



Research, Experimental Development & Knowledge Transfer Activities Report 2025

About Us

We are constantly involved in identifying and mitigating potential risks to humans, animals, plants and the environment; ensuring a high level of consumer safety in Austria, as part of our One Health philosophy. These risks may arise from pathogens present in humans, animals and plants, counterfeit drugs, resistance to antibiotics, residues in foods, soil and seed analysis or radiation and climate protection. To address these challenges we analyse, monitor, evaluate, research and communicate 365 days a year.

Our Fields of Activity

AGES is owned by the Republic of Austria and operates on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection (BMASGPK) and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management (BMLUK). We address many topics relevant to the environmental and public health in our six fields of activity:



Food Security

Bee health, plant protection, seeds, soil health ...



Food Safety

Mycotoxins, contaminants, farm to fork ...



Medical Market Surveillance

Drug licensing, clinical trials, reports of side effects ...



Public Health

Influenza, gonococci, tuberculosis, Ebola, cholera, polio ...



Radiation Protection

Radon, drinking water, disposal ...



Animal Health

Animal diseases, zoonoses, parasites, vectors ...

These six fields of activity are supported by our units and three specialist departments:



Integrative Risk Assessment, Data & Statistics



Risk Communication



Knowledge Transfer & Research

Locations

We are located throughout Austria: our headquarters and three additional locations are in Vienna. We also have sites in Graz, Innsbruck, Linz, Mödling, and Salzburg. Additionally, we operate test stations in Carinthia, Styria, Lower Austria, and Upper Austria.



Company Figures 2025

3,500 m² Greenhouse area

888 Accredited methods

1,772 Employees
(62 % women)

151 Current research projects

1,039 Scientific staff
(64 % women)

74 National reference laboratories

19 National reference centres

211 Senior experts
(61 % women)

8 Field study stations

3 High security laboratories

12 Senior lecturers
(25 % women)

2 Research greenhouses

Research

AGES employs highly qualified experts and employees who carry out a wide range of examination and testing activities on behalf of the Austrian public and represent the country in national and EU committees, all with the utmost diligence and in line with the legal framework. AGES experts are active in almost 800 national and international committees.

Our experts work interdisciplinarily to systematically identify, analyse, and assess risks and, based on this, derive appropriate measures. In addition, AGES acts as a non-university research institution in numerous research and development projects and collaborates with national and international authorities, companies, and research organisations.

These research activities provide a solid basis for risk assessment, ensure appropriate action in crisis situations and enable a rapid response to emerging challenges. At the same time, they strengthen AGES's position as an independent and objective expert agency in Austria.

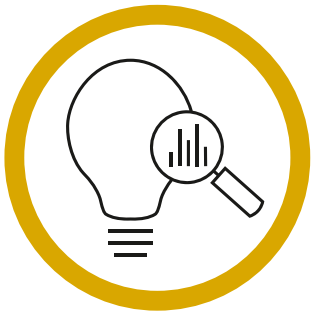
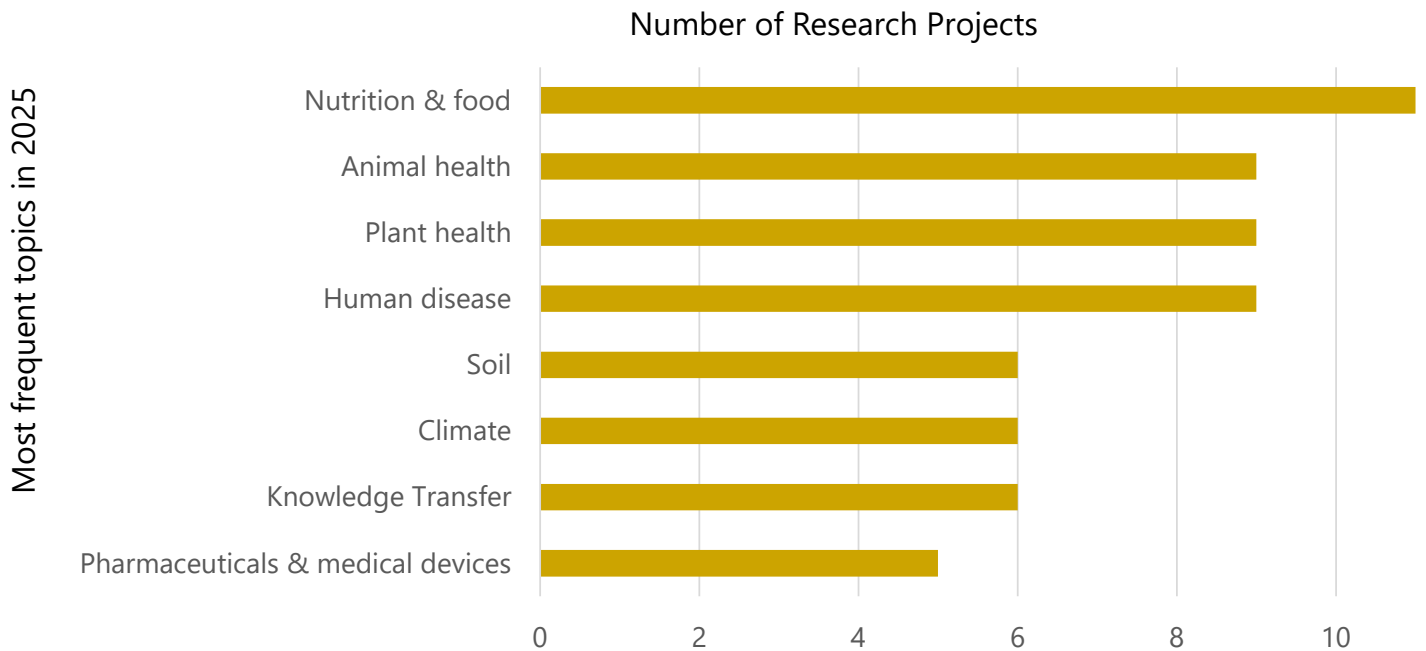
AGES promotes the targeted transfer of knowledge to specialist audiences and collaborates – among other things within the framework of capacity-building projects – with authorities, regional bodies, and agencies at national, European, and international levels. Consulting services in the public sector are continuously expanded, and young scientists are recruited and developed through projects. Knowledge is shared with the general public through publications, lectures, and participation in numerous cross-border projects.

