

Budget 2012 at a Glance



FEDERAL MINISTRY
OF FINANCE

Indicators of Development of the Overall Public Budget

in % of the GDP

	2010	2011 ¹⁾	2012
Austria			
Maastricht deficit	-4.4	-3.6	-3.2
Maastricht debt ratio	71.8	72.4	74.6
Tax ratio	42.0	42.0	42.1

¹⁾ according to end-September Notification 2011; a better result may be expected during the budget execution 2011

Federal Budget 2012

in million EUR

	Result 2010	Budget 2011	Budget 2012
Expenses	67,287	70,162	73,585
% change from previous year	-3.1	4.3	4.9
Revenues	59,434	62,540	64,408
% change from previous year	-4.7	5.2	3.0
Federal deficit (administrative)	-7,853	-7,622	-9,177
in % of the GDP	-2.7	-2.5	-3.0
Maastricht deficit of the federal state	-9,720	-8,725	-8,170
in % of the GDP	-3.4	-2.9 ¹⁾	-2.6

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Stable budget policy in an unsettled overall economic environment

Even in a difficult economic environment, it remains the central task of budget policy to secure the financial capacity of the government. The federal government's strategy is as follows:

- Consolidation of federal budget
- Budget policy stimuli for more growth and employment
- Structural reforms

The consolidation measures introduced with the 2011 budget are being systematically continued. At the same time, the automatic stabilizers should have their full effect.

The 2012 budget contains a whole number of budget policy stimuli:

- For universities and colleges, EUR 80 million in the context of offensive programmes
- EUR 100 million special funds for promoting research (including tax breaks)
- EUR 80 million in offensive funds for further expansion of full day care and supervision in schools
- Significant funds are available for comprehensive conversion of secondary modern schools to the new middle school system
- EUR 15 million for expanding childcare provision for children under the age of 3
- EUR 150 million for long-term care funds
- For proactive and stimulating employment market policy, about EUR 1,940 million is being deployed
- In 2012, the climate and energy fund will be endowed with EUR 175 million in total
- For promoting thermal rehabilitation of buildings, a total of EUR 100 million is being made available
- For expanding and operating the railways, EUR 1,685 million is earmarked in the 2012 budget.

Federal Expenditure According to the Most Important Tasks

in million EUR

	Federal Budget for 2012
Social welfare and health	27,222
therefrom:	
Labour policy	6,165
Social security	10,223
Equalization Fund for family allowances	6,245
Benefits under the Federal Attendance Allowances Act	2,427
Health	1,186
Other social expenses	976
Exercise of public law powers (without financing)	9,850
Roads and transport	6,489
Education and teaching	7,682
Research and science	4,319
Public and legal security, Defence	5,251
Financing expenses	8,034
Other	4,738
Total	73,585

Federal Income

in million EUR (rounding differences)

	Budget 2012
Public taxes (net)	43,737
Parafiscal taxes	10,242
Other income	10,429
Total	64,408
Payroll tax	23,000
Self-assessed income tax	2,850
Corporate income tax	5,500
Value added tax	24,100
Other taxes	17,075
Total public taxes (gross)	72,525
deducted by transfers	
to the regional/local level and funds	-26,288
to the European Union	-2,500
Total transfers	-28,788
Remaining federal income (net)	43,737

