA and Porsche

ZIMM Maschinenelemente GmbH & Co KG www.zimm.at
Specialist for drive and automation technology

z-werkzeugbau-gmbH www.z-werkzeugbau.com
Innovative tools for plastic packaging e. g. used by Coca-Cola



The Heron Group is an aspiring Austrian industrial company that developed from a "down-to-earth machine builder" to a high-profile manufacturer of automation components. The company is active worldwide and has an export quota of 80 %. ©Heron

07 FIT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sports and recreational activities

Whatever your heart desires: That's how one could describe the wide-range of recreational activities in Vorarlberg. Thanks to its location, topography and natural surroundings, the varied landscape dotted with mountains, valleys and lakes offers virtually limitless opportunities for sport and recreation. www.vorarlberg.travel



SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYBODY

Vorarlberg offers a wide range of sports activities, associations and clubs. There are about 740 sports clubs with 85,000 active club members in 64 kinds of sports within the region.

Already twice, the world's largest international non-competitive gymnastics event took place in Dornbirn: At the *World Gymnaestrada*, around 20,000 athletes from 69 countries showed their skills in various gymnastics disciplines.

EXCITING, SNOWCAPPED FUN

In winter, Vorarlberg is brimming with places to ski, snowboard, go cross-country skiing or on ski tours, sledding or ice skating – whether in Arlberg, Brandnertal, Bregenzerwald, Großes Walsertal, Kleinwalsertal, Klostertal or Montafon.

“Virtually the entire southern half of Vorarlberg is a ski resort.”

Around 40 ski areas offer different ski trails for beginners and experts. Lech-Zürs is home to the longest ski race in the world held each year, called *the White Ring*. Participants must conquer the 22 km course and a difference in altitude of 5,500 metres. Modern snowparks give skilled snowboarders and skiers the thrill they're looking for. Well-maintained toboggan runs attract bob-sleigh enthusiasts day and night, on the nature run or artificial Alpine Coasters.

FROM SPRING TO AUTUMN

Vorarlberg offers about 6,000 km of marked hiking trails. Moreover, Vorarlberg has plenty of places for climbers of all levels to climb, whether right on the mountain, in climbing parks, ropes courses, or in the indoor climbing hall. Mountainbikers love the varied mountain trails with their majestic scenery.

Lake Constance offers a wide range of water sports activities. In addition to sailing, in good wind and weather conditions visitors enjoy windsurfing and kitesurfing, and also diving in Lake Constance is both challenging and fun.

90 football clubs with over 8,000 members train regularly on 105 top-quality football fields. Numerous international clubs take advantage of the Alpine conditions for their training camps.

There are even more tennis players than football players in



Marked trails for hiking and mountain biking can be found throughout the country. ©Skinfit | **TOP** 8,000 volunteers contributed to the successful performance of the World Gymnaestrada in Dornbirn. ©Fototeam Digital/World Gymnaestrada

LEISURE AND LIFESTYLE

Vorarlberg. Ice hockey and handball are also quite popular. The *A1 Bregenz* and *Alpa Hard* handball teams not only lead the national league but also play at an international level.

Additionally, golf is a real pleasure in Vorarlberg. The high Alpine backdrop in many areas offers a breathtaking setting for the state's six golf courses, which are sure to suit every taste. www.golfvorarlberg.at

At the *Hypomeeting* in Götzis the world elite of athletes compete annually in decathlon of men and heptathlon of women.

It is one of the best and most important multi-events in the world. www.meeting-goetzis.at

The *Sparkasse 3-Länder-Marathon* along the shore of Lake Constance has developed into the second largest marathon event in Austria. www.sparkasse-3-laender-marathon.at

And at last there are also great locations for paragliding, canyoning, rafting and canoe tours in Vorarlberg. www.outdoor-vorarlberg.at



PRINCIPLE HOPE

Beat Kammerlander (*1959 in Nüziders) is one of the best climbers in the world and has contributed significantly to the success of the sport. In his home of Vorarlberg he successfully completed a number of first ascents, some of which are considered the most difficult Alpine routes in the world. His route „*Principle Hope*“ through the 40-metre high Bürs plate cliff, whose surface resembles ingrain wallpaper, is one of his personal highlights. At 50 years of age, Beat climbed the vertical face clean, i.e. without bolts or normal hooks.



INSPIRATION MEETS AMBITION

Gigi Rüb (*1981 in Au) is a true trendsetter in the world of winter sports and is one of the world's most versatile snowboarders. His ambition, talent and determination led him from the wintry paradise of Bregenzerwald to international film productions and magazines. He is one of a select few athletes who have managed to stay on top of the fast-paced snowboarding scene for so long.

At the Freeride World-Tour 2019 in Hakuba in Japan he reached the sensational second place.



