



Who can donate?

Donation

Natural person

Political parties Candidates

Citizens of Austria and EU residents can donate to political parties and candidates.

Foreigners are limited to donations of up to 500€.

< 150€ < 1.000€

Anonymous donations are allowed, but with a cap of 150€ for political parties and candidates, and 1.000€ for presidential candidates.

Who can receive donations?

The rules regarding donations are the same for both political parties and candidates.

Presidential Candidates have specific requirements outlined in a dedicated law.

What is not considered a donation?

Generally, the following is not considered donations:

Membership fees

Contributions by party members, parliament officials, and elected representatives

Providing one's own services and items free of charge (unless provided by a business owner for the same purposes as their business)

Donor identification requirements



Donations of more than 150€

Donor's name
Date of donation receipt
Amount
Specific recipient details (branch, affiliated organization, supporter's committee, member of parliament or candidate)

Individual donations exceeding 500€

Postal code of residence or business address

Donations exceeding 3.500€ to a presidential candidate

Donor's name + Address

Reporting obligations

During the electoral period

> 2.500€

DONATION REPORT

Donor's name
Date of donation receipt
Amount
specific recipient of the donation (branch, affiliated organization, supporters' committee, member of parliament, or candidate)

Donor's name
Date of donation receipt
Amount
Postal Code
Categorized by specific recipient of the donation

Cash donations exceeding 2.500€ must be promptly reported to the Court of Audit. The report should include the information above. The Court of Audit will swiftly publish these donations on its website, disclosing the information above.

Annual Public Account Rendering

ACCOUNT STATEMENT 2023

30th Sep

Every political party represented in the National Council, provincial parliament, or the European Parliament in the reporting year must annually disclose its revenue and expenses through a statement of accounts. This statement is due by 30th September of the subsequent year, with specific provisions that can extend this period by up to three months if requested and justified by the party.

Individual Donation Reporting

> 150€

DONATION REPORT

Donor's name
Date of donation receipt
Amount
Specific recipient of the donation (branch, affiliated organization, supporters' committee, member of parliament, or candidate)

< 4 weeks after the end of each quarter

Political parties are required to notify the Court of Audit, using an open and machine-readable standardized file format, of individual donations exceeding 150€. This report should include the information above, no later than four weeks after the end of each calendar quarter.

The Court of Audit will promptly publish detailed individual donations exceeding 500€ on its website.

Donor's name
Postal code
Date of receipt
Amount
Categorized by specific recipient of the donation

Donation limitations

< 7.500€

General limit: 7.500€ per calendar year, subject to variations for different party types.

< 750.000€

Maximum amount for donations received: 750.000€ with exceptions.

Spending limitations

7M€

Total campaign expenditure limit for political parties: 7€ million, encompassing all individual candidate campaign costs. The same theoretical spending limit for a candidate.

≤ 15.000€

Candidates spending 15.000€ or less won't contribute to the party's limit.