

Horticultural Centre Schönbrunn

From March to April 2017, the Austrian Court of Audit (ACA) carried out an audit of the administration of funds by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management in the context of the care and maintenance of historical gardens and plant collections owned by the Republic of Austria and managed by the "Höhere Bundeslehr- und Forschungsanstalt für Gartenbau und Österreichische Bundesgärten" (secondary college and research institute of horticulture and Austrian federal gardens).

Until 7 January 2018, matters related to agriculture fell within the sphere of competence of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management. Since the amendment of the Federal Ministries Act 2017 (BMG-Novelle 2017), such matters have been governed by the Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism. Consequently, the ACA audited the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, but the recommendations are addressed to the Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism.

The audit aimed at assessing the merging of the secondary college and research institute of horticulture with the Austrian federal gardens, the performance of tasks and the financial situation. The teaching activities, the boarding school and the site of Innsbruck were not subject to the audit. The audited period spanned the years from 2013 through 2017.

Production of Orthophotos at the Federal Level

In October 2016, the Austrian Court of Audit (ACA) carried out an audit of the administration of funds by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management and the Austrian Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying in the context of the production of digital aerial photographs and orthophotos. The audit aimed at evaluating the procurement of digital aerial photographs and orthophotos at the federal level. The audited period largely spanned the years from 2012 through 2016.

Until 7 January 2018, matters related to the production of aerial photographs and orthophotos fell within the sphere of competence of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management. Since the amendment of the Federal Ministries Act 2017 (BMG-Novelle 2017), such matters have been governed by the Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism. Consequently, the ACA audited the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, but the recommendation is addressed to the Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism.

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