Lake Constance is Europe's most vital water reservoir and also the perfect place to swim in summer with water temperatures of 25 °C. Vorarlberg's side of Lake Constance offers free access to the lake almost along the entire shore. Oberhauser Photography/Vorarlberg Tourismus | **TOP LEFT** Beat Kammerlander climbing the Bürs plate cliff. ©Planet Talk | **TOP RIGHT** Gigi Rüb is one of the most successful professional winter athletes from Vorarlberg. ©Scott Sullivan/ESPN

08 THERE'S SO MUCH TO SEE!

Vorarlberg's diverse art and culture scene

Many of Vorarlberg's established art and cultural initiatives shine far beyond the region's borders.



CULTURE ON A WORLD STAGE

The *Bregenz Festival* is home to the world's largest floating stage, right on Lake Constance, and glitters with music productions that receive rave reviews. The impressive stage has showcased some of the world's greatest operas, including Wagner's *Flying Dutchman*, Beethoven's *Fidelio*, Verdi's *Nabucco*, *A Masked Ball*, *Troubadour* and *AIDA* as well as Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and Bizet's opera *Carmen*.

2019/2020 Giuseppe Verdi's *Rigoletto* could be experienced for the first time on the floating stage, with a unique and spectacular production. Even Daniel Craig as James Bond was fascinated by the floating stage and filmed parts of the movie *Quantum of Solace* here in the summer of 2008. The



festival is not just for fans of classical productions though; performances are sure to captivate anyone against the impressive backdrop of Lake Constance, with magnificent sets and state-of-the-art stage technology. www.bregenzer-festspiele.com

The area surrounding the *Bregenz Festival* theatre also offers performances, musicals, ballets and shows throughout the year. Highlights include *Bregenz Spring*, *Bregenz Master Concerts* and Vorarlberg Symphony Orchestra Concerts.

OPEN AIR JAZZ IN MOUNTAIN SCENERY

60 km south of Bregenz the *Montafoner Resonanzen Culture Festival* impresses visitors with a wide range of musical genres and locations. From open-air jazz on the reservoir to late Baroque period operas in a farmhouse through to Montafon folk dance in an open dance arbour. The festival is held every August and aims to familiarise visitors with the rich, unique variety of Montafon and its culture. www.montafon.at/montafoner-resonanzen



The Bregenz Festival performances have an international reputation – also because of the unique atmosphere and location. ©Anja Köhler/Bregenzler Festspiele | **TOP LEFT** The Festival spreads an inspiring ambience all over the esplanade of Bregenz. ©Anja Köhler/Bregenzler Festspiele | **TOP RIGHT** Bregenz Spring hosts a number of exceptional dance performances. ©Antero Hein/Bregenzler Frühling

LEISURE AND LIFESTYLE

ARCHITECTURAL MASTERPIECE

When it comes to contemporary art, the *Kunsthaus Bregenz* (KUB) has one of Europe's best exhibit programmes. The architecture alone, designed by Peter Zumthor, is worth a visit. Zumthor's sophisticated light design makes a one-of-a-kind space for avant-garde artists' own productions. But the building itself is unobtrusive, leaving plenty of room for artistic freedom. Here as well you will find the pragmatism so typical for Vorarlberg – a focus on what truly matters. Depending on weather and light, the building shines differently and is seen from afar at dark. www.kunsthaus-bregenz.at

"KUB is one of the most important museum buildings featuring contemporary art and has already hosted internationally recognised artists like Roy Liechtenstein, Jeff Koons, Marcel Duchamp and Cindy Sherman."



With over 60 museums, Vorarlberg has an extraordinary variety of exhibits. The *Jewish Museum* in Hohenems attracts visitors from around the world, Bregenzwald

is home to Austria's first women's museum and Dornbirn features the world's largest Rolls-Royce collection.

GO AHEAD AND LISTEN

The *Schubertiade* in Schwarzenberg and Hohenems has become one of the most important and popular Schubert festivals worldwide. Music enthusiasts hold it in high regard as a complete work of art comprising landscape, atmosphere, acoustics and featuring the best musicians from around the world. The festival has been a fixture of Vorarlberg life since 1976 with around 80 events and over 35,000 visitors annually. Small concert halls and an intimate ambiance inspire Schubert aficionados and cultural enthusiasts every summer. www.schubertiade.at

CULTURAL INITIATIVES

There is a great number of cultural initiatives aiming at young visitors. To name just a few: *art bodensee* in Feldkirch, *Bezau Beatz* and *FAQ* in Bregenzwald, *FOEN-X Kammgarn Festival* in Hard, Feldkirch's *Juggler Festival* and different events at *Remise* in Bludenz and *Sohm* or *Spielboden* in Dornbirn.