The success of our scientific work and research projects is based on cooperation agreements and partnerships at a national level, such as the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection; the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management; the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) or the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna. At the international level, we maintain cooperation agreements with partners such as the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) and the German Agency for International Cooperation GmbH (GIZ). In addition, AGES is co-publisher of the journal „Die Bodenkultur – Journal of Land Management, Food and Environment.“



You can find out more about our research activities on our website (www.ages.at) and on the AGES Research Portal (QR code).

Research Projects 2025



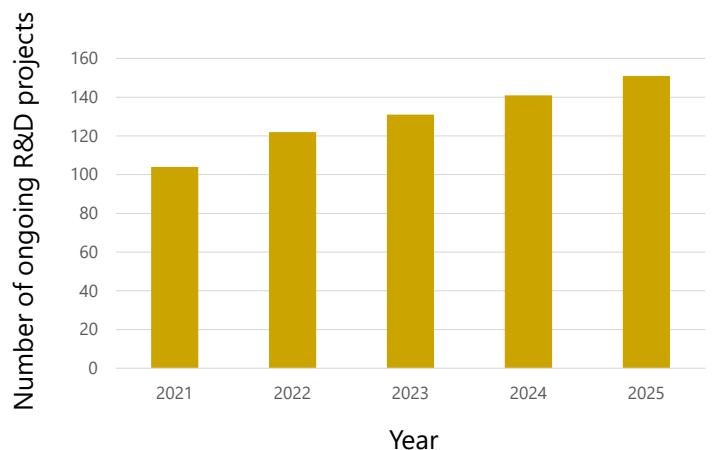
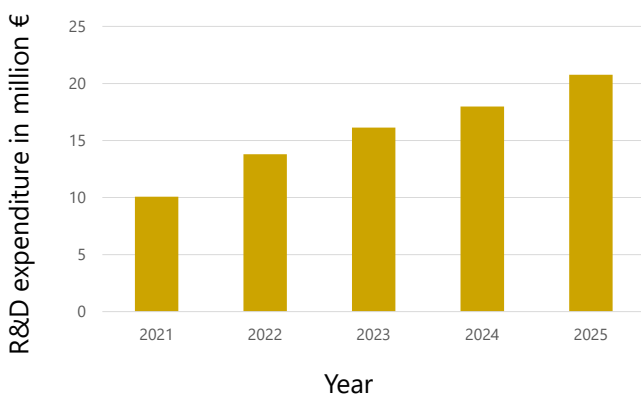
151 current research and development (R&D) projects

61 effectively ended and completed R&D projects

9.1% research ratio

€20.76 million for R&D and knowledge transfer activities

€7 million in third-party funding for R&D and knowledge transfer activities



Knowledge Transfer

We organise lectures, congresses, conferences and training courses to share and discuss new, proven knowledge about current and future hazards and risks as part of our role as a certified training institution. We offer training courses for authorities and companies on topics such as the food chain, public health, and food security.

