

**INFORMATION FOR VOTERS ABROAD
ON MAILING THE VOTING CARD TO THE
COMPETENT DISTRICT ELECTORAL AUTHORITY FREE OF CHARGE**

The Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior and Austrian Post ("Österreichische Post AG") wish to support you in returning your voting card ("Wahlkarte") to Austria by mail, if necessary, and point out that the voting card corresponds to International Business Reply Service (IBRS) criteria. All designated operators are thus obliged to accept your voting card free of charge. Austrian Post will charge postage to the addressee in Austria and reimburse the designated operator abroad. **Therefore, you do not bear the costs** for casting your vote abroad by means of postal voting.

Your voting card corresponds to all the required IBRS specifications and layout criteria in order to ensure reimbursement of costs to designated operators abroad:

Shipping method:	Priority Airmail
Maximum weight:	50 g
Minimum dimensions:	14 x 9 cm
Maximum dimensions:	length + width + height = maximum of 90 cm
Maximum length:	60 cm
Information:	Priority; Reply Paid – Antwortsendung; as country of destination Austria/ Österreich (between two black bars); Postentgelt beim Empfänger einheben; No stamp required

Priority Airmail	<p>Alle Mitgliedsländer bzw. deren befugte Betreiber sind verpflichtet, die Rücksendung von CCRI/IBRS-Sendungen zu besorgen (Weltpostvertrag Art. 15.3.1)</p> <p>All designated operators are obliged to operate the IBRS „return“ service according to the Universal Postal Convention (Art. 15.3.1)</p> <p>Tous les Pays-membres ou leurs opérateurs désignés sont obligés d'assurer le service de retour des envois CCRI. (Convention postale universelle Art. 15.3.1)</p> <p>Todos los Países miembros o sus operadores designados están obligados de prestar el servicio de devolución de los envíos CCRI (Convenio Postal Universal, Art. 15.3.1)</p>	<p>Postentgelt beim Empfänger einheben</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"><p style="font-size: x-small;">No stamp required</p><p style="font-size: x-small;">Nicht frei machen</p></div>
<hr style="border: 2px solid black;"/> <p style="margin: 0;">Reply Paid Antwortsendung Austria / Österreich</p> <hr style="border: 2px solid black;"/>		
<h1 style="margin: 0;">WAHLKARTE</h1>		

For further details on IBRS feel free to visit the website of the Universal Postal Union at:

<http://www.upu.int/fileadmin/documentsFiles/activities/letterPostDevelopment/brochureInternationalBusinessReplyServiceEn.pdf>

With best regards,

Federal Ministry of the Interior

Austrian Post