THE INATURA EXPERIENCE

The *inatura* natural science and technology museum in Dornbirn is paving the way to a new kind of museum culture. It reveals the secrets of nature in Vorarlberg in a playful and entertaining manner. The museum also covers future technologies such as bionics. The newly installed Science Centre is designed to increase children's curiosity for science and technology. www.inatura.at



In 2019, the exhibition of the German sculptor and draughtsman Thomas Schütte, one of the most important contemporary artists, took place at the KUB. ©Markus Tretter/KUB | **TOP** Every first Friday of the month there is free entrance to the KUB. During the KUB Open Air Summer, the favorite films of the artists of the KUB year will be shown - also with free entrance. ©Markus Tretter/KUB

09 QUALITY OF LIFE IN EVERY RESPECT

High-quality care and a wide range of services

TASTEFUL GOURMET REGION

Good food and drink is a matter of course. Much of what is served in Vorarlberg comes from the surrounding area. Fish from Lake Constance, meat from local farms, fruit and vegetables from gardens in the Rhine Valley. Regional cuisine signifies superb quality and is appreciated far and wide. Vorarlberg's most popular culinary product is its Alpine and mountain cheese, but veal and Alpine pork dishes from the region are also highly sought after within the region's borders and beyond.



The *KäseStrasse* (Cheese Route) in Bregenzerwald is the only one of its kind worldwide – a network of over 200 farmers, restaurant-owners, craftsmen and traders from Bregenzerwald, who aim to preserve the landscape and products from the region. Visitors to the *KäseStrasse* will delight in a variety of taste sensations steeped in more than 1,000 years of rich cheesemaking tradition.

RESTAURANT TIPS

Gasthof Hirschen, Schwarzenberg

The uniquely authentic atmosphere of the village Schwarzenberg alone is worth taking a break to relax and enjoy the scenery. Home to so many regional delicacies, Gasthof Hirschen is an insider tip for gourmet lovers. www.hotel-hirschen-bregenzerwald.at

Lindauer Hütte, Tschagguns

Lindauer Hütte lies at the foot of the mountains "Three Towers" at 1,744 metres altitude and attracts a lot of hikers in summer and winter. The large terrace offers a fantastic mountain panorama and home-style dishes will quickly help you forget the effort involved for reaching the location. www.lindauerhuette.at

Restaurant Karren, Dornbirn

This glass-enclosed restaurant offers guests a splendid view of the Rhine Valley and Lake Constance from the nearly 1,000 metre high Karren in Dornbirn. Visitors can see how close Switzerland and Germany are from here. It is an especially popular destination in the evening, where traditional Kässpätzle (egg noodles with cheese) and healthy salads are served. www.karren.at

Lieblingscafé, Bregenz

Also vegans find several offerings in Vorarlberg: from stuffed pancakes and wraps, cakes and sweets to breakfast and brunch possibilities. The menu in the new Lieblingscafé (Favourite Café) in the heart of Bregenz is completely vegetarian and vegan. www.lieblingscafe.at



Many panorama restaurants offer delicious breakfast deals with a fantastic view, such as the new Panoramarestaurant Baumgarten. ©Oostenrijk TV/ Bregenzerwald Bregenzerwald Tourismus | **TOP** In the cheese cellar in Lingenau you have the opportunity to watch about 32,000 loaves of alpine cheese ripening and to taste the various types and specialities of cheese. ©Ludwig Berchtold/KäseStrasse Bregenzerwald

LEISURE AND LIFESTYLE

WHEN NIGHT FALLS

Night owls will find any number of opportunities to have fun all over Vorarlberg. Nightclubs, bars, and cafés are great places to relax and meet friends.

And night life wouldn't be complete without a number of events, concerts and festivals to choose from. The major cities of Dornbirn, Bregenz and Feldkirch are known for their many bars and events.



"Dornbirn's market square is transformed into a huge open-air bar every Thursday in the summer."

The *Long Night of Music* is a good opportunity to get to know the diversity of the local gastronomy and music scene.

The *Szene Open Air Festival* in Lustenau offers visitors three days of entertainment in mid of summer. The largest open air festival in Western Austria attracts up to 25,000 people to the Rhine location and features numerous bands with a variety of music styles. www.szeneopenair.at



INCOMPARABLY DIFFERENT

The *poolbar Festival* draws close to 20,000 alternative and pop culture fans to Feldkirch every summer. The stage is a unique indoor swimming pool, which offers a first-rate, five-week programme featuring a number of international bands. Every year the festival reinvents itself and finds completely new ways to make use of the space.