Specifically, the **AGES Academy** is responsible for planning and delivering AGES's externally oriented educational events. These include events commissioned by the federal offices and the responsible ministries, as well as in-house formats developed together with experts from the specialist departments, such as events and continuing education formats outside the corporate sector. They also include educational formats for business partners, knowledge transfer projects, and site tours.

The **AGES Academy** drives the continuous professional development of training and continuing education formats for authorities, public officials, and companies along the food chain, as well as on topics related to public health and food security. This is partly carried out in cooperation with universities of applied sciences and universities, as well as through decentralised or online-based formats.

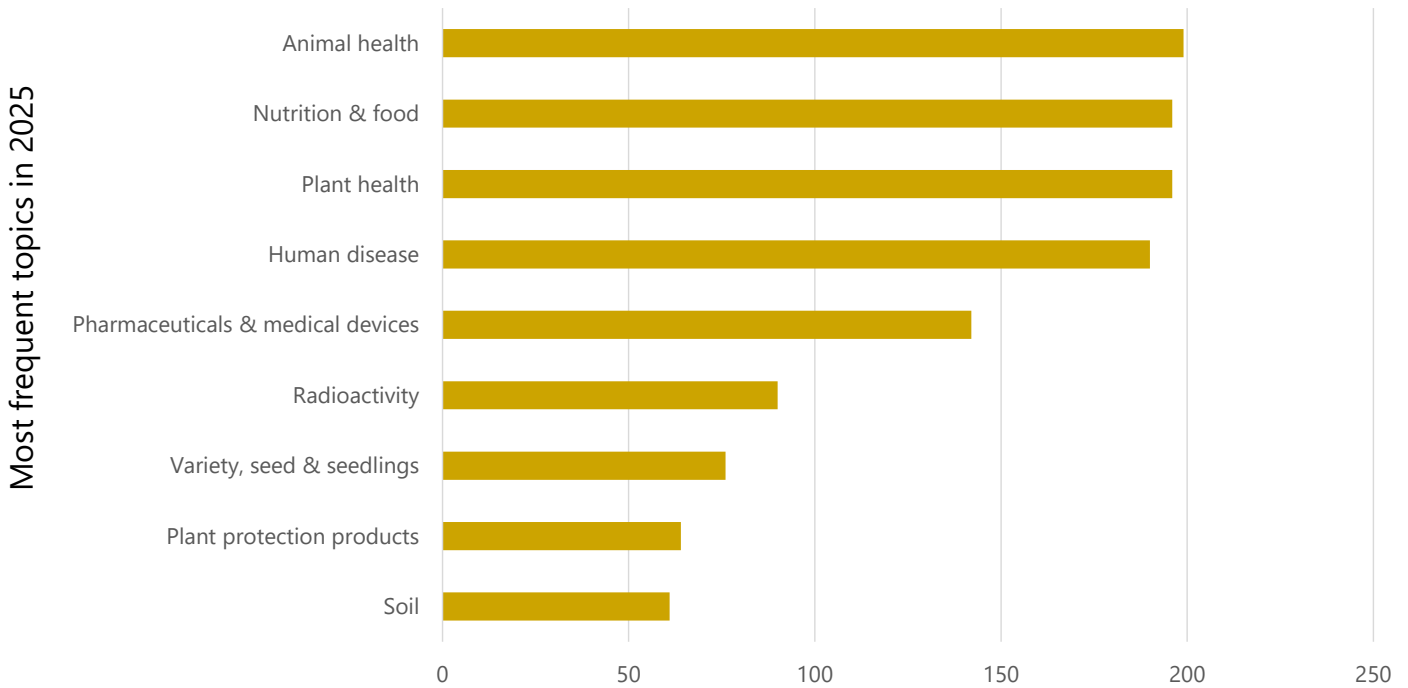
The **AGES Academy** manages and develops the European training programme EU-FORA for EFSA. The programme aims to expand the pool of experts for food risk assessment in Europe. The **AGES Academy** is the national contact point for applications for the Europe-wide, cross-spectrum training programme Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF), and for participants based in Austria.

In addition, AGES offers **FFG internships** (FEMtech and FFG Talents). As part of this funding, female students and pupils have the opportunity to complete an internship focusing on scientific and technical tasks. The aim is to impart practical, hands-on knowledge through active participation in research projects and to introduce participants to applied research, supported by qualified supervision within the organisation.



