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Foreword

Religion, state and society as topics dealt with by an administrative authority make its work an extremely people-oriented, exciting and varied task. It is therefore not presumptuous to mark the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Ministry of Religion and Education with a commemorative publication on the history of the origins and organisation of the *Office of Religious Affairs*.

The description of the relationship between the state, churches and religious communities is more than just a description of an „administrative section"; it is also an indicator of the social and contemporary historical conditions.

Today, with our knowledge of all the (religious) historical Departments, two things become apparent:

Firstly, the system of cooperation between the state, churches and religious communities established in Austria has proven its worth and is also a guarantee of stability and cohesion. The work of churches and religious communities in various sectors of our society, from providing meaning to education, care and social services, are pillars that play a key role in supporting our society.

Secondly, a „de-religionisation" of the public sphere or religious illiteracy will not lead to a „more objective or neutral society", but will create a vacuum that will ultimately be filled by other forces.

The relationship between the state and religions must therefore continue to be active, based on partnership and, at the same time, on rights and obligations.

Part I of this volume describes the history of the institution from its founding in 1849, followed by an equally interesting account of the *Office of Religious Affairs* up to the present day; Part III provides an up-to-date overview of the work of the current *Office of Religious Affairs*.

I would like to express my special thanks to Univ. Ass. Mag. Dr Peter Becker for his work on this history of the founding and organisation of the *Office of Religious Affairs*. In his short time as an intern, he has provided an impressive example of „public service". I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Prof. Dr Martin Fischer and all the staff at the *Office of Religious Affairs* – without their outstanding work, the history of the *Office of Religious Affairs* could not be continued in the future.

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Part I – Founding history

175 years of the Office of Religious Affairs

On the history of the founding of the „Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education“ (1849) as a historical reference point for today’s Office of Religious Affairs[1]

1 Mag. Dr Peter Becker, M.E.S., Postdoctoral Research Assistant at the Institute for Historical Theology at the University of Vienna

Introduction

The merger of Religious Affairs with the Ministry of Education[2], which had been established in 1848, through the appointment of Count Leo von Thun-Hohenstein as the first "Minister for Religion and Education" on 28 July 1849 marked the beginning of the institutional and nominal independence of the *Religious Affairs* department and thus perhaps the most important historical reference point for today's *Office of Religious Affairs*. In addition to the administrative and Organisational form dimension that this implies, it is also an expression of a fundamental reorientation of the state's and the law's perspective on religion. It forms an institutional turning point in a development that gradually moved away from Joseph II's idea of radical subordination of Church Affairs to state sovereignty towards recognition of the independence of religion, which was enshrined in the adopted constitution of 4 March 1849 and its patent of fundamental rights.

In the research literature to date, the integration of Religious Affairs into the Ministry of Education has been interpreted less in terms of its significance for the relationship be-

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2 For the history of the ministry, see Josef Musil, *Zur Geschichte des österreichischen Unterrichtsministeriums 1848–1948, in: 100 Jahre Unterrichtsministerium. 1848–1948.* Festschrift des Bundesministeriums für Unterricht in Wien, Vienna 1948, 7–36; *200 Jahre österreichische Bildung und Erziehung (200 Years of Austrian Education and Upbringing).* Exhibition. Books/Pictures/Documents from the Development of the Austrian Education System, published by the Federal Ministry of Education, Vienna 1960; Helmut Engelbrecht, *Geschichte des österreichischen Bildungswesens (History of the Austrian Education System). Erziehung und Unterricht auf dem Boden Österreichs (Education and Teaching in Austria)* vol. 4. *From 1848 to the End of the Monarchy,* Vienna 1986, 86–88; *The House on Minoritenplatz. Federal Ministry of Education,* Vienna, Minoritenplatz 5, Vienna [1968]; *Das Haus am Minoritenplatz,* published by the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, Public Relations Department, Federal Ministry of Science and Research, 2nd edition, Vienna 2008. From an art and literary history perspective, see also the publication compiled by Alexander Marinovic, *Minoritenplatz 5. Architektur und Literatur (architecture and literature),* published by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, Vienna 2023. The essay by Josef Musil cited above draws on older literature, which is then hardly mentioned in later contributions: Viktor Kreuzinger, *Der Barockpalast des Bundesministeriums für Unterricht (The Baroque Palace of the Federal Ministry of Education),* in: Österreichische Vierteljahreshefte für Erziehung und Unterricht 3 (1932), 33-36, and then the four published "Beiträge zur Geschichte des österreichischen Unterrichtsministeriums" (Contributions to the History of the Austrian Ministry of Education): Ibid., I . *The Establishment and Activities of the Imperial and Royal Ministry of Public Education under Baron von Sommaruga in 1848,* in: Austrian Quarterly Journal for Education and Teaching 4 (1933), 51–55; Ibid., *II. Undersecretary Dr Ernst Freiherr von Feuchtersleben as the soul and driving force behind educational reform in the Doblhoff-Dier Ministry,* in: Austrian Quarterly Journal for Education and Teaching 5 (1934), 30– 34; Ibid., *III. The canon lawyer and Reichstag deputy J .U.Dr Joseph Alexander Helfert as Undersecretary under Ministers Stadion and Thinnfeld,* in: Austrian Quarterly Journal for Education and Teaching 6 (1935), 24–34; Ibid., *IV. The Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religion and Education under Count Leo Thun. The person of the minister and the union of education and culture,* in: Austrian Quarterly Journal for Education and Teaching 7 (1936), 32–41.

tween state and church. One exception to this is the thoroughly researched contribution by Heinrich Drimmel (1963)[3], who, after having been an employee of the Ministry of Education from 1937 to 1938 and head of the Office of Religious Affairs in 1953, was himself head of that ministry from 1954 to 1964.[4] In his contribution, Drimmel goes into detail about the political relationships between the people involved in this process and the file on Thun-Hohenstein's appointment. In the following, we will broaden our perspective by looking at the above-mentioned process in the context of the historical events that came before and after. An immediate point of reference here is the revolutionary year of 1848, which created the need for legal and institutional change with its demands for freedom of belief and conscience and for independent administration of church affairs.

The end of the Josephinian era

The fact that state administration had to deal with matters of "religion" was not new in the year the ministry was founded. The change was more about how these agendas were shaped by the relationship between the state and religious communities, which had to be defined. In the revolutionary year of 1848, the Habsburg Monarchy could look back on a long period of religious policy strongly influenced by the state church, which had become famous under the colourful name of "Josephinism". The historical significance of this term has been disputed, as it has been described as a product of the "Catholic

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3 See Heinrich Drimmel, Die Vereinigung der Agenden des Kultus und des Unterrichtes im „K.K. Ministerium für Cultus und Unterricht" ("Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religion and Education"), in: Willibald M. Plöchl/Inge Gampl, (eds.), Im Dienste des Rechtes in Kirche und Staat (In the Service of Justice in Church and State). Festschrift on the 70th birthday of University Professor Prelate Dr theol. et Dr jur. Franz Arnold (= Church and Law 4), Vienna 1963, 100–110. See also Friedrich Walter, Die österreichische Zentralverwaltung, III. Abteilung. Von der Märzrevolution 1848 bis zur Dezemberverfassung 1867, Bd. 1. Die Geschichte der Ministerien (The Austrian Central Administration, Section III. From the March Revolution of 1848 to the December Constitution of 1867, Vol. 1. The History of the Ministries) Kolowrat, Ficquelmont, Pillersdorf, Wessenberg-Doblhoff and Schwarzenberg (Publications of the Commission for Modern History of Austria 49), Vienna 1964, 356–359.

4 See Austrian Official Calendar 17 (1938), 58; Heinrich Drimmel, Die Häuser meines Lebens, (the houses of my life) 3rd edition, Vienna 1975, 212, 218f. For a biographical overview, see Helmut Wohnout, Heinrich Drimmel. Skizzen zur Biographie eines homo politicus (Sketches for the Biography of a Homo Politicus), in: Demokratie und Geschichte. Jahrbuch des Karl von Vogelsang-Instituts zur Erforschung der Geschichte der christlichen Demokratie in Österreich (Democracy and History. Yearbook of the Karl von Vogelsang Institute for Research into the History of Christian Democracy in Austria), ed. by Helmut Wohnout 9/10 (2005/2006), 65–78. On Drimmel's ideas on cultural policy, see Karl W. Schwarz, „Am Ende des konstantinischen Zeitalters" (At the End of the Constantinian Era). Heinrich Drimmel und die österreichische Kultuspolitik (Heinrich Drimmel and Austrian Religious Affairs Policy), in: ibid., 209–225, esp. 215. On the history of Religious Affairs administration, see also the insightful contribution by Heinrich Drimmel, shaped by his own memories, Der Weg zum Protestanten-gesetz (The Road to the Protestant Law), in: Robert Kauer (ed.), Bilanz für die Zukunft (Taking Stock for the Future). 20 Years of the EAK (Standpunkte 19), Vienna 1989, 97–117.

