



## Energie-Control Austria (E-Control)

### Summary

Energie-Control Austria (E-Control), an institution under public law endowed with legal personality and a sovereign area of competency, carried out regulatory tasks in the electricity and gas sector. The Austrian laws, which were almost entirely based on EU law, defined some 130 and more than 220 competencies or tasks for E-Control in the area of electricity and gas respectively. In accordance with the statutory objectives, E-Control had to carry out all adequate measures to promote competition, increase the effectiveness of networks and safeguard general economic interests and the interests of clients.

The E-Control lacked significant bases to evaluate the economy and effectiveness of its regulatory activities. The management had only a limited amount of data to validate the adequacy and economy of the resource and budget planning. Instruments to control resources, targets and performance as well as incentives to ensure a more economic management were largely lacking. This concerned, for example, a corporate strategy and annual targets, statistical evaluations on the number and length of administrative proceedings, as well as recordings on the actual use of resources according to regulatory areas. The provisions on representation laid down in the Rules of Procedure of the Board and the internal control system were deficiently defined and a binding allocation of tasks was lacking.

EU-wide comparative studies recognised the quality of the regulatory activities of E-Control, which plausibly demonstrated the impact of individual, significant regulatory measures by outlining the development of the network tariffs and the investment volume, as well as the cases of supplier switching and the switching rates. However, a systematic outcome reporting on all regulatory measures was lacking. This rendered an overall assessment of the adequacy and accuracy of the regulatory measures difficult.

### Downloads

- [Bund\\_2016\\_01\\_2.pdf](http://www.rechnungshof.gv.at/fileadmin/downloads/_jahre/2016/berichte/teilberichte/bund/Bund_2016_01/Bund_2016_01_2.pdf)  
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