Presentations and Publications 2025

Number of Presentations and Publications



11,644 event participant days

721 presentations

115 events of the AGES Academy

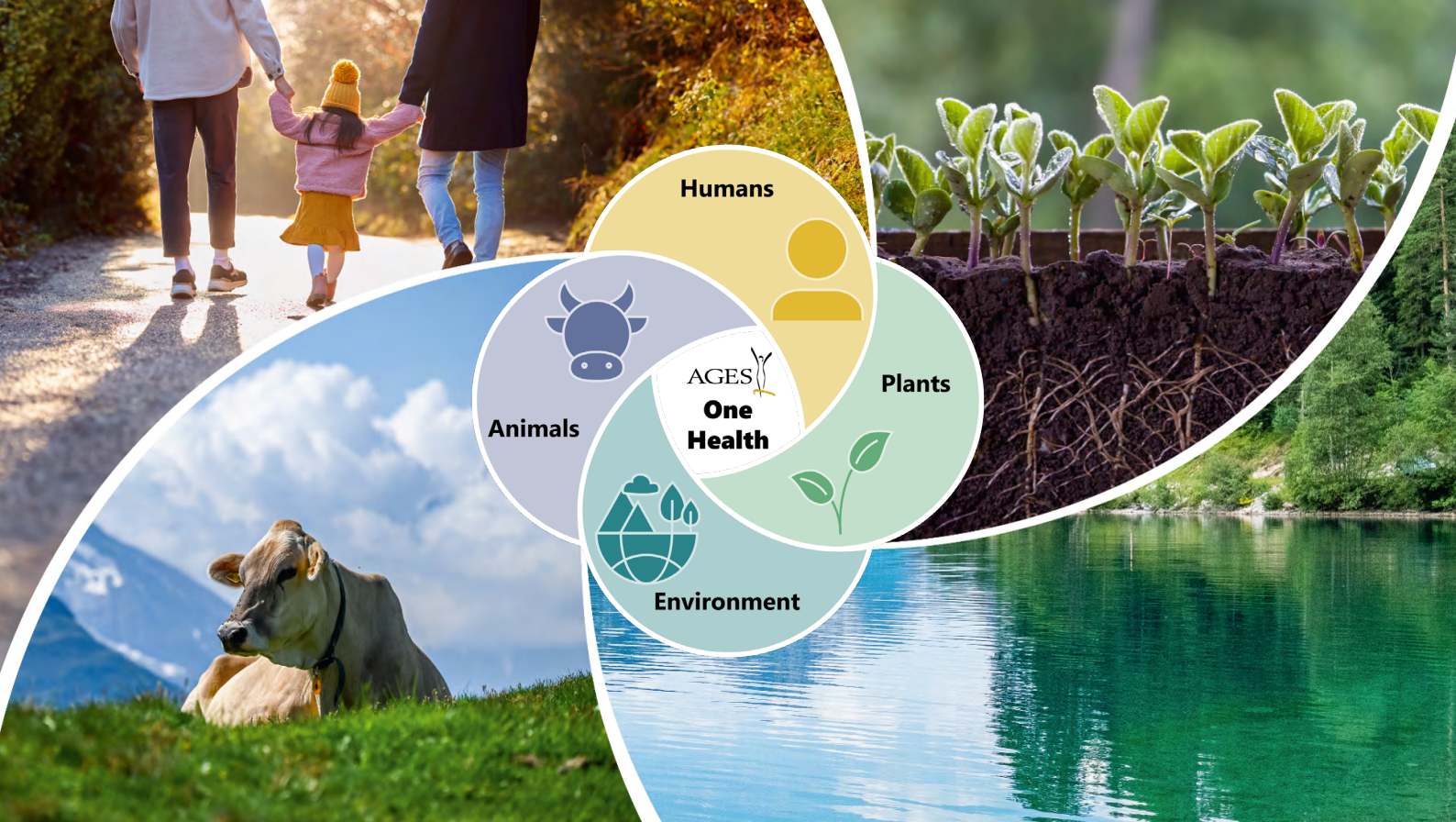
86 scientific publications

85 popular science publications

123 other publications (posters, contributions to conference proceedings...)



You can find an overview of our events in our events calendar on our homepage (QR code). Explore our diverse programme of lectures and training courses. We look forward to your participation!



AGES: the **One Health** Agency

AGES topics such as climate change, food and nutrition, and antibiotic resistance remain highly important. These challenges are often closely interconnected and have overlapping effects on humans, animals, plants, and the environment. A holistic perspective – the One Health approach – assists in understanding these complex relationships and supports the development of targeted responses. For over 20 years, AGES has followed this approach, analysing and monitoring environmental and animal health changes and their impact on human health.



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