In addition to the extraordinary atmosphere, the festival's quality lies in its unusual combinations: International meets local, stars meet young talent, indie rock meets hip hop and film meets theatre. The varied programme invites guests to enjoy breakfast in the garden while listening to jazz. www.poolbar.at

Also worth seeing are the *New Orleans Festival* in Hohenems, the *Harbour Festival* in Bregenz, *Feldkirch's Wine Festival*, the *Kilbi* in Altenstadt, the *ALPINALE Short Film Festival* and the summer concert series *SommERleben* in Dornbirn as well as *Sommer.Lust am Platz* in Lustenau.



Great bands and good atmosphere at the *Szene Open Air* in Lustenau. ©Steurer | **TOP LEFT** Musical diversity and dishes from all over the world at the *Origano Festival* on Dornbirn's market square. ©Matthias Rhomberg/Dornbirn Tourismus und Stadtmarketing | **TOP RIGHT** The *poolbar Festival* has a lot to offer - from jazz breakfast in the park to cinema, open air, poetry slam, performances up to concerts. ©Matthias Rhomberg/poolbar Festival

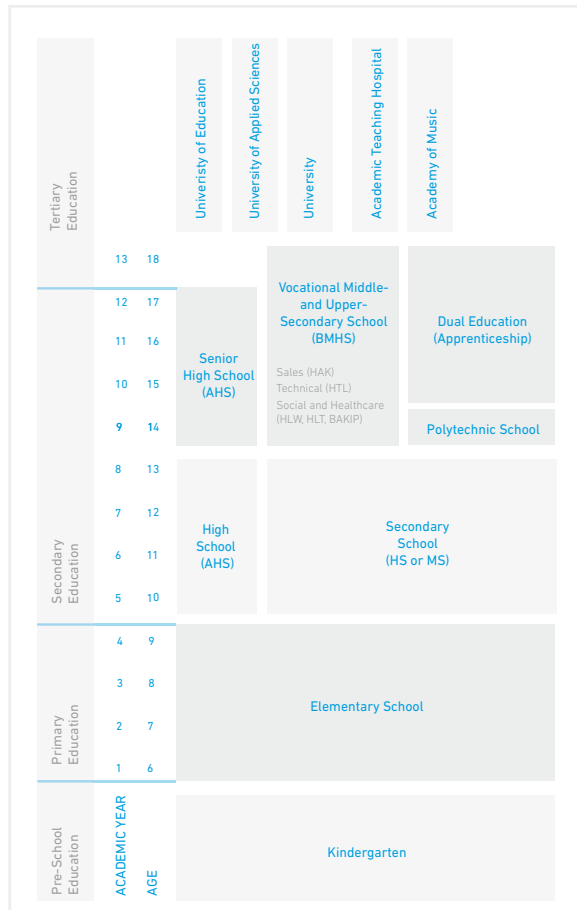
10 LIFELONG LEARNING

Education in Vorarlberg

Vorarlberg offers a broad range of education and continuing learning programmes. Lifelong learning is the key phrase behind the motivation that allows students to choose their own, individual approach at the start of their education, thereby opening the path to higher learning.



A solid general education starts with High School or Secondary School for 10- to 14-year-olds; afterwards there are commonly two opportunities: 1) an *Apprenticeship Certificate* or 2) a *University Entrance Diploma* known as the *Matura* (A-level). When choosing option 1) the attendance of a 1-year Polytechnic School before the Apprenticeship is mandatory. *Senior High Schools* (AHS) and the *Vocational Middle and Upper-Secondary Schools* (BMHS) lead to option 2). BMHS offers a practically oriented education with commercial, technical or social focal points. AHS provides a general education emphasizing more on sciences and languages.



FH Vorarlberg ranks high among universities thanks to its practical training, excellent facilities and international education. ©Darko Todorovic | **TOP LEFT** The Apprenticeship Programme, which combines theory and practice, is of great importance in Vorarlberg. ©Weissengruber+Partner/Chancenland Vorarlberg | **TOP RIGHT** An overview of the education system in Austria. ©WISTO

EDUCATION AND LEARNING

“Vorarlberg’s Apprenticeship Programme enjoys an excellent international reputation.”

In the Apprenticeship Programme learning predominantly takes place within the Apprenticeship companies and is supplemented by the education in Vocational Schools.

STUDYING IN VORARLBERG

Vorarlberg’s University of Applied Sciences (FH Vorarlberg) in Dornbirn offers ten bachelor’s and ten master’s degree programmes, free of tuition fees. Independent rankings give praise for the modern facilities, international atmosphere

and highly practical approach to education. Exchange semesters and career internships are an integral part of the programmes and provide valuable experience. www.fhv.at

Schloss Hofen is a postgraduate school as a subsidiary of the FH Vorarlberg and offers master’s degree programmes in the fields of Psychology (BSc and MSc), Location Management (MSc), Education (BA), HR and Organisational Development (MBA), Controlling (MBA), Innovation and Product Management (MSc), Wood Construction (MSc) and Cable Car Engineering (MSc) among others. www.schlosshofen.at

