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I am mainly responsible for the management and coordination of reporting projects under the EU Water legislation, especially the Water Framework Directive, the Floods Directive, the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive and issues on climate change as well as water scarcity and droughts.

My background is in environmental engineering and water resources management (MSc). I gained a sound knowledge of the water relevant national and international legislation and challenges through my ongoing work for the Ministry as well as in International River Commissions. On national and river basin district level I was involved in drafting River Basin Management Plans and Climate Change Adaptation Strategies.

AUSTRIA ...

... is abundant of water.

... draws 100% of drinking water from groundwater and spring water.

... has its rivers and lakes in bathing water quality.

... has in place area wide infrastructure for water and sanitation.

... has good experience in flood risk management and flood protection.

... produces about 60% of electricity in hydropower plants.

... looks back on a long tradition in international cooperation.

Main water management issues in Austria are ecologically sound hydropower generation and sustainable agricultural production. Water is the key conjunctive element of several economic sectors, which is perfectly reflected by the concept of the Water-Energy-Food nexus and also the UN Agenda 2030. Current challenges with the availability of water in sufficient quality and quantity for all uses are aggravating worldwide, especially due to climate change.



