



Counseling for the Gifted and Talented in Austria

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Giftedness and Talent Development



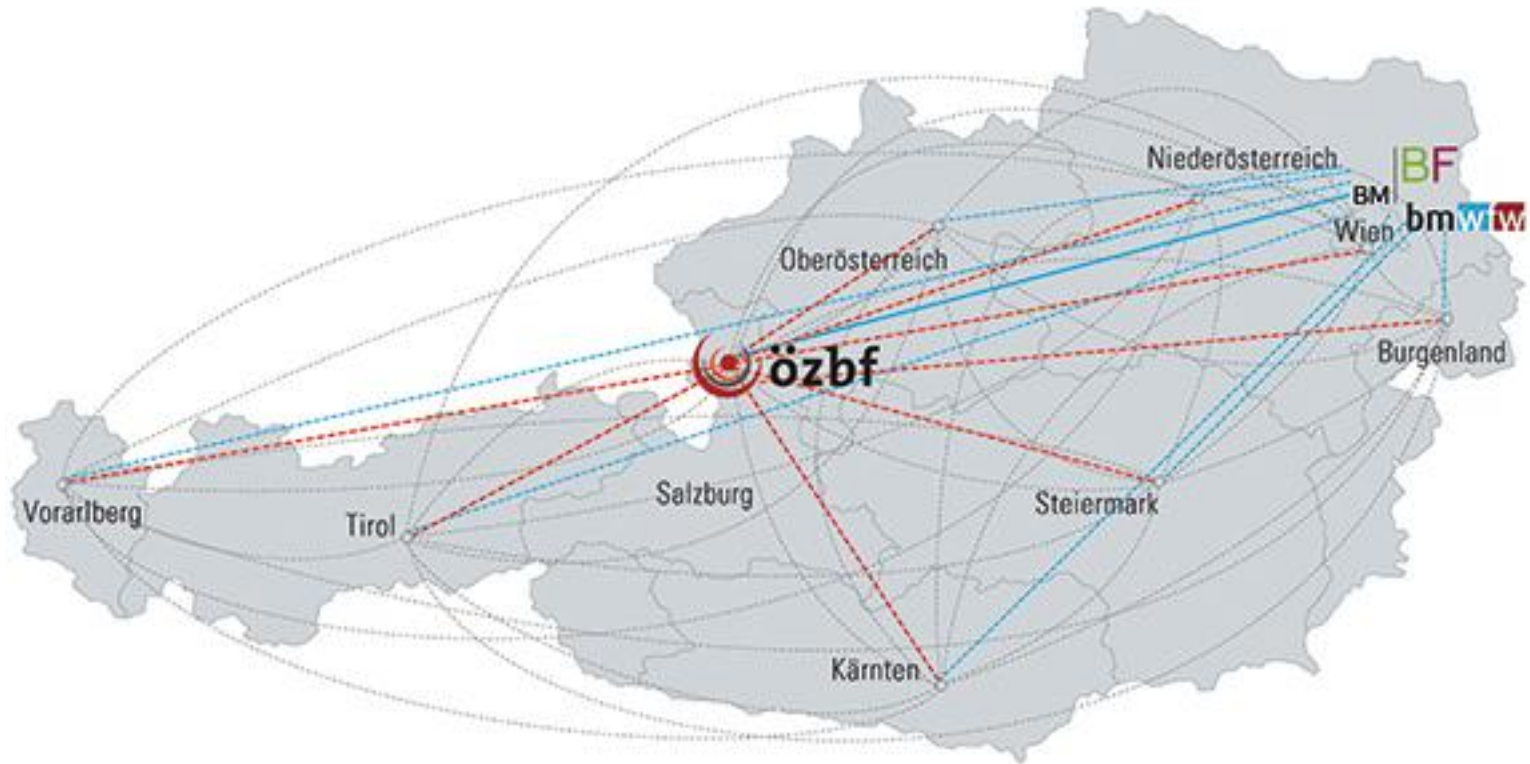
- systemic
- multi-dimensional
- interaction between personal and environmental factors

ÖZBF: from individual to institutional counseling

focuses on:

- holistic approach in supporting G&T
- long-term perspective
- catering to:
 - parents
 - educators and
 - teachers in elementary/primary/secondary education,
 - tertiary educational institutions,
 - community,
 - work life
- support the G&T support system
- information, networks, qualification, research

GE network in Austria



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What we do:

- develop strategies and concepts
- quality development in GE and research
- teacher training and professional development
- link theory and practice in elementary education, schools, universities and research
- national and international networks
- information and awareness raising

Support for G&T in Austria

- summer academies
- talent courses
- pull-out courses
- Sir-Karl-Popper-School
- special classes for G&T
- Olympics and contests
- skipping classes
- resource rooms
- mentoring
- special certificates
- individualized learning
- differentiation
- pupils attending university
- revolving door model

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Teacher training:

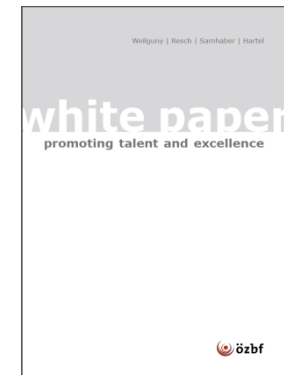
- certified training courses at Teacher Training Colleges
- ECHA training courses
- MA programs in Gifted Education (Danube-University, Krems; TIBI, Vienna)
- in-service trainings at schools
- conferences, working groups etc.
- iPEGE: recommendations for teacher training in GE



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Recent developments:

- GE experts in schools
- GE as part of school development
- quality standards established
- Master programs in GE
- White Paper on Gifted Education (2011)
- GE as central aspect in Government Program for 2013-2017
- Professorship in GE (starting 2013/2014)



Thank you very much for your attention!

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