Immunisation Programme Austria

1. The vaccination programme for children is organised within the public health setting and financed by the national level, the regional level and the social insurance system.
2. There are no dedicated vaccination facilities in place except the regional and district public health centres. At this centres there are small vaccination units and only few people use this centres. Usually vaccination is performed by doctors or paediatricians in private practice.
3. There exists a special vaccination schedule for childhood vaccinations (see table at EUVAC website)
4. There exist guidelines for booster vaccinations for adults (see attachment). Guidelines for travel-related vaccinations are specified for the travel region and the current risk – thus they are variable.
5. See at EUVAC website
6. The same vaccination schedule is used in all parts of Austria
7. The vaccination schedule is set up every year by the Highest Sanitary Council formulated as advice. The FM for Health usually takes this advice and publishes this schedule. All nine Federal States follow this schedule.
8. The vaccination costs are shared among the FM for Health, the nine Federal states and the Social Security system
9. Yes
10. Only few vaccines are produced in Austria (e.g. Vaccine against tick-borne encephalitis). There exists no national vaccination company.
11. Yes, all childhood vaccines are free of charge.
12. The general coverage for childhood vaccination is relatively homogeneous except the vaccination for Measles/Mumps/Rubella.
13. The regional level has to provide vaccination coverage data to the national level. On national level, the official vaccination coverage data are analysed and published.