BACHELOR PROGRAMMES AT FH VORARLBERG

- Mechatronics – Mechanical Engineering (FT)
- Mechatronics (FT and PT)
- Electrical Engineering Dual (DS)
- Software and Information Engineering (FT)
- Digital Innovation (PT)
- Engineering and Management (PT)
- International Business (FT and PT)
- InterMedia (FT)
- Social Work (FT and PT)
- Health Care and Nursing (FT)

MASTER PROGRAMMES AT FH VORARLBERG

- Mechatronics (FT)
- Energy Technology and Energy Economics (PT)
- Computer Science (FT)
- Business Process Engineering (PT)
- Accounting, Controlling and Finance (PT)
- Human Resources and Organisation (PT)
- International Management und Leadership (PT)
- International Marketing and Sales (PT)
- InterMedia (PT)
- Social Work (PT)

FT... full-time programme | PT... part-time programme | DS... dual system



A CURIOSITY FOR SCIENCE

FH Vorarlberg organises together with the *Vorarlberger Landeskonservatorium* and the *PH Vorarlberg* the *KINDERUNI VORARLBERG*, where professors and industry experts present content to children in special lectures designed to be both informative and entertaining. Divided into two semesters, there are monthly lectures for children aged 8 to 12. The project aims to peak children’s curiosity for science and encourage them to pursue a college education early on.



FH Vorarlberg offers state-of-the-art technology and infrastructure for its students and allows them to use it for own projects - Open Lab. ©Friedrich Böhringer | **TOP** Why do electrical sockets have two holes? – *KINDERUNI VORARLBERG* (Children’s University) features special lectures for children. ©Daniel Mock

Other established educational institutions include: the *Landeskonservatorium* (musical education), the *Pädagogische Hochschule* (University of Education) and the *Eurostudienzentrum* (university level courses from the distance learning university in Hagen and the University of Linz).

UNIVERSITIES IN THE LAKE CONSTANCE AREA (Excerpt)

- Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences, Dornbirn
- Schloss Hofen, Lochau
- University of Liechtenstein, Vaduz (LIE)
- NTB - Technical University of Buchs (CH)
- HSG - University of St. Gallen (CH)
- ETH - Technical University of Zurich (CH)
- University of Konstanz (DE)
- University of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Ravensburg (DE)
- University of Albstadt-Sigmaringen (DE)
- Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen (DE)

“The surrounding Lake Constance area is home to many renowned educational facilities and colleges with an inter-regional focus.”

The universities around Lake Constance are all connected by the *International Bodensee Hochschule* (IBH) network. The region’s Universities of Applied Sciences are particularly well-known for their professional, practical technical and business education programmes. www.bodenseehochschule.org

PROMOTING TALENTS

Vorarlberg’s government supports working individuals who must make significant financial sacrifices for their education with a financial grant. For others, costs of on-the-job educational training are supported with a “*learning bonus*”.

The large selection of lifelong learning opportunities in Vorarlberg include institutions such as the *Wirtschaftsförderungsinstitut* WIFI, the learning centre of the *Chamber of Labour* (AK Bildungscenter) or the many adult education courses provided by the *Volkshochschule*.



INTERNATIONAL ELITE

The *International School Rheintal* (ISR) is a cross-border institute that offers children a balanced international educational programme. The school is located in Buchs and St. Gallen – strategically positioned between Liechtenstein, Austria and Switzerland – and unites students and teachers from 22 different countries. Approximately 180 students from nursery school age to A-levels receive a world-class education.

The ISR’s objective is to afford even young children an internationally oriented education and bring together different cultures. A number of different studies confirm its success. www.isr.ch



The *inatura* experience lets visitors discover more about nature and technology in an exciting atmosphere. ©Darko Todorovic | TOP Elite international education in the “Four Country Region”. ©Flickr, ebvImages

EDUCATION AND LEARNING

11 CLEVER INITIATIVES

Family benefits in the state of Vorarlberg

Family benefits are taken very seriously in Vorarlberg. This is why Vorarlberg with its *Marke Vorarlberg* (brand Vorarlberg) pursues the future vision, that 'Vorarlberg is the most promising place for children to grow up'.

FAMILY BENEFITS (VORARLBERG + AUSTRIA)

- Family allowance
- Family bonus (as of 2019)
- Childcare allowance
- Child tax deductions
- Tax deductions for sole wage earner
- Tax deductions for single parents
- Family pass

The "*Family Point*" (info and service centre for all family-related matters) was established to give parents access to and support for child care and after school supervision, assist people with family related needs and help find options for caring for family members. The initiative offers a comprehensive selection of family learning workshops, courses and events covering every aspect of child rearing to help parents balance their work and family life.