Enlightenment" and "reform Catholicism" or characterised as state suppression of the church's rights to self-determination.[5] The interpretation that prevailed was that of enlightened absolutism, which sought to disempower all authorities standing between the subject and the ruler.[6] Ernst Hefel, himself a long-standing head of the Office of Religious Affairs,[7] attempted to summarise the guidelines of this policy in line with the latter perspective: "The [Catholic] Church [was] a state institution, the most excellent police and welfare institution at the disposal of the state and for the achievement of its purposes for the welfare of its citizens as determined by the state. There was no independence or freedom for the Church, neither for its external organisation nor for its internal ecclesiastical life. Everything was subject to state approval and regulation: the establishment of parishes and dioceses, the administration of church property, religious orders and foundations, the training of clergy and the establishment of theological seminaries, the appointment of church officials, the exercise of pastoral care,

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5 See Waltraud Heindl, *Josephinismus,* in: Johannes Feichtinger/Heidemarie Uhl (eds.), *Habsburg neu denken. Vielfalt und Ambivalenz in Zentraleuropa. 30 kulturwissenschaftliche Stichworte (Rethinking the Habsburgs. Diversity and Ambivalence in Central Europe. 30 keywords of cultural history),* Vienna – Cologne – Weimar 2016; 96–103. Ernst Wangermann, *Aufklärung und Josephinismus. Studien zu Ursprung und Nachwirkungen der Reformen Josephs II. (Enlightenment and Josephinism. Studies on the Origins and Aftermath of Joseph II's Reforms)* (Das Achtzehnte Jahrhundert und Österreich. Internationale Beihefte 7) (The Eighteenth Century and Austria. International Supplements 7), Bochum 2016; Rainer Bendel/Norbert Spannenberger (eds.), Katholische Aufklärung und Josephinismus. Rezeptionsformen in Ostmittel- und Südosteuropa (Forschungen und Quellen zur Kirchen- und Kulturgeschichte Ostdeutschlands 48) (*Catholic Enlightenment and Josephinism. Reception Forms in East Central and Southeast Europe* (Research and Sources on the Church and Cultural History of East Germany 48)), Cologne – Weimar – Vienna 2015; Wolfgang Schmale/Renate Zedinger/Jean Mondot (eds.), Josephinismus – eine Bilanz (*Josephinism – an Assessment.) Échecs et réussites du Joséphinisme* (Yearbook of the Austrian Society for Research into the Eighteenth Century 22), Bochum 2008; Herbert Rieser, *Der Geist des Josephinismus und sein Fortleben. Der Kampf der Kirche um ihre Freiheit (The Spirit of Josephinism and its Survival. The Church's Struggle for Freedom),* Vienna 1963; Fritz Valjavec, *Josephinism. Zur geistigen Entwicklung Österreichs im achtzehnten und neunzehnten Jahrhundert (On the interlectual developement of Austria in the eigteenth and nineteenth centuries),* 2nd, significantly expanded edition, Munich 1945. See also the important collections by Ferdinand Maaß, *Der Josephinismus. Quellen zu seiner Geschichte in Österreich 1760–1790 (Josephinism. Sources on ist history in Austria 1760-1790), 5* vols (Fontes rerum Austriacarum. Zweite Abteilung. Diplomataria et acta 71–75), Vienna – Munich 1951–1961 and Harm Klueting (ed.), Josephinismus. Ausgewählte Quellen zur Geschichte der theresianisch-josephinischen Reformen (*Josephinism. Selected Sources on the History of the Theresian-Josephinian Reforms)* (Selected Sources on Modern German History 12a), Darmstadt 1995.

6 See Rudolf Pranzl, *Das Verhältnis von Staat und Kirche/Religion im theresianisch-*josephinischen *Zeitalter (The Relationship Between State and Church/Religion in the theresian-josephinian era)*: Helmut Reinalter (ed.), Josephinismus als Aufgeklärter Absolutismus (*Josephinism as Enlightened* Absolutism), Vienna 2008, 17–52.

7 On Hefel himself, see Maximilian Liebmann, *Ernst Hefel's positions staatskirchenrechtlichen Positionen Ernst Hefels in Konfrontation mit den Bischöfen nach dem Ende des NS-Regimes (on state church law in confrontation with the bishops after the end of the Nazi regime),* in: Alemannia Studens 6 (1996), 41–50; Heinrich Schmidinger, *In memoriam Ernst Hefel,* in: Römische Historische Mitteilungen 16 (1974), 13–15.

the content of sermons, catechisms and ecclesiastical law books, the order and form of worship, relations with ecclesiastical superiors, especially with the Pope himself, and the content of faith and doctrine.[8] In addition, in 1783 Emperor Joseph II defined marriage as a purely civil contract, but transferred the authority to perform marriages to the representatives of the respective denominations. Although state control over church affairs had gradually relaxed in the period leading up to the 1848 revolution, Joseph II's fundamental ideas were not only present in the minds of senior officials, but also in the provisions of state church law. In particular, Joseph II's Patent of Toleration of 13 October 1781 guaranteed Protestants, known as "Akatholiken" (non-Catholics), the right to practise their religion in private, and Jews were also granted certain religious rights. However, these regulations were still a long way from achieving true equality of confession in the sense of fundamental religious freedom. Since the reign of Franz I, the Catholic Church had regained considerable influence in the education system, where it was entrusted with both primary education and supervision of school operations.[9]

The call for religious freedom and new developments in the relationship between state and church

At the beginning of the 19th century, there were growing calls within the Catholic Church, particularly among the followers of Klemens Maria Hofbauer (1751-1820), for a reorganization of the relationship between church and state, and in 1816 and 1817, initial attempts were made to achieve this with the help of a concordat with the Holy See. In his ecclesiastical-political will of 28 February 1835, Emperor Franz II/I (1768–1835) even explicitly requested such a concordat solution from his successor. The influential Joseph Othmar von Rauscher (1797–1875), who later became Cardinal and Archbishop of Vienna, was particularly convinced that only a free church could support the monarchy, which was threatened by revolutionary movements. The alliance between throne and altar was thus to be renewed under different circumstances.[10]

The decisive turning point finally came with the revolution in March 1848, when both student assemblies and pamphlets in Vienna demanded equality for all religious denom-

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8 Ernst Hefel, das Kultuswesen. Vorgeschichte und die Zeit von 1848-1867 (Religious Affairs. Prehistory and the period from 1848-1948), in 100 Jahre Unterrichtsministerium. 1848-1948. Festschrift of the Federal Ministry of education in Vienna, Vienna 1948, 412–426.

9 See Peter Leisching, *Die römisch-katholische Kirche in Cisleithanien,* in: Adam Wandruszka / Peter Urbanitsch (eds.), *Die Habsburgermonarchie 1848–1918,* vol. 4, 2nd edition, Vienna 1995, 1–247, here: 3–15.

10 See Erika Weinzierl-Fischer, *Die österreichischen Konkordate von 1855 und 1933,* Vienna 1960, 10–25. For the development of the relationship between state and church after the 1848 revolution as a whole, see Thomas Kletečka, *Das Verhältnis der Kirche(n) bzw. Religionsgemeinschaften zum Staat,* in: *Die Protokolle des österreichischen Ministerrates 1848– 1867.* II. Abteilung. *Das Ministerium Schwarzenberg,* vol. 2. 8 January 1850 – 30 April 1850, edited and introduced by Thomas Kletečka and Anatol Schmied-Kowarzik, with the collaboration of Andreas Gottsmann, Vienna 2005, pp. XII–XXXIII.

inations.[11] The lower clergy also identified with this demand and called for ecclesiastical independence from the state against the Josephinist-oriented Archbishop of Vienna, Vinzenz Eduard Milde (1777–1853).[12] These demands bore fruit insofar as the constitution drafted by Minister Franz von Pillersdorff (1786–1862) on the Belgian model of 25 April 1848 guaranteed "full freedom of belief and conscience as well as personal freedom" as the first of the fundamental rights (§ 17), guaranteed "the free exercise of religious worship to all Christian denominations recognised by law in the monarchy and to the Jewish religion [...]" (Section 31) and promised the abolition of other restrictions on fundamental rights based on religious affiliation (Sections 21 and 27).[13] However, this draft regulation of the issues raised remained incomplete, as it did not yet address the institutional questions of the relationship between the churches and religious communities and the state. Further regulations were then discussed at the Reichstag, which met first in Vienna and then in Kremsier, and culminated at the end of September in a draft of fundamental rights in which negative religious freedom was strengthened (no state church, no compulsion to perform religious acts), enshrined the equality of citizens regardless of their religious beliefs, and curtailed the influence of religion and society on education. It is noteworthy in our context that the latter provision, which was still included in the draft after the second reading by the Constitutional Committee on 23 December 1848, is missing from the version adopted by the Reichstag. During the deliberations, there had also been demands to place the entire education system under state supervision.[14] For example, the influential Catholic and anti-Josephine convert Karl Ernst Jarcke (1801–1852) had advocated in his proposal of 30 December 1848 for a future concordat supporting the independence of the Church that elementary schools should be placed entirely under state responsibility.[15] A draft for a future liberal reform of the

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11 See Joseph Alexander von Helfert, *Die confessionale Frage in Oesterreich 1848 (The Confessional Question in Austria in 1848). Also a contribution to the daily and pamphlet literature of the time,* Vienna 1882, pp. 48–57.

12 See Weinzierl-Fischer, *Die österreichischen Konkordate von 1855 und 1933 (The Austrian Concordats of 1855 and 1933),* 27f.

13 See Wiener Zeitung No. 115 (25 April 1848).

14 See Erika Weinzierl-Fischer, *Die Kirchenfrage auf dem Österreichischen Reichstag 1848/49 (The Church Question at the Austrian Imperial Diet of 1848/49),* in: Mitteilungen des Österreichischen Staatsarchivs 8 (1955), 160–190.