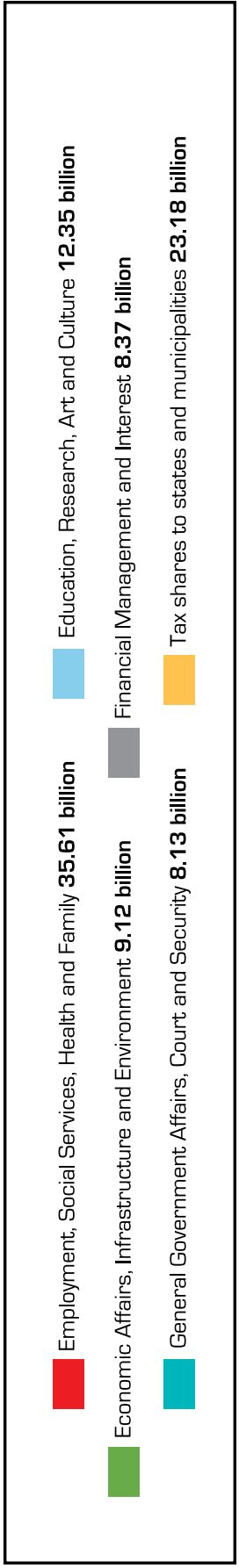
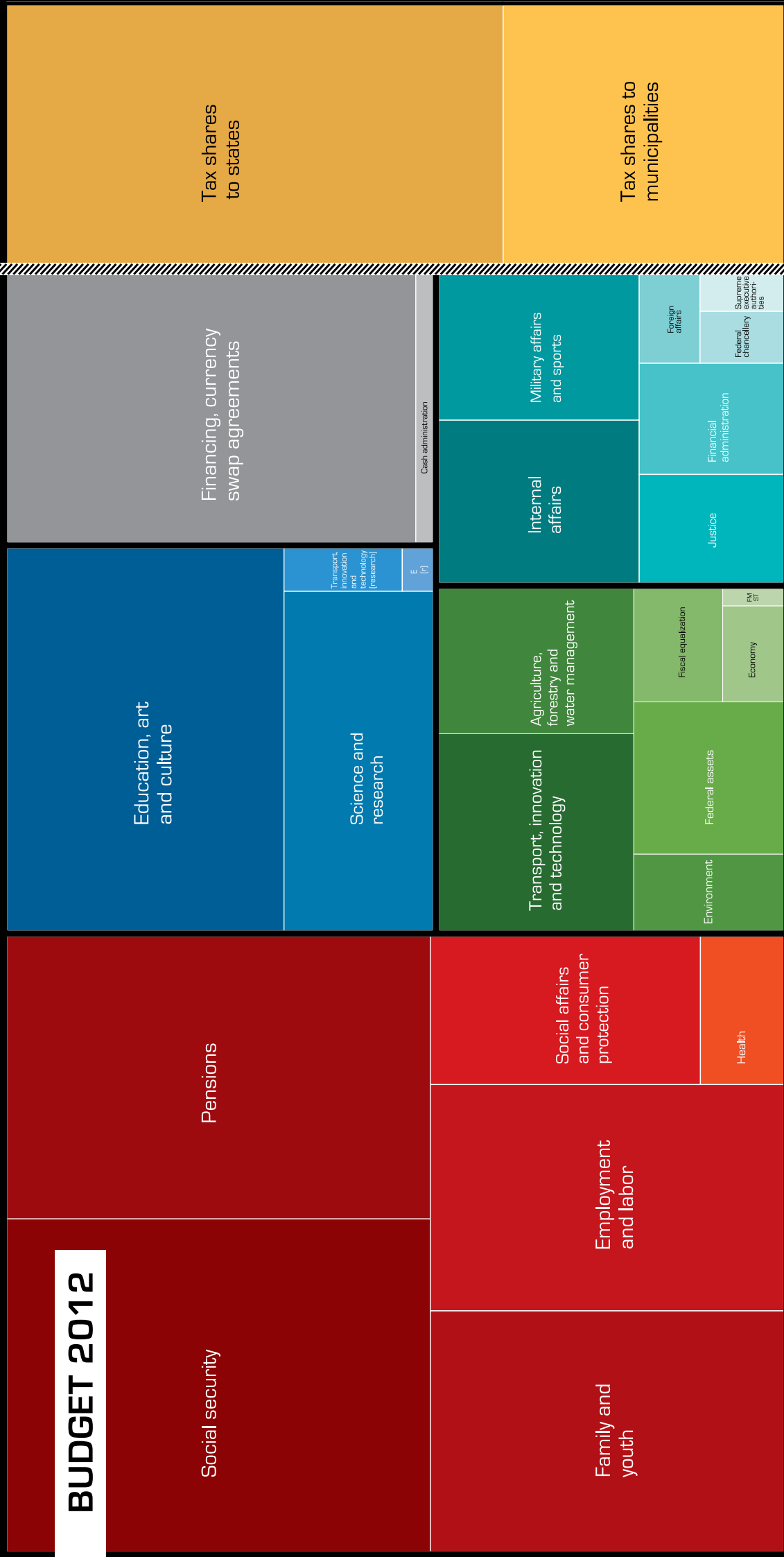
Overall Economic Indicators

in %

	2010	2011	2012
GDP growth, real	2.3	2.9	0.8
GDP growth, nominal	4.1	4.9	2.9
Inflation rate	1.9	3.1	2.1
Unemployment rate (EU-definition)	4.4	4.2	4.4

Source: WIFO (Austrian Institute of Economic Research) Forecast Sept. 2011

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E (r) - Economy (research)
 FVIST - Financial market stability