Child care programs can be found for children of any age. There are parent-child centres, nursery facilities, nannies, play groups, kindergartens and after school supervision centres.

Children between 6-12 years of age can enjoy their summer vacations at the various summer and holiday camps in Vorarlberg.

FAMILY FRIENDLY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Compatibility of family and work is the subject of the "*Most Family Friendly Company in Vorarlberg*" competition. Flexible work time models, continuing education options specially designed for women and men on maternity and paternity leave are just some of the criteria taken into consideration for this award. More and more businesses in Vorarlberg are offering their own childcare services to their employees. Communities can also get involved in the "*Family Friendly Communities*" project to improve the quality of life for families.



CHILDREN'S DAYCARE FACILITIES

- 138 children's daycare facilities (6 months – 6 years)
- 100 professional nannies (0 – 14 years)
- 251 kindergartens (4 – 5 years)
- 55 self-organized play groups
- 176 after school programmes in schools
- 5 holiday camps (6 - 12 years)



KIMI in Competence Centre Rheintal is one of eight childcare centres run by PRISMA that cares for children (ages 6 months to 6 years) of working parents. ©Marcel Hagen | TOP There are all kinds of events for children, this image features "*Die Lange Nacht der Forschung*" (Researcher's Night). ©Matthias Rhomberg

12 DESIGN UND CRAFTSMANSHIP

Innovative tradition

Vorarlberg values the four design pools of architecture, craftsmanship, communications and industrial design. The regional style is inimitable and the creativity of Vorarlberg's designers and architects is acknowledged around the globe.

"When it comes to the percentage of creative workers, Vorarlberg can easily compete with design meccas like Hamburg and Berlin."

The region has developed an impressive group of forward-thinking, capable craftsmen with a close relationship to local architects. Owing to a blend of tradition, innovation and creativity with an international focus and thanks to the *Werkraum Bregenzerwald* initiative, Vorarlberg craftsmanship is known for its quality far beyond its borders. *Werkraum* is a coalition of around 100 craftsmen in Bregenzerwald, providing impetus and serving as a platform for addressing its members' concerns. Cooperative projects, discussions, exhibits and documentation strengthen the brand and provide information on the services offered by members. *Werkraum* promotes both craftsmen and designers as well as young, creative talents. www.werkraum.at

POWERFUL INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Vorarlberg has the highest concentration of industrial activity in Austria. Products from local industrial companies are known for their ability to combine functionality and aesthetics. The expertise of local industrial designers plays a key role here. This is how Dominic Schindler was able to give DMG/Gildemeister cutting machines, which are actually rather bulky, a surprisingly light and elegant design. The success of this collaboration is confirmed by many awards.



PLATFORMS FOR IDEA EXCHANGE

The initiative *designforum Vorarlberg* aims to create a symbiosis of creativity driven and production oriented businesses in Vorarlberg. It offers a leading edge presentation platform for works and services provided by domestic and international designers. The programme includes exhibitions, lectures and workshops. www.designforum.at

designforum Vorarlberg is part of *CAMPUS V*, which combines the buildings of FH Vorarlberg, CCD and CAMPUS in Dornbirn into a fruitful area.

Especially for entrepreneurs and innovators, *CAMPUS V COWORKING* is worthwhile. 750 m² of different work stations, offices, meeting rooms and infrastructure can be booked flexible on a daily, monthly or long-term basis. Additionally at FH Vorarlberg's Open Labs laboratories and equipment can be used for own projects. www.campusv.at

The 2019 inaugurated *Postgarage* on the *CAMPUS V* is just one next step towards developing the *CAMPUS V* into the biggest innovation hub within the region.



With the *CAMPUS V* in Dornbirn, step by step a new urban district is being created, where business, research as well as the creative industry will be linked even better. ©PRISMA | [TOP](#) Visitors can see first hand the excellent regional craftsmanship that goes into local products at *Werkraum Bregenzerwald* in Andelsbuch. ©Peter Löwy/Werkraum Bregenzerwald

CREATIVITY

13 ARCHITECTURAL MECCA

A region of architectural artists

Nowhere else in the world there is so much construction activity and such a high concentration of unparalleled contemporary architecture as in Vorarlberg. Countless publications around the globe and the continuously growing architectural tourism bear witness to the region's special relationship with architecture and the creative use of resources. Vorarlberg's architects have established a name for themselves around the world.

“Simple, clear designs, sophisticated details and precision craftsmanship – these are the characteristics associated with Vorarlberg’s architecture today.”

Early attention to sustainability gave Vorarlberg an enormous head start in architectural development. However, the purist like style of Vorarlberg's architectural master pieces is not only influenced by aesthetic principals; it also reflects the local attitude and the pragmatism this region is known for. Responsible treatment of existing resources can be traced back to the traditional Bregenzerwald house and still applies today – both for residential and for commercial and municipal buildings.

