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# The Fight against Corruption in Austria

# A. Preliminary remarks

- Criminal Law Reform 2008: new approach
- Criminal Law just one pillar of the anti-corruption system

## B. History

- First Anti-corruption Act 1964
- Second Anti-corruption Act 1982
- Criminal Law Reform 1987
- Act on the Criminal Responsibility of Legal Persons 2005
- Criminal Law Reform 2008
- Currently: New Reform on Corruption

## C. Relevance

- Legal relevance: number of convictions
- Political relevance: parliamentary enquiry commissions, resignations

## D. News in Criminal Law

- New terms: „public officer“ (*Amtsträger*) and „arbitrator“ (*Schiedsrichter*)
- Acceptance of presents by public officers or arbitrators (Sec 304 Penal Code)
- Bribery (Sec 307 Penal Code)
- Bribery of deputies (Sec 304 Penal Code)
- Acceptance of presents by servants or agents (Sec 168c Penal Code)
- Bribery of servants and agents (Sec 168d Penal Code)

# E. News in Criminal Procedure

- Office of Prosecution for Corruption (Sec 20a Criminal Procedure Code)
- Coordination with a future Federal Anti-corruption Office
- Excursus: institutions concerned with the fight against corruption in Austria

# F. Outlook

- Criminal Law Reform 2008:  
The right answer to previous criticism?
- International cooperation

**Thank you for your  
attention!**