

Austria joined as Member PRACE

PRACE is delighted to announce that Austria has joined the Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe (PRACE) and will be the 26th Member.



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“The PRACE Council is very pleased to welcome Austria as member of PRACE and is looking forward to a fruitful collaboration. By joining PRACE, Austria gives a strong signal that it supports the scientific and industrial application of HPC at the highest level. The Austrian research community will benefit in many ways for having access to the tip of the European HPC ecosystem.” said Prof. Dr. Dr. Thomas Lippert, Chair of the PRACE Council.

For Austria Prof. Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. **Christoph Dellago** (University of Vienna) is Council Delegate and Univ. Prof. Dr. **Alexander Ostermann** (University of Innsbruck) is Council Adviser. The PRACE membership is an important step for Austrian high performance community.



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The Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research appointed the ACONET Association (steering committee for the Austrian NREN ACOnet) as Austrian representative in the PRACE Council. The NREN [ACOnet](#) (Austrian Academic Computer Network) is operated by the University of Vienna, in cooperation with other participating organisations.

The main purpose of ACOnet is to provide a powerful and resilient national backbone network infrastructure and excellent connectivity to the European and global science, research and education community through GÉANT. ACOnet is a scientific network that provides primarily support for public institutions in the fields of research, education and culture.



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“The Austrian PRACE membership, made possible by a consortium of Austrian Universities, represented by the ACONET Association, that have joined forces under the auspices of Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, is a very significant step that offers tremendous opportunities for the Austrian scientific community. Now, Austrian researchers will have access to Europe’s most powerful supercomputers to address complex questions at the vanguard of their fields in science and engineering. Equally important, the Austrian PRACE membership will help to enhance the training for early stage researchers at Austrian institutions and strengthen ties between Austrian scientists and the European HPC community.” said by Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Christoph Dellago (University of Vienna).

About PRACE

The Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe (PRACE) is an international non-profit association with its seat in Brussels. The PRACE Research Infrastructure provides a persistent world-class high performance computing service for scientists and researchers from academia and industry in Europe. The computer systems and their operations accessible through PRACE are provided by 5 PRACE members (BSC representing Spain, CINECA representing Italy, ETH Zurich/CSCS representing Switzerland, GCS representing Germany and GENCI representing France). The Implementation Phase of PRACE receives funding from the EU’s Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme (2014-2020) under grant agreement 730913. For more information, see www.prace-ri.eu

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