Vorarlberg boasts an incredibly thriving wood construction business. The goal here is to introduce wood into modern, advanced construction and technology. Modern wood construction is a magnet for tourists who are interested in architecture, and the *Vorarlberger holzbau_kunst* brand is recognised even outside of the region's borders. The Rhine Valley and Bregenzerwald in particular are home to architectural jewels that truly enhance the breathtaking landscape.

“In Austria 3 % of all home-builders hire an architect to design their homes; in Vorarlberg it is many times more.”

There's no denying the awareness for architecture in the region, but Vorarlberg's economy is also a continuous boon for the innovative, progressive construction industry. Networking has always been strong within the construction



EXTRAORDINARY BUS STOPS IN KRUMBACH

The high standards of aesthetics and architecture are also noticeable in daily life: when there was a need for renovating the bus stops in the small community of Krumbach, it was decided to combine mobility and building culture. Architects from all over the world designed 7 bus stops for the 1,000-inhabitant village in the Bregenzerwald, which were then built in cooperation with local architects and craftsmen. As a result, the small village has attracted attention in the architecture scene worldwide.



The Bregenzerwald is known for its architecture. ©Adolf Bereuter/Bregenzerwald Tourismus | **TOP** The bus stop in Krumbach by Rintala Eggertsson Architects (Norway) with the partner architect Baumschlagler Hutter Partners in Dornbirn. ©Felix Friedmann/Bregenzerwald Tourismus

sector. This attitude unhindered by industry definitions and borders guarantees the overall excellence of a building and also focuses on the optimisation of energy efficiency and lighting concepts.

LEARNING IN STYLE

Even the schools in Vorarlberg are elegantly designed. The village of Warth is 1,500 metres above sea level in an area that sometimes cannot be accessed during winter time due

to avalanche risk. This is why the community built its own school in 1992. A house with a porthole, a half-timbered roof and an abundance of glass that has - among other prizes - won the Austrian Builders' Award.

"In Vorarlberg children grow up with new architecture in kindergartens and schools, and then build their own homes. This is how domestic construction continues to develop its style."



CENTRAL ARCHITECTURAL MASTERPIECES

Wolfgang Ritsch is one of the most renowned architectural artists in Vorarlberg and paved the way for the *Vorarlberg Architectural Institute (vai)*.

Under his presidency, vai established itself as a centre for excellence and knowledge and as the standard bearer for regional architecture and a key instrument in brand formation. The network communicates the excellence of Vorarlberg's architecture scene successfully across borders. www.v-a-i.at



WELL-BEING MEETS PRAGMATICS

Architecture enthusiasts will want to visit the *Hotel Rote Wand* in Lech. The hotel, designed by Dietrich | Untertrifaller, is representative of a traditional atmosphere combined with timeless elegance and modern comfort. Despite the many awards they've received, the architects remain modest: "We're not interested in creating sensational architecture; our solutions are simple and pragmatic." As is also seen in the buildings of the popular Festival Hall in Bregenz and the inatura in Dornbirn



Children grow up surrounded by Vorarlberg's aesthetic architecture. This image shows an elementary school in Höchst, awarded with the *Vorarlberger Holzbaupreis* (Vorarlberg Wood Construction Prize), category public building. ©Bruno Klomfar | **TOP LEFT** Office building *element* by Wolfgang Ritsch. ©Battisti GmbH | **TOP RIGHT** Feel at home with the modern architecture of Hotel Rote Wand designed by Dietrich | Untertrifaller. ©Hotel Rote Wand

SUSTAINABILITY

14 VORARLBERG'S RESPONSIBILITY

Energy independence and cleantech



A MODEL REGION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Cleantech can be defined as the use of technology to sustainably reduce emissions and resource consumption while maintaining or improving performance. Vorarlberg's businesses not only see cleantech as a market full of potential, but also as a comprehensive philosophy.

In addition to the many local companies directly involved in the energy and environmental industry, companies from other sectors are also setting standards when it comes to sustainability through investments, projects or products, whether with eco-friendly packaging, the use of renewable energy sources or clean machines and more efficient production systems. Within two energy efficiency networks 28 companies cooperate and exchange ideas in order to reduce emissions and energy consumption. www.energieeffizienznetzwerk.at

BLUE GOLD

Water is Vorarlberg's most important natural resource. Ten hydroelectric power stations ensure a lasting supply of energy. With 1,200 employees, the hydropower specialist illwerke vkw is one of the largest employers in the region. 97 % of all electricity produced in Vorarlberg is gained from water. This power also benefits households in neighbouring Baden-Wuerttemberg and Tyrol.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

With the *Energy Autonomy 2050*, the complete energy demand of the region is to be covered with renewable energy. With this decision, the state of Vorarlberg commits itself to a careful handling of energy and resources, which should be achieved by the participation of everybody - state, municipalities and citizens.