15 "[...] the freedom of bishops, pastors and religious orders to establish and maintain schools at their own expense. This is a necessary and always beneficial consequence of the general freedom of teaching and learning under all circumstances. – A completely different question, which must be distinguished from this freedom, is whether the state authority wishes to have teaching in its state educational institutions carried out wholly or partly by clergy. The Church cannot claim this as a right (with the exception of religious instruction) […]." (Karl Ernst Jarcke, *Memorandum on Austria and the Church,* 30 December 1848, quoted in: Friedrich Walter (ed.), *Die Österreichische Zentralverwaltung (The Austrian Central Administration).* III. Abteilung. Von der Märzrevolution 1848 bis zur Dezemberverfassung 1867. Bd. 2. Die Geschichte der Ministerien Kolowrat, Ficquelmont, Pillersdorf, Wessenberg-Doblhoff und Schwarzenberg. (*Section III. From the March Revolution of 1848 to the December Constitution of 1867.* Vol. 2. *The History of the Ministries of Kolowrat, Ficquelmont, Pillersdorf, Wessenberg-Doblhoff and Schwarzenberg.) Documents (*Publications of the Commission for Modern History of Austria 50), Vienna 1964, 41–47, here: 44).

education system under Franz von Sommaruga (1780–1860), Minister of Education, who was appointed on 23 March 1848, had already been drawn up by Franz Seraphin Exner (1802–1853) along similar lines.[16]

An initial concrete reassessment came in the form of a decree published on 30 January 1849 by the Ministry of the Interior, which was still responsible at the time. This decree laid down a number of provisions pending a fundamental settlement, affecting those who had hitherto been referred to as "non-Catholics" and who were now to be designated for the first time as "Protestants of the Augsburg or Helvetic Confession".[17] At the same time, questions surrounding religious freedom, the equality of Protestants, the emancipation of Jews and the self-administration of religious communities were also hotly debated in the Reichstag in the first months of the year.[18] The constitution imposed on 4 March 1849, together with the Patent of Fundamental Rights, ultimately represented the most significant step towards the reorganisation of Religious Affairs.[19] For here, the first two paragraphs already guaranteed "full freedom of belief and the right to practise one's religion at home" and the independence of political rights from religious belief (Section 1), while Section 2 now also enshrined institutional religious freedoms for recognised religious communities:

> "Every legally recognised church and religious society has the right to practise its religion publicly, to organise and administer its affairs independently, to retain possession and enjoyment of the institutions, foundations and funds intended for its worship, teaching and charitable purposes, but, like every society, is subject to the general laws of the state."

This new freedom, which did renounce general parity – compared to previous drafts, only "domestic practice" was granted in general terms[20] – and instead introduced the system of recognition[21] , was particularly important for the Catholic Church, as it pro-

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16 See [Franz Seraphin Exner], *Entwurf der Grundzüge des öffentlichen Unterrichtswesens in Oesterreich* (*Draft of the Basic Principles of Public Education in* Austria),[Vienna 1848].

17 Decree of the Ministry of the Interior of 30 January 1849 concerning some provisional provisions relating to the situation of non-Catholics (RGBl. No. 107/1848).

18 See, from a contemporary perspective, Alexander von Helfert, *Geschichte Österreichs vom Ausgange des Wiener October-Aufstandes 1848 (History of Austria from the End of the Vienna October Uprising of 1848),* vol. IV. *Der ungarische Winter-Feldzug und die octroyirte Verfassung (The Hungarian Winter Campaign and the Octroyed Constitution). December 1848 to March 1849,* part 2, Prague – Leipzig 1886, 91–126; Part 3, Prague – Leipzig 1886, 288–319.

19 See Imperial Patent of 4 March 1849 on the political rights guaranteed by the constitutional form of government (RGBl. No. 151/1848).

20 At the end of February 1849, the Reichstag also introduced restrictions on religious freedom in its resolution: "Austrian citizens are guaranteed freedom of belief. They are unrestricted in the domestic and public practice of their religion, *insofar as this practice does not violate the law or public morals, nor conflict with civil and civic duties*." (Resolution of 27 February 1849, §13, cited in: Helfert, Geschichte Österreichs, IV/2, 102, emphasis added by P.B.).

21 According to Inge Gampl, the term "recognition" used here represents a further development of the recognition of creeds, cults and denominations established in Joseph

vided leverage to end the old paternalism in the Josephinian sense. During the period when the imperial court moved to Olomouc, both Friedrich Cardinal zu Schwarzenberg (1809–1885), the brother of Prime Minister Felix zu Schwarzenberg (1800–1852), and Joseph Othmar von Rauscher pointed out that the moral foundations of the state could only be promoted in a fruitful manner through a free church. Even before that, parts of the Austrian episcopate, especially in the ecclesiastical province of Salzburg, had sent an "address" to the Imperial Diet from their meeting in Salzburg, condemning the old Josephinian system[22]and certifying "that the most loyal sons of the Church had always proved to be the best, most peaceful and most self-sacrificing citizens."[23] In January 1849, both bishops presented the newly enthroned Emperor Franz Joseph I (1830–1916), who had just taken office, with a request for the Catholic episcopate to be included in the reorganisation of the relationship between the state and the Church. The Prime Minister himself also advocated strengthening the "powerful points of reference for spiritual unity" that he saw in Catholicism.[24]

With the assurance of new freedoms in the imposed constitution, which was celebrated with a Te Deum in St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna,[25] the bishops were now faced with the question of how to deal with this freedom and how to implement it in the institutional structure, as it could also be a source of uncertainty after a long period

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II's tolerance legislation, and later also of churches and religious societies. It can be regarded as a precursor to the understanding in the 1874 Recognition Act (cf. Inge Gampl, *Vorgeschichte und Gründung des evangelischen Konsistoriums in Teschen. Eine frühe Form gesetzlicher Anerkennung? [Prehistory and establishment of the Protestant consistory in Teschen. An early form of legal recognition?],* in: Hans Lentze/Inge Gampl (eds.), *Speculum iuris et ecclesiarum [*FS Willibald M. Plöchl], Vienna 1967, 89–106, here: 102–106).

22 "As the state church, [the Catholic Church] had enjoyed many privileges under the fallen system; but let it not be believed that these are still the object of eager desire, for no sensible person is deceived as to how much they were only glittering shells to conceal the humiliating bureaucratic pressure with which an all-encompassing political legislation stifled as much as possible any independent movement in ecclesiastical life. As a result, the Church was degraded to the status of a servant, and unfortunately, in the eyes of many, it was cast in a hateful light, as if it were a police institution of the state and a tool for political purposes." (Address of the Episcopate of the Ecclesiastical Province of Salzburg to the Imperial Diet in Vienna, Salzburg, 14 September 1848, in: *Acta et decreta sacrorum conciliorum recentiorum. Collectio Lacensis,* vol. 5, Freiburg im Breisgau 1879 [= *Collectio Lacensis],* 1317–1324, here: 1317f). See also Michaela Kronthaler, *Kirchen- und gesellschaftspolitische Bestrebungen sowie pastorale Bemühungen der Österreichischen Bischofskonferenzen 1848–1918. Studie zur Geschichte der Katholischen Kirche Mittel-, Ost- und Südeuropas anhand der Akten der Österreichischen Bischofskonferenzen (Church and socio-political efforts as well as pastoral initiatives oft he Austrian Bishops' Conference 1848-1918. Study on the history of the Catholic Church in Central, Eastern, and Southern Europe based on the records of the Austrian Bishops' Conference)*(unpublished habilitation thesis), Graz 2000, 80f.

23 *Collectio Lacensis,* vol. 5, 1321.

24 See Weinzierl-Fischer, *Die österreichischen Konkordate von 1855 und 1933 (the Austrian Concordats of 1855 and 1933),* 29, 36.

25 See Ministerial Council Protocol [=MRP] No. 29, 8 March 1849. The Ministerial Council Protocols are quoted from: Die Protokolle des österreichischen Ministerrates 1848–1867, II. Abteilung. Das Ministerium Schwarzenberg (*The Protocols of the Austrian Ministerial Council 1848–1867, Part II. The Schwarzenberg Ministry),* Vol. 1. 5 December 1848 – 7 January 1850, edited and introduced by Thomas Kletečka, Vienna 2002.

in which many matters had been regulated by the state. These questions were to be discussed at a bishops' meeting, as had already happened a year earlier in Würzburg at the all-German level. The initiative for the meeting of the Austrian bishops came from Cardinal Schwarzenberg himself. He contacted the episcopate and made preparations, but believed that it was still the responsibility of the state authorities to convene the assembly and submitted this request to the emperor at the beginning of 1849.[26] In a letter dated 31 March 1849, Interior Minister Franz von Stadion (1806–1853), who was also acting Minister of Education, summoned the bishops to Vienna for the third Sunday after Easter to clarify the issues raised by the March Constitution. This letter also focused on the role of religion in education.[27] The assembly, which then constituted itself as a "church assembly" in an initial communication to the Ministry of the Interior and confirmed in a further letter to the Emperor that it would "strengthen the throne of Your Majesty in order to establish powerful guarantees for the peace and welfare of the peoples entrusted to Your Most High leadership,"[28] Minister of Justice Alexander Bach (1813–1893), who was standing in for the ill Franz von Stadion as Minister of the Interior, replied with a letter dated 2 May emphasising the "wishes of the state authorities" as well as the interest in combining "true religiosity" and "civic virtue". His view still reflected Metternich's ideas[29]:

> "The harmonious cooperation of the state and the church to preserve the most sacred interests of humanity has never been a more urgent imperative than it is today, and only on the basis of mutual understanding can the idea of a free church develop into a truly satisfying truth."[30]

The assembly, which began on 30 April with a solemn service led by the bishops in St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, did not end until 20 June and laid the foundation for

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26 See Kronthaler, *Kirchen- und gesellschaftspolitische Bestrebungen (Church and socio-political efforts),* 88–92.

27 "His Majesty has granted in § 2 of the Fundamental Rights granted by the Most High the right to the common public practice of religion, the independent order and administration of their affairs, then the possession and enjoyment of the institutions, foundations and funds intended for the purposes of worship, education and charity foundations and funds for every legally recognised church and religious society, and in § 4 has decreed that religious instruction in elementary schools shall be provided by the church or religious society concerned. Since it is now a matter of discussing the future position of the Catholic Church in the empire on this basis and of assessing the relevant submissions of the ecclesiastical provinces concerning the free development and movement of ecclesiastical life, I consider it necessary to enter into direct communication with the sole authorised representatives of Catholic interests and to convene them here on the third Sunday after Easter." (quoted in: Cölestin Wolfsgruber, *Friedrich Kardinal Schwarzenberg,* Vol. 1. *Jugend und Salzburgerzeit (Youth and period in Salzburg),* Vienna–Leipzig 1906, 309f).

28 *Collectio Lacensis,* vol. 5, 1335f.

29 See Weinzierl-Fischer, *Die österreichischen Konkordate von 1855 und 1933 (the Austrian Concordats of 1855 and 1933), 40.*

30 *Collectio Lacensis,* vol. 5, 1334.

the institutionalisation of an Austrian Bishops' Conference. Following an introductory statement to the Minister of the Interior, which already struck a more serious tone and called for the removal of "manifold obstacles" and special consideration of the Catholic majority, the assembly made several submissions to the Ministry of the Interior, which focused on various topics: the difficult questions surrounding the relationship between canonical and state marriage law; the financial framework of the "Religion, School and Study Fund"; the administration of the assets of individual parishes; questions concerning the appointment of clergy, worship, church administration, monasteries and ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and finally questions of education, in which the revolutionary movements were opposed and the necessity of religion for the preservation and promotion of morality was emphasised.[31] In this context, the Church should not only be able to exert its influence on the training of theologians and on religious education, but this influence should also be preserved with regard to elementary schools – a proposal that was thus also directed against Minister Sommaruga's draft from the previous year.[32]In addition to the official submissions to the ministry, the bishops also drafted a series of resolutions divided into 14 chapters, which became the basis for the later concordat of 1855.[33] The bishops' proposals thus marked a departure from Joseph II's conception of the state and, in view of the monarchy weakened by the revolution, were at the same time a self-confident demand for the freedom of the (Catholic) Church, which, however, was attempted to be reconciled with the interests of the state.

The necessity of administrative reform

If the developments towards a changed relationship between state and church in the wake of the March Revolution offer one perspective for understanding the institutionalisation of a "Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education," then a *second*, no less important perspective must be seen in the reform of the state administrative authorities in the post-revolutionary months.[34] This began immediately in March 1848 with the Creation

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31 "The state can no longer fail to recognise that moral convictions can only find a lasting guarantee in religion, by which they are conditioned. However, any attempt by the state to exercise independent authority in the realm of religion is either a source of strife and confusion or undermines religious convictions and, with them, moral convictions. Therefore, the state authority must also refrain from making independent decisions on education insofar as it has moral and religious convictions as its object." (ibid., 1360).

32 See ibid., 1337–1377; Peter Leisching, *Die Bischofskonferenz. Beiträge zu ihrer Rechtsgeschichte, mit besonderer Berücksichtigung ihrer Entwicklung in Österreich (The Bishops' Conference. Contributions to its legal history with special consideration of its development in Austria)* (Vienna legal history works 7), Vienna – Munich 1963, 143–145; Weinzierl-Fischer, *Die österreichischen Konkordate von 1855 und 1933, (The Austrian Concordats of 1855 and 1933)* 42f.

33 See ibid., 141f.

34 On the context of administrative reform at the dawn of neo-absolutism, see Harm-Hinrich Brandt (ed.), *Der österreichische Neoabsolutismus als Verfassungs- und*

of a Council of Ministers in which the affairs of the various departments were to be discussed, deliberated and, where necessary, joint decisions taken. By the period leading up to March 1848, the strengthening of the ministers' responsibilities within their own departments had already become apparent. In addition, the ministries began to become increasingly specialised during the revolutionary year: in May, the "Ministry of Public Works" was established, followed shortly thereafter by the "Ministry of Agriculture and Mining". As the successor organisation to the United Court Chancellery, which had previously been responsible for Religious Affairs, the "Ministry of the Interior" was also established in the same month, to which these affairs were provisionally assigned and which also succeeded the Police Court.[35] As part of these restructuring measures, the State Conference of 20 March 1848 had already considered the creation of a separate "Ministry of Religious Affairs and Public Education"[36], and when the Emperor appointed the Protestant František Palacký (1798–1876), who declined the ministerial post, the confessional implications of the education portfolio and its possible minister had already played a certain role.[37] Franz von Stadion, who headed the Ministry of the Interior from

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Verwaltungsproblem. Diskussionen über einen strittigen Epochenbegriff (*Austrian Neo-Absolutism as a Constitutional and Administrative Problem. Discussions on a Controversial Concept of an Epoch)* (Publications of the Commission for Modern Austrian History 108), Vienna – Cologne – Weimar 2014; Georg Seiderer, *Österreichs Neugestaltung. Verfassungspolitik und Verwaltungsreform im österreichischen Neoabsolutismus unter Alexander Bach 1849–1859 (Austria's reorganisation. Constitutional politics and adminisrative reform in Austrian neo-absolutism under Alexander Bach 1849–1859)* (Studien zur Geschichte der Österreichisch-Ungarischen Monarchie 30) (Studies on the History of Austro-Hungarian Monarchy 34) Vienna 2015. For the broader context, see Friedrich Walter, *Österreichische Verfassungs- und Verwaltungsgeschichte von 1500–1955 Austrian (Constitutional and Administrative History from 1500 to 1955)* From the estate of Adam Wandruszka (Publications of the Commission for Modern Austrian History 59), Graz 1972, 164–176; Josef Redlich, *Das österreichische Staats- und Reichsproblem. Geschichtliche Darstellung der inneren Politik der habsburgischen Monarchie von 1848 bis zum Untergang des Reiches. Bd. 1. Der dynastische Reichsgedanke und die Entfaltung des Problems bis zur Verkündigung der Reichsverfassung von 1861.* (*The Austrian State and Empire Problem. Historical account of the internal politics of the Habsburg monarchy from 1848 to the fall of the empire.* Vol. 1. *The dynastic imperial idea and the development of the problem until the proclamation of the imperial constitution of 1861.)* Part 1: Account, Leipzig 1920, 322–382.

35 See Walter Goldinger, *Die Zentralverwaltung in Cisleithanien – Die zivile gemeinsame Zentralverwaltung (The Central Administration in Cisleithania – The Joint Civil Central Administration),* in: Wandruszka/Urbanitsch (eds.), *Die Habsburgermonarchie 1848–1918 (The Habsburg Monarchy 1848–1918)*, vol. 2, 2nd edition, Vienna 2003, 100–189, here: 100–128, 130–135.

36 See *Die Protokolle des österreichischen Ministerrates 1848–1867. (The Minutes of the Austrian Council of Ministers 1848–1867.)* Section I. Die Ministerien des Revolutionsjahres 1848 (*The Ministries of the Revolutionary Year 1848).* 20 March 1848–21 November 1848, edited and introduced by Thomas Kletečka, Vienna 1996, 656.

37 I am indebted to the long-standing head of the Protestant Church's department in the *Office of Religious Affairs*, Prof. Karl W. Schwarz, for this and other helpful information. His numerous detailed studies are a great asset to historical research into Austrian Religious Affairs policy and administration. I would like to express my sincere thanks to him and to Prof. Rupert Klieber, from whom I received further information. For more information on Palacký's appointment, please refer to an article by Karl Schwarz, *Von Thun zu Schmerling.*

November 1848 and was also acting Minister of Education of the Schwarzenberg government, suffered from poor health, which deteriorated rapidly in the spring of 1849.[38] The minister, who was complaining about the double burden, [39] had already been involved in negotiations on interdenominational issues concerning conversion and the position of Protestants, as well as the reorganisation of state church law relating to marriage legislation, at the end of 1848 and beginning of 1849, which meant an enormous amount of work in view of the fundamental issues that now had to be clarified[40] Stadion, who repeatedly asked for relief, at least in the form of his own minister of education,[41] was still able to convene the Vienna Bishops' Conference at the end of March, but due to his illness he was unable to attend the Council of Ministers from mid-April onwards and finally submitted his request for dismissal from office on 15 May.[42] Stadion was replaced as Minister of Education in April by Ferdinand von Thinnfeld (1793–1868) and as Minister of the Interior by the power-conscious Alexander Bach[43], who had been appointed Minister of Justice in November. At the beginning of the revolution, Bach could still be considered the "radical liberal advocate of the March uprising"[44], propagating liberal-social ideas in the legal-political reading circle, but his attitude changed in the face of outbreaks of violence and desires for political upheaval, and he mutated into a defender of the rights of the (albeit constitutional) monarchy, especially after he had witnessed the lynching of War Minister Latour at close quarters.[45] Bach, who displayed tireless zeal for reform, was already in the process of submitting proposals for far-reaching restructuring of the judiciary for his department as Minister of Justice. Bach, who displayed tireless zeal for reform, was already in the process of submitting proposals for far-reaching restructuring of the judiciary for his department as Minister of Justice.[46] In addition, there were reform plans in his area concerning the political administrative authorities, for which Bach also

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Über die Protestantenpolitik der Habsburger in der Mitte des 19. Jahrhunderts (From Thun to Schmerling. On the Habsburgs' policy towards Protestants in the mid-19th century), which is expected to be published in autumn 2024, in: Ibid. *Protestantism in the Danube and Carpathian Region. A Research Review by the Institute of the Same Name at Comenius University in Bratislava/Pressburg,* Presov 2024, 154–218, as well as Jiří Kořalka, *Czechs in the Habsburg Empire and in Europe 1815–1914. Social-historical contexts of modern nation building and the nationality question in the Bohemian lands* (series of the Austrian Institute for Eastern and South-Eastern Europe 18), Vienna 1991, 188f; Ibid., *František Palacký (1798–1876). The Historian of the Czechs in the Austrian Multiethnic State (*Studies on the History of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy 30), Vienna 2007, 280–283.

38 On Stadion, see Ralph Melville, Art. *Stadion, Franz Graf von,* in: NDB 25 (2013), 5f.

39 See MRP No. 28, 4 March 1849.

40 See MRP No. 9, 27 December 1848; No. 12, 6 January 1849; No. 15, 12 January 1849.

41 See MRP No. 37, 21 March 1849.

42 See MRP No. 69, 15 May 1849.

43 On Bach, see in particular Eva Macho, *Alexander Freiherr von Bach. Stationen einer umstrittenen Karriere* (*Alexander Baron von Bach. Milestones of a controversial career*) (Beiträge zur Neueren Geschichte Österreichs 24), Frankfurt am Main 2009.

44 Ibid., 39.

45 See ibid., 27–75.

46 See Alexander Bach, Most humble presentation by the loyal Minister of Justice, Alexander Bach, concerning the approval of the basic principles according to which the organisation

wrote a paper,[47] and which his predecessor Stadion had already helped to prepare.[48] It is understandable that Bach felt overwhelmed by the additional communication he had to deal with from the bishops[49] meeting in Vienna, as well as the reforms of the state and church law provisions that had to be implemented on 15 May 1849. However, Schwarzenberg assured him that his provisional takeover of the Ministry of the Interior would be limited to two months, until Stadion had recovered or finally announced his resignation, and Bach agreed to take on the interim leadership.[50]Just three days later, however, he demanded that Religious Affairs be removed from the Ministry of the Interior and that a separate „Ministry of Religion" be established, which, in order to satisfy Hungarian interests, was to be headed by a Hungarian.[51] On 25 May, Bach repeated his complaints about the weakening of the Ministry of the Interior due to the personnel situation and again demanded, in vain, that the Ministry of Education be replaced.[52] Bach, who had already been Minister President Schwarzenberg's favourite for the Ministry of the Interior in November, but who was entrusted to Stadion due to the opposition of Prince Alfred zu Windisch-Graetz (1787–1862),[53] was a difficult personality to assess due to his liberal past and his political about-turn, which brought him both admirers and enemies. His views on the position of the church and the state have been assessed differently in the past: while some attested that „despite his sharp intellect, he had harboured a penchant for mysticism since his youth" and noted his „deep devotion to Christianity and Catholicism," others believed that the politician's increasing devotion was nothing more than calculated hypocrisy.[54] Bach's actions up to the concordat of 1855 show that he was by no means prepared to generously or even lightly relinquish

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of the judicial authorities is to be carried out in accordance with the Imperial Constitution, Vienna, 8 June 1849.

47 See also: *Allerunterthänigster Vortrag des treugehörigsten provisorischen Ministers des Innern Alexander Bach, betreffend die allerhöchste Genehmigung der Grundzüge für die Organisation der politischen Verwaltungsbehörden (Most humble report by the most loyal provisional Minister of the Interior, Alexander Bach, concerning the supreme approval of the basic principles for the organisation of the political administrative authorities)*, Vienna, 21 June 1849. See also MRP No. 102, 21 June 1849. For further reforms by Bach that shaped the Austrian state, see Georg Seiderer, *Österreichs Neugestaltung. Verfassungspolitik und Verwaltungsreform im österreichischen Neoabsolutismus unter Alexander Bach* 1849–1859 (Studies on the History of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy 34), Vienna 2015.

48 See Stadion's decree to the heads of state, Kremsier, 3 December, and Stadion's decree to the civil servants of the Ministry of the Interior, Vienna, 26 December 1848, quoted in: Walter, *Die Österreichische Zentralverwaltung* III/2, 32–36.

49 See MRP No. 54, 25 April 1849; No. 55, 26 April 1849; No. 56, 27 April 1849; No. 61, 2 May 1849

50 See MRP No. 69, 15 May 1849. See also Walter (ed.), *Die Österreichische Zentralverwaltung* III/1, 354.

51 See MRP No. 72, 18 May 1849. Jósika and Ürményi were mentioned as possible candidates (without first names). The appointment of a Hungarian to a ministry had already been requested in previous months (see MRP No. 30, 9 March 1849).

52 See MRP No. 79, 25 May 1849.

53 See Macho, *Alexander Freiherr von Bach,* 78f.

54 See Heinrich Friedjung, Österreich von 1848 bis 1860, vol. 2, 2nd edition, section 1, Stuttgart – Berlin^2 1912, 180f.

the state's existing rights over the Catholic Church, but wanted to use the „power of Christianity" for his own purposes.[55] Bach's promise to the bishops on 24 June 1849 to take up their suggestions and „finalise the work with the utmost urgency"[56], on the other hand, is likely to have already been done in the knowledge that he himself no longer had to deal with this matter.[57]

The appointment of Leo von Thun-Hohenstein as "Minister for Culture and Education" on 28 July 1849

As the previous remarks have already made clear, a personnel restructuring of the ministries was long overdue for the implementation of the manifold reform plans. In addition, Stadion, who had not yet definitively resigned from his post as Minister of the Interior, confirmed his resignation on 29 June due to a lack of improvement in his health.[58] DThe two-month period that the Prime Minister had set for the interim leadership expired in July 1849. The cabinet meeting on 27 July, at which the „question of removing Religious Affairs from the sphere of influence of the Ministry of the Interior and merging them with the Ministry of Education" was discussed, was therefore decisive.[59] Opinions were divided on the advisability of this reorganisation of the departments. Finance Minister Philipp von Krauß (1792–1861), who later proved to be a Josephinian defender of the old order,[60] and Franz von Kulmer (1806–1853), Minister without Portfolio, opposed the separation of religion and emphasised „that the management of Religious Affairs by the Minister of the Interior increases the latter's political influence and is also likely to be more conducive to the secular interests of the clergy than the merger of the Ministries of Religion and Education".[61] Krauß thus essentially still represented the old vision of a religious society that was firmly integrated into state structures and subordinate to them. He also tried to win Bach over to his cause with the tempting prospect of increasing his influence.[62]

Bach himself tried to refute these objections and „argued that the affairs of religion and those of education are so closely related that the desirable consequences of their treatment can only be fully ensured if they are placed in one hand, so that the higher

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55 See Macho, Alexander Freiherr von Bach, 178–188.
56 Religious Affairs Registry at the Federal Ministry of Education, No. 1/F 4414/MI 1849, cited in: Leisching, *Die Bischofskonferenz*, 150.
57 See Drimmel, *Die Vereinigung der Agenden des Kultus und des Unterrichtes (the merge of the agendas of religion and education),* 108.
58 See Walter, *Die Österreichische Zentralverwaltung (the austrian central administration)* III/1, 356
59 See MRP No. 128, 27 July 1849.
60 See MRP No. 255, 16 January 1850; No. 256, 17 January 1850; No. 289, 26 February 1850
61 MRP No. 128, 27 July 1849.
62 See Drimmel, *Die Vereinigung der Agenden des Kultus und des Unterrichtes (ibd.),* 108.

moral interests of the Church, as well as of science and its servants, can only gain from this union, which is also common in other constitutional states."[63]

This argument deserves closer consideration, especially against the backdrop of the previous developments already described here. It is striking, first of all, that Bach does not refer to his excessive workload, but rather to positive reasons for merging the Religious Affairs department with that of education. For him, these consist in an intrinsic "kinship" between these matters, which can certainly be interpreted in the sense of the influence the bishops sought to exert on the education system.[64] The reference to „higher moral interests" clearly highlights the link between religion and the general promotion of morality, which had been emphasised by the bishops in their submissions, but also by Bach himself a few months earlier in his letter to the assembled prelates.[65] Bach no longer sees the role of the Church as a „police institution" of the state, but rather as a kind of „educator of the people" which, by expanding its sphere of influence, is also intended to serve as a pillar of the spiritual unity of the monarchy. Bach underpins this argument, which is certainly partly calculated in addition to its content, by referring to the institutions of other „constitutional states" that had already achieved the desired union of religion and education. An example of this in 1849 was the Prussian „Ministry of Spiritual, Educational and Medical Affairs"[66] , the „Ministry of Religious Affairs and Public Education" of the Kingdom of Saxony, founded in 1817, the „Ministry of Spiritual and Educational Affairs" established in Hanover in 1831/32, and above all the separation of religion from the Ministry of the Interior in the Kingdom of Bavaria („Ministry of the Interior for Church and School Affairs"), which was already implemented in 1847. A similar arrangement of responsibilities had also emerged in the Kingdom of Württemberg in 1848.[67]

The minutes of the Council of Ministers (see Appendix **No. 2**) show that no agreement had been reached in the Council on 27 July and that the dispute was only settled by the imperial decision communicated in the imperial letter of 28 July 1849.[68] With this letter, Stadion was definitively removed from office as Minister of the Interior and Minister of

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63 MRP No. 128, 27 July 1849.

64 See, for example, Cardinal Schwarzenberg's reaction to the „Draft Outline of the Public Education System" presented by Exner in the Sommaruga Ministry in: Wolfsgruber, *Friedrich Kardinal Schwarzenberg,* vol. 1, 282f.

65 See Bach's letter dated 2 May 1849, *Collectio Lacensis,* vol. 5, 1333f.

66 See Christina Rathgeber, *Strukturelle Vorgeschichte und Gründung des Kultusministeriums,* in: Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften (ed.), *Acta Borussica,* Neue Folge, 2nd series: *Preußen als Kulturstaat*. Abteilung 1. *Das preußische Kultusministerium as a State Authority and Social Agency* (1817–1934), vol. 1.1. *The Authority and its Senior Staff.*Description, Berlin 2009, 4–19.

67 See Hermann Rumschöttel, *History of the Bavarian Ministry of Religious Affairs from its establishment to the end of the Second World War,* in: Tradition and Perspective. 150 Years of the Bavarian Ministry of Religious Affairs, Munich 1997, 45–101.

68 See Drimmel, *Die Vereinigung der Agenden des Kultus und des Unterrichtes, (the merge of the agendas of religion and education)* 108f.

Education and appointed Minister without Portfolio; Bach, who had long desired this post, became the new Minister of the Interior; Anton von Schmerling (1805–1893) was appointed the new Minister of Justice, and Leo von Thun-Hohenstein (1811–1888)[69] was appointed Minister of Education and Religion.[70] It is striking that the spelling „Kultus" is still used here in the handwritten document, while „Cultus" appears in the later printed version – a notation that then prevailed until 1902, although the other spelling was also used again in schematics.[71] On the day of the appointment, the order of the departments in the title of the ministry also varied, as the handwritten letter to Felix zu Schwarzenberg still refers to the „Minister of Education and Religion."[72]

Heinrich Drimmel argues plausibly when he casts doubt on the later assertion by Thun-Hohenstein's biographers that he himself had made the merger of Religious Affairs with educational affairs a condition for taking over the ministry.[73] Nevertheless, this assertion,

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69 On Leo von Thun-Hohenstein, see in particular Christof Aichner/Brigitte Mazohl (eds.), *Die Thun-Hohenstein'schen Universitätsreformen 1849–1860. Konzeption – Umsetzung – Nachwirkungen (The Thun-Hohenstein University Reforms 1849–1860: Concept – Implementation – Aftermath),* Vienna – Cologne – Weimar 2017; Christoph Thienen-Adlerflycht, *Graf Leo Thun-Hohenstein als nachjosephinischer Vorkämpfer eines aufgeklärten Konservativismus (Count Leo Thun-Hohenstein as a post-Josephine champion of enlightened conservatism),* in: Ulrich E. Zellenberg (ed.), *Konservative Profile. Ideas & Practice in Politics between FM Radetzky, Karl Kraus and Alois Mock,* Graz 2003, 103–168; Salomon Frankfurter, *Count Leo Thun-Hohenstein, Franz Exner and Hermann Bonitz. Contributions to the History of Austrian Educational Reform,* Vienna 1893, 1–40. The latter biography is strongly hagiographic. The minister's extensive correspondence has now also been published: Christof Aichner/Brigitte Mazohl (eds.), *Die Korrespondenz des Ministers für Cultus und Unterricht Leo Thun- Hohenstein (1849–1860). Selected edition on the reforms of teaching and education in the Habsburg Monarchy* (Publications of the Commission for Modern History of Austria 122), Vienna 2022. In addition, an online edition has been published, which not only contains correspondence relevant to the field of education, but also claims to be comprehensive (cf. Christof Aichner (ed.), *The Correspondence of Leo von Thun-Hohenstein* (https://thun-korrespondenz.acdh.oeaw.ac.at; accessed on 20 May 2024).

70 See Vienna House, Court and State Archives [=HHStA], ad M.R.Z. 2548/1849. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Dr Susanne Kühberger and Mr David Fliri.

71 See *General Civil Servant Address Book for the Imperial and Royal Capital City of Vienna.* Systematic compilation of all imperial and royal court and state offices, municipal authorities, public institutions, associations, etc., and the civil servants, officials and servants employed by them. With details of name, position and residence, together with alphabetical indexes 1 (1853/1854), Vienna, no date, 148.

72 See HHStA, ad M.R. 2548/1849.

73 "[Thun-Hohenstein] had made his acceptance of the office conditional on the transfer of the Religious Affairs from the Ministry of the Interior to the Ministry of Education. Thun may have been guided in this demand not only by his religious convictions, but also by the statesmanlike consideration that these agendas are so intertwined in a state such as Austria that their separation would inevitably lead to great difficulties." (Frankfurter, Count Leo Thun-Hohenstein, Franz Exner and Hermann Bonitz, 15). See Drimmel, Die Vereinigung der Agenden des Kultus und des Unterrichtes, 109. Drimmel tacitly corrects the views he had expressed in writing four years earlier, according to which Thun's "concept of Religious Affairs", which encompasses intellectual culture, morality and religion as a whole, was decisive for the merger of the departments (cf. ibid., Die Hochschulreform von Thun-

which may have originated with Helfert, is not supported by any contemporary documents. This information is important because it shows the close connection that was established between the two matters during Thun's time as minister.[74]

In any case, the appointment of the ministers was published the following day in the official section of the Wiener Zeitung, here also in the order "Religion and Education".[75] The announcement thus constitutes, in a sense, the "birth certificate" of a now independently institutionalised Religious Affairs authority, whose name appears in the title, from which today's Office of Religious Affairs emerged (cf. Appendix **No. 2**[76]).

The content and institutional links between culture and education did not date back only to 1849, but could already be seen in previous years, for example in the fact that in the predecessor institution (United Court Chancellery or Study Court Commission), as well as in the newly founded ministry in its 1848 and 1849 form, not only the management not only of Religious Affairs but also of educational affairs was entrusted to clergy.[77]

Hohenstein, in: Österreich in Geschichte und Literatur 3 (1959), special issue Österreich 1848–1918, 1–7, here: 2.

74 See Christof Aichner/Brigitte Mazohl, *"Für Geist und Licht!… Das Dunkel schwand!" (For spirit and light!… The darkness faded!). The Thun-Hohenstein university reforms, in:* Ibid. (ed.), *Die Thun-Hohenstein'schen Universitätsreformen 1849–1860 (The Thun-Hohenstein university reforms 1849–1860),* 13–27, here: 18.

75 See Wiener Zeitung, 29 July 1849.

76 For further historical developments, see Hefel, *Das Kultuswesen (Religious Affairs);* Robert Höslinger, *Das Kultuswesen in der Zeit von 1867–1948 (Religious Affairs from 1867 to 1948),* in: *100 Jahre Unterrichtsministerium (100 years of the ministry of education),* 427–433.

77 Examples of this include Andreas Meschutar (1791–1865), who came from what is now Slovenia and later became a bishop and head of section in the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education; Andreas Gollmayr (1797–1883), who later became Archbishop of Gorizia; the canon and later auxiliary bishop of Vienna Franz Xaver Zenner (1794–1861), and the Benedictine monk from Kremsmünster Abbey Marian Koller (1792–1866) (cf. *Court and State Handbook of the Austrian Empire. Completed before 13 March 1848,* Part I, Vienna 1848, 228, 236; Musil, *Zur Geschichte des österreichischen Unterrichtsministeriums 1848–1948,* 8, 12). Other clergymen soon joined the newly founded ministry: the Reichstag deputy and later Ruthenian cathedral provost of Przemyśl, Gregor Szaszkiewicz (1809–1888), who, after already serving as a deputy for the electoral district of Monasterzyska (Galicia) had voted for freedom of religion at the Reichstag, was responsible for Galician elementary schools and secondary schools as a ministerial councillor in the Ministry of Education from December 1848, and also served as rector of the Greek Catholic seminary in Vienna from 1858 (cf Helfert, *Geschichte Österreichs* IV/2, 98; Constant von Wurzbach, *Biographisches Lexikon des Kaiserthums Oesterreich,* 41. Theil, Vienna 1880, 194–201; Qualification Table, General Administrative Archive [=AVA], U-Präs [= Presidium Files on Education] ad 1775/1859), the secular priest Anton Krombholz (1790–1869), who came from Bohemia and dealt with matters relating to Galician elementary schools (cf. Kurt Augustinus Huber, *Anton Krombholz (*1790–1869), in: Ibid., *Catholic Church and Culture in Bohemia. Selected Treatises* (Religious and Cultural History in East Central and Southeast Europe 5), ed. by Joachim Bahlcke and Rudolf Grulich, Münster 2005, 587–599), the Hungarian- born professor of canon law and later Bishop of Győr and Cardinal Archbishop of Esztergom János (Johann) Simor (1813–1891), who from 1851 onwards worked on "Catholic theological studies and elementary schools in Hungary, Croatia, Slavonia, the Voivodeship of Serbia and the

This connection, which was not new in itself – in the "Political Constitution" of 1805, Catholic clergy were already granted extensive rights of school supervision. –,[78] which subsequently intensified in that the concordat between Pope Pius IX and Emperor Franz Joseph of 1855 placed elementary schools intended for Catholics under the supervision of the Catholic Church and stipulated that "nothing should occur in any subject taught that is contrary to the Catholic faith and moral purity."[79] This development, which was branded by contemporaries as an encroachment on freedom of teaching and only underwent a significant change in 1869 with the Reich Elementary School Act under Minister Leopold Hasner von Artha (1818–1891),[80] was naturally subject to strong criticism,[81] so that the poet Franz Grillparzer (1791–1872) was able to state that the Minister of Religion had "beaten to death" the Minister of Education.[82] The assessment of Thun-Hohenstein's ministerial activities and his educational reforms was also the subject of lively controversy later on.[83]

Temesch Banat" (cf. AVA, U-Präs 288/1851; Péter Tusor/Rupert Klieber, Art. *Johann Simor (1813–1891),* in: Rupert Klieber (ed.), *The Bishops of the Danube Monarchy 1804 to 1918. An official biographical lexicon,* vol. 1. *The Roman Catholic Church Provinces of Gran, Kalocsa, Erlau in the Kingdom of Hungary,* Berlin 2020, 41–47). The latter was replaced on 31 March 1857 by the "court and castle priest" Ministerial Councillor Johann Kutschker, who later became suffragan bishop and archbishop of Vienna. By imperial decree on 21 May of the same year, Anton Peitler, canon in Fünfkirchen (Pécs), was appointed as section counsellor (cf. AVA, U-Präs ad 920/1857), but he was appointed bishop of Waitzen (Vács) just two years later (cf. Balázs Retfalvi/Rupert Klieber, Art. Anton Josef Peitler, in: Klieber (ed.), *Die Bischöfe der Donaumonarchie (the bishops oft he danube monarchy),* vol. 1, 240–246).

78 *See Hermann Zeißl, Die Rechtsorganisation des Pflichtschulwesens, der Lehrerbildung und der Schulaufsicht von 1848–1948 (The Legal Organisation of Compulsory Education, Teacher Training and School Supervision from 1848 to 1948), in: 100 Jahre Unterrichtsministerium 1848–1948 (100 Years of the Ministry of Education 1848–1948),* 168–193, *here:* 177*; Josef* Kremsmair, *Religious Education from the Revolutionary Year of 1848 to the Concordat of 1855, in: Alfred* Rinnerthaler (ed.), *Historical and Legal Aspects of Religious Education (Science and Religion. Publications of the International Research Centre for Fundamental Questions of Science, Salzburg 8), Frankfurt am Main 2004,* 41–59.

79 Imperial Patent of 5 November 1855, RGBl. 195/1855 (Art. 5).

80 RGBl. 62/1869.

81 See, for example, Gustav Strakosch-Grassmann, *Geschichte des österreichischen Unterrichtswesen, Vienna 1905,* 173–180*, who interprets the unification of the two agendas in the same sense. For a contemporary assessment, see also* Weinzierl-Fischer, *Die österreichischen Konkordate von 1855 und 1933,* 82–98.

82 "I have a suicide to announce/The Minister of Religion has beaten the Minister of Education to death." (Franz Grillparzer, *Complete Works. Historical-critical complete edition, edited by August* Sauer, continued by Reinhold Backmann, First Section, Vol. 12, Vienna 1937, No. 1534, p. 288).

83 See Johannes Feichtinger/Franz Leander Fillafer, *Leo Thun und die Nachwelt. Der Wissenschaftsreformer in der österreichischen Geschichts- und Kulturpolitik des 19. und 20. Jahrhunderts (Leo Thun and posterity. The science reformer in austrian history and cultural policy of the 19*th *and 20*th *century), in:* Aichner/Mazohl (eds.), *Die Thun-Hohenstein'schen Universitätsreformen 1849–1860,* 347–378.

Subsequent developments

On 31 July, just three days after Thun-Hohenstein's appointment, Interior Minister Bach initiated the transfer of the archive files and also the transfer of civil servants who had become redundant to the newly established ministry.[84] hun-Hohenstein himself issued a decree on 22 August ordering the "separation of all negotiations concerning Religious Affairs from the Ministry of the Interior" and their transfer to the Ministry of Public Education.[85] However, in a speech on 20 November, he already pointed out to the Emperor that his ministry's staff was far from sufficient, not least because of the Religious Affairs of Hungary and Transylvania, which were now administered by the ministry and were still missing from the sphere of influence of the United Court Chancellery. He therefore requested an additional section head and three further Officials for Religious Affairs in his first year.[86] The relative predominance of Catholic Religious Affairs is evident in the definition of the ministry's responsibilities, which are devoted to "Religious Affairs" in 12 paragraphs, while those of "all other legally recognised denominations" are summarised in a single short paragraph.[87] Despite this imbalance, the other religious communities did not have a marginal status in the structure of the religious administration. It should be emphasised that Thun-Hohenstein, continuing the redefining of the status of Protestants that had already begun in the spring of 1849, brought the Transylvanian law professor Joseph Andreas Zimmermann (1810–1897) from Sibiu to the ministry in November 1850

84 See AVA, U-Präs 57/1849. A letter dated 31 December 1849 names twelve employees who were transferred from the Ministry of the Interior to the Ministry of Religion, including, in addition to persons holding auxiliary offices, Ministerial Councillor Andreas Meschutar, Ministerialsekretär Josef Demel, and Ministerialsekretär Friedrich von Hentl (cf. AVA, U-Präs 2/1850).

85 See RGBl. 371/1848.

86 See AVA, U-Präs ad 233/1849. Thun reports here: "In order to manage the affairs, it is essential that the Minister be assisted by the Undersecretary and a section head, so that the activities of one can be devoted primarily to Religious Affairs and those of the other to educational matters. As far as the officials are concerned, in the Religious Affairs section, the matters relating to the Catholic Church and those of all other religious communities constitute two completely different areas, and even these cannot be managed by a single Official due to their scope, the differences between the Roman and Greek Catholic Churches, and the circumstances of the country. I therefore respectfully request that three officials be appointed to deal with matters of religion." The request for the change in staffing levels and salaries was approved by the Emperor on 12 December 1849 (cf. AVA, U-Präs 210/1849).

87 See AVA, U-Präs 175/1852.

to administer Protestant affairs,[88] thus laying the foundation for the later Protestant Patent, established in 1861 and still in existence today. [89]

The first tasks facing the newly established ministry and its minister, Thun-Hohenstein, were primarily to clarify the issues raised during the bishops' conference, which ranged from the demand for free communication between the bishops and the Holy See to the modalities of imperial nomination in the appointment of bishops.[90] The bishops, who had set up their own committee around Cardinal Schwarzenberg and Bishop Rauscher to negotiate with the minister responsible, pursued their concerns with vigour, so that at the end of 1849 Schwarzenberg was able to threaten that if these demands were not met, he would not take up the office of Archbishop of Prague, to which he had been appointed by the emperor.[91]

In addition to Thun-Hohenstein himself, who as the new minister first had to familiarise himself with the pressing issues, the bishops' point of contact was the already experi-

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88 See Otto Folberth, *Minister Thun und die Siebenbürger Sachsen. Ungeschriebene Kapitel der Geschichte des Protestantismus in Österreich (Minister Thun and the transylvanian Saxons. Unwritten chapters oft he history of protestantism in austria),* in: *Jahrbuch der Gesellschaft für die Geschichte des Protestantismus in Österreich 80 (Yearbook of the society for the history of protestantism in austria 80)*(1964), 47–65, esp. 50–53, 62; Karl Schwarz, *"Providus et circumspectus". The Transylvanian Saxon church law practitioner Joseph Andreas Zimmermann,* in: Zsolt K. Lengyel/Ulrich A. Wien (eds.), *Siebenbürgen in der Habsburgermonarchie*. Vom Leopoldinum bis zum Ausgleich (1690–1867) (Siebenbürgisches Archiv 34), Cologne – Weimar – Vienna 1999, 181–207; idem, *Ein evangelischer Laienbischof. Zum 200. Geburtstag von Joseph Andreas Zimmermann (*1810–1897), in: Ibid., *Der österreichische Protestantismus im Spiegel seiner Rechtsgeschichte* (Jus ecclesiasticum 117), Tübingen 2017, 148-153; Ibid., *Von Thun zu Schmerling*.

89 Thun-Hohenstein outlined the responsibilities of this department in a letter dated 16 April 1852 as follows: "I hereby provisionally order the following regarding the official duties of Ministerial Secretary Zimmermann: 1. He shall be assigned the following independent departments: Religious Affairs of the Protestant A .C. and H .C., as well as the Unitarians in Hungary, including the Serbian Voivodeship and the Temesch Banat, and in Transylvania. This also includes matters relating to Protestant theological studies in these countries, as well as general negotiations on the regulation of Protestant schools and education. 2. Documents relating solely to individual Protestant grammar schools or law schools shall remain assigned to the relevant departments, but in order not to impair the overview in those departments, they shall be assigned by the officials to Ministerial Secretary Zimmermann for processing, after which they shall be handed over to the relevant officials for revision. The departmental officials shall take particular care to ensure that the processing of these documents does not contravene what is generally to be achieved with regard to the institutions in question." (AVA, U-Präs ad 187/1852). On the Protestant Department of religion, see Karl Schwarz, *"Für die evangelischen... Kultusangelegenheiten eine eigene... Abteilung" (A separate department for Protestant Religious Affairs). In memoriam Günter Sagburg,* in: Hans Paarhammer/Alfred Rinnerthaler (eds.), Österreich und der Heilige Stuhl im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert (Publications of the International Research Centre for Basic Research in the Sciences, Salzburg, NF 78), Frankfurt am Main 2001, 545–572.

90 See Weinzierl-Fischer, *Die österreichischen Konkordate von 1855 und 1933,* 43–45.

91 See Kronthaler, *Kirchen- und gesellschaftspolitische Bestrebungen,* 114f.

enced undersecretary Joseph Alexander Helfert (1820–1910), who had been entrusted with the management of educational affairs since November 1848.[92] Helfert, a politically conservative figure who had previously served as a "supplier professor" in Vienna and Krakow, where he had taught Roman and canon law, was an opponent of Josephinism, and had already spoken out against the separation of church and state at the Reichstag. In several memoranda, he agreed to the episcopal proposals regarding education, but did not advocate relinquishing state privileges such as the "Placetum regium", which would have resulted in the publication of papal bulls or episcopal pastoral letters independent of state approval.[93] In addition, from February 1850 onwards, the minister enlisted the help of Ignaz Beidtel, a long-standing professor of canon law, who wrote expert opinions on the further development of relations between the state and the Catholic Church.[94]

For many years thereafter, the state Religious Affairs authority remained combined with the education authority and was based at various locations in Vienna: in the Modena Palace (Herrengasse 7), the Rottal Palace (Singerstraße 17), the Bombelles Palace (Wipplingerstraße 29) and finally in the Starhemberg Palace (Minoritenplatz 5).[95] Two periods saw major upheavals: in 1860, the Imperial and Royal Ministry *of Religious Affairs* and Education was dissolved and became a department of the Imperial State Ministry until it was re- established in 1868. There were also profound upheavals during the dark years of National Socialism, when, until its temporary incorporation into the Reich Ministry of the Church in Berlin in 1940, a "Ministry of Internal and *Religious Affairs*, Department IV" existed in Vienna for the two previous years.[96] However, historical research also reveals a certain degree of independence on the part of the *Religious Affairs department*, which was expressed institutionally, for example, in the maintenance of its own *Religious Affairs* registry and in separate responsibilities. The current name "*Kultusamt*" (*Office of Religious Affairs*), which has been used continuously since 1945 to designate the authority, dates back to the First Republic, when, at the end of 1919, in the rapidly changing administrative structures, the ministries became "state offices" and, under the leadership of the later Federal President Wilhelm Miklas (1872–1956) under the umbrella of the "State Office for the Interior and Education" (Staatsamt für Inneres und

92 On Helfert, see Heinrich Friedjung, *Josef Alexander Freiherr v. Helfert, in:* Ibid., *Historical Essays, Stuttgart – Berlin 1919,* 224–238.

93 See ibid., 225f.

94 Beidtel was an employee "in extraordinary service," but to his chagrin never attained a permanent civil service position in the ministry (cf. Alfons Huber, *Ignaz Beidtel's Life and Work According to His Memoirs,* in: Ignaz Beidtel, *History of Austrian State Administration 1740–1848*. With a biography of the same, published from his estate by Alfons Huber, vol. 1. 1740–1792, Innsbruck 1896, IX–LIV, here: XLII–LI).

95 See Engelbrecht, *History of the Austrian Education System,* 87.

96 See Walter Goldinger, *Die Überleitung der österreichischen Kultusverwaltung nach dem März 1938,* in: Zeitgeschichte 5 (1977/78), 418–429.

Unterricht) (see Appendix **No. 3**[97]). After the Second World War, this name, which had been changed to "*Religious Affairs* Section" for a time in the 1920s, was then revived.[98]

Since 2014, the *Office of Religious Affairs* has been assigned to the Federal Chancellery, which seems logical in light of the historical developments described above, as the separation of religious and educational agendas means that they are no longer as closely related as they were in the 19th century.

97 See AVA, U-Präs 3088/1919. See also the corresponding decision of the Cabinet Council of 31 October 1919 and the approval of the establishment of a separate "*Kultusamt*" (Office of Religious Affairs) by the same on 7 November 1919 (Minutes of the Council of Ministers of the First Republic, Renner III Government, Prot. 119, 31 October 1919; Prot. 120, 7 November 1919, Appendix 3, in: *Minutes of the Council of Ministers of the First Republic,* online edition of the Austrian State Archives (https://www.oesta.gv.at/veroeffentlichungen/Protokolle-des-Ministerrats-der-Ersten-Republik/Ministerratsprotokolle-Renner-III.html; accessed on 31 May 2024).

98 For developments in Religious Affairs law and policy issues in the 1950s and 1960s, see in particular Karl Schwarz, *Freie Kirche im freien Staat. Die Entstehung des österreichischen Protestantengesetzes (1961) zu seinem 60-Jahr-Jubiläum,* in: Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte, Kanonistische Abteilung 108 (2022), 294–315; idem, *Befreite Kirchen im freien Staat. Zur Religionspolitik der Republik Österreich in den 50s,* in: Austrian Archive for Canon Law 44 (1995–97), 289–314; Ernst Kolb, *Current Tasks of Religious Affairs Administration in Austria,* in: Austrian Archive for Canon Law 4 (1953), 38–52.

Part II – Overview of administrative history

The administrative structure of the Office of Religious Affairs 1849–2024[99]

The following is an attempt to trace the personnel and institutional structure of the *Religious Affairs* administration from 1849 to the present day, limiting the scope to the inner circle of the administrative authorities in the respective ministries and their successor institutions. For this reason, the state authority of the (Imperial and Royal) High Church Council is not included in the following presentation, as this would require a separate investigation.

On the one hand, printed sources were used, such as the *annual report of the Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religion and Education* (for the years 1874–1876), *the yearbook of higher education in Austria, including vocational schools and educational institutions* (for the years 1888–1914), the *Court and State Handbook of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy,* the schematism *Österreichische Behörden* (for the four post-war years 1945–1949) and the *Austrian Official Calendar* (for the years 1922–1926, 1928–1938, 1949–2024). These official sources certainly have the disadvantage that they only reflect the status on a specific date of the year and therefore cannot adequately reflect all personnel changes.[100] However, this circumstance was accepted for the sake of providing an initial overview of historical developments, even though it limits the accuracy of the dates and the precision of the content and means that the information provided by the various schematics must be read with caution. The role of section heads who may have played a leading role is also not always adequately reflected in the sources and would need to be verified in the various files.

With regard to the list of ministers responsible up to 1948, reference was made throughout to a list compiled by Josef Musil,[101] and for the subsequent years to the information provided by the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research.[102] For those years in which no official Department of responsibilities was published by the *Ministry of Religious Affairs*, the files of the Presidium of the Ministry of Religion and Education

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100 The Austrian Official Calendar, for example, was usually published at the beginning of each year until 1973, so that the respective information must be dated to that time or to an earlier editorial deadline. From 1974 onwards the official calendar was published in the middle of the year, so this date changed.

101 See Josef Musil, *Zur Geschichte des österreichischen Unterrichtsministeriums 1848–1948 (On the History of the Austrian Ministry of Education 1848–1948),* in: *100 Jahre Unterrichtsministerium. 1848–1948.* Festschrift des Bundesministeriums für Unterricht in Wien, Vienna 1948, 7–36, here: 30–35.

102 See https://www.bmb.gv.at/Ministerium/Das-BMBWF/minister_alt.html#a01; accessed on 23 May 2024.

or successful, but proved difficult for other years. The reasons for this are, on the one hand, that business classifications are not available or have not been created for every year and, on the other hand, that the relevant files, although listed in the respective index volumes, are often no longer available in the archive registry. The compilation of the first years of the Ministry of Religion and Education suffers particularly from this circumstance, as the first systematic compilation was only found for the year 1856. For those years in which a precise Department of business could not be determined, only the responsible minister was listed in some cases.

With regard to the definition of the scope of the *Ministry of Religious Affairs*, an attempt has been made below to list, at least for the period of the Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religion and Education, those departments whose description refers to Religious Affairs and not only those departments primarily responsible for these affairs, as this also highlights the internal links to educational matters. For the older years, only the higher civil service ranks were listed, and not the so-called "auxiliary and conceptual staff". With regard to the reproduction of personal names, it should be noted that both academic titles and those of the former nobility have been omitted, although official titles have been included where they appear in the respective source. The spelling of the respective era has been retained as far as possible, and abbreviations have mostly been expanded.

Table 1: 1849

Year	1849[103]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religion and Education
Responsible minister	Leo von Thun-Hohenstein (from 28 July 1849)
Structure and personnel	Undersecretary of State: Joseph Alexander von Helfert
	Religious Affairs Section Official: Ministerial Councillor Andreas Meschutar

Table 2: 1849–1853

Year	1849–1853[104]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religion and Education
Responsible minister	Leo von Thun-Hohenstein (from 28 July 1849)

103 See Thun's letter to the Emperor dated 12 November 1849 (AVA, U-Präs 233/1849).

104 No detailed Department of responsibilities was found for the first years of the ministry, including those relating to Religious Affairs. Based on other files, it is possible to reconstruct the transfer of at least three officials from the Ministry of the Interior: Andreas Meschutar, Josef Demel, and Friedrich von Hentl (cf. AVA, U-Präs 2/1850). In November, Joseph Andreas Zimmermann joined as a Official for Protestant affairs. In addition to Thun himself, the undersecretary Joseph Alexander von Helfert was in charge of Religious Affairs, while Ignaz Beidtel was called in as an expert. In a Department of responsibilities for the education agenda dated 4 June 1851, Ministerial Councillor Andreas Gollmayr appears as the head of the department for "Catholic theological studies in all crown lands, except Hungary, the Voivodeship, Croatia, Slavonia and Transylvania". Ministerial Secretary Friedrich von Hentl was provisionally responsible for questions relating to the "Protestant Theological College in Vienna; the Greek Clerical School In Zara, and the Greek Theological College in Czernowitz, "while Ministerial Councillor Simor was provisionally responsible for the "Catholic Theological College in Vienna."The Greek non-united Clerical School in Zara, and the Greek non-united theological educational institution in Czernowitz", while Ministerial Councillor Simor was provisionally responsible for "Catholic theological studies and elementary schools in Hungary, Croatia, Slavonia, the Voivodeship of Serbia and the Temesch Banat" (cf. AVA, U-Präs 288/1851).

Table 3: 1853/54

Year	1853/54[105]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religion and Education
Responsible minister	Leo von Thun-Hohenstein
Staff of the entire ministry, not exclusively Religious Affairs	Undersecretary: Josef Alexander Helfert
	Ministerial Councillors: Andreas Meschutar Karl Friedrich Beck Andreas Gollmayr Franz Exner Gregor Szaszkiewicz Eduard Tomaschek Wilhelm von Well Marian Koller Georg Holzgethan
	Official on art matters: Franz von Thun-Hohenstein
	Ministerial Councillors: Joseph Mozart Johann Fontana Anton Krombholz Johann Simor Johann Kleemann Ludwig Heufler zu Rasen
	Ministerial secretaries: Lorenz Csergheö von Nemes-Tacskánd Josef Demel Friedrich von Hentl August Spenz von Boden Alois von Carina Josef Tandler Adolf Altmann Karl Diesner Johann Bolza Joseph Andreas Zimmermann

105 See *General Address Book of Civil Servants for the Imperial and Royal Capital City of Vienna*. Systematic compilation of all imperial and royal court and state offices, municipal authorities, public institutions, associations, etc., and the civil servants, officials and servants employed by them. With details of their names, positions and places of residence, together with alphabetical indexes 1 (1853/1854), Vienna, no date, 148.

Table 4: 1855

Year	1855[106]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religion and Education
Responsible minister	Leo von Thun-Hohenstein

Table 5: 1856

Year	1856[107]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religion and Education
Responsible minister	Leo von Thun-Hohenstein
Structure and personnel	Dep. I Catholic Religious Affairs, […] Head of section Bishop Andreas Meschutar
	Dep. II Catholic theological affairs. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann Simor
	Dep. VI Catholic and Protestant secondary schools with the exception of those in Galicia and the Lombard-Venetian Kingdom. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann Kleemann

106 No detailed Department of duties was found for the year 1855, but Thun-Hohenstein describes the events in his ministry on 31 January 1855 as follows and requests the appointment of Meschutar as section head, which is then approved on 8 February: "Ministerial Councillor Meschutar has hitherto been responsible, with the assistance of Ministerial Councillors Simor and Czergheö and a small staff, for Catholic Religious Affairs throughout the monarchy, which account for a quarter of the business of the entire Ministry of Religion and Education. His many years of professional experience and his proven reliability in every respect have enabled me to entrust him with the independent handling of a large part of the current business of this department. He has thus effectively held the position of section head for several years, and after the departure of Ministerial Councillor Gollmayr, I will be obliged to place the matters relating to theological educational institutions under his supervision, while at the same time transferring some of the duties previously assigned to him as an official to another official, who will, however, be subject to his review in order to ensure the necessary unity in the handling of Religious Affairs." (See AVA, U-Präs ad 220/1855).