Many steps and initiatives have already been and are continuously being taken: The further strengthening of public transport, the *MOBILWochen ticket*, offers for kindergartens and schools in the field of "energy autonomy", car sharing or bicycle subsidies are just a few of them.

Vorarlberg's municipalities also occupy a leading position in Austria when it comes to photovoltaics.

"Vorarlberg is Europe's leading solar region. The state has doubled the total solar panel surface area in the last five years."

THE FUTURE STARTS HERE

Citizens of Vorarlberg appreciate nature and have their eyes set on the future. With the *VLOTTE* project the state is setting an example in the field of electromobility, as London does. Sustainable thinking reaches from energy efficient homes to eco-friendly forms of transportation all the way to future-oriented education and responsible business practices.



With the expansion of renewable energy sources, electromobility and smart grid technologies, illwerke vkw is making a contribution to Vorarlberg's energy autonomy. The photo shows the Obervermuntwerk II on the Bielerhöhe, which opened in 2019. ©Patrick Saely/illwerke vkw | [TOP](#) Sustainable mobility is one of Vorarlberg's environmental objectives. ©Manuela de Pretis/WISTO

15 INTERNATIONAL WORKPLACE

From Vorarlberg to the world



People who grow up in Vorarlberg are used to crossing borders. The same applies to entrepreneurs who establish their businesses here. Often it's only a question of time until their products reach the neighbouring regions of Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Germany (comprising a market of over 70 million consumers with tremendous purchasing power). Here internationalisation comes just as naturally as crossing geographic borders to surrounding countries.

“Vorarlberg’s desire for internationalisation is reflected in the high quality of products, which are designed for international competition, as well as in the education and attitude of its people.”

Vorarlberg’s products are in use around the world, providing local professionals with opportunities for global careers.



In 2018, Vorarlberg broke the 10 billion euro mark in exports for the first time. Hirschmann Automotive, for example, supplies premium automotive manufacturers such as Mercedes, BMW and Audi and generates over 95% of its sales abroad. ©Marcel Hagen/Chancenland Vorarlberg | TOP Branches of 15 selected Vorarlberg companies (without sales partners). ©WISTO

BORDERLESS FREEDOM

16 USEFUL CONTACTS

Website Chancenland Vorarlberg

www.chancenland.at

Information about jobs, companies, sports and leisure

Facebook Page Chancenland Vorarlberg

www.facebook.com/chancenlandvorarlberg

Latest job offerings and events

Brochure Living and Working in Vorarlberg

www.chancenland.at/livingandworking.pdf

Information about registration, working conditions, housing etc.

ADDRESSES

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www.ak-vorarlberg.at

District Authority Administrations

Bludenz / Bregenz / Dornbirn / Feldkirch

www.vorarlberg.at | Districts | District Authorities

Federal State Administration of Vorarlberg

Römerstraße 15, 6901 Bregenz

www.vorarlberg.at

Local Tax Offices in Vorarlberg

Bregenz www.finanz.at/finanzamt/bregenz

Feldkirch www.finanz.at/finanzamt/feldkirch

Vorarlberg Chamber of Commerce (WKV)

Wichnergasse 9, 6800 Feldkirch

www.wkv.at

Vorarlberg Tourism

Poststraße 11, 6850 Dornbirn

www.vorarlberg.travel

Wirtschafts-Standort Vorarlberg GmbH (WISTO)

CAMPUS V, Hintere Achmühlerstraße 1, 6850 Dornbirn

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www.vorarlberg.travel

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Career Consulting

CCR Management

www.ccr-management.com

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www.konzett.at

Kathan & Partner

www.kathan.jobs

HRM-Institut

www.hrm-institut.at

Kathan & Sepp

www.die-personalberater.at

Ländlejob | Online Job Platform

www.laendlejob.at

Klien Executive Search

www.klien-search.com

Mayer Personalmanagement

www.mayer.co.at

Real Estate Platform

www.laendleimmo.at

Public Transportation

Vorarlberg Mobil (Buses and Trains)

www.vmobil.at

Austrian Railways

www.oebb.at

Carsharing

www.carusocarsharing.com

Check Cheapest Flights to closest Airports

www.checkfelix.at

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Munich, Zurich, Altenrhein)

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Vorarlberg's Media

Vorarlberger Nachrichten (Daily Newspaper)

www.vn.at

Vorarlberg Online News Platform

www.vol.at

NEUE (Daily Newspaper)

www.neue.at

Wirtschaftszeit (Online News)

www.wirtschaftszeit.at

Thema Vorarlberg (Monthly Magazine)

www.themavorarlberg.at

ORF (Austrian Television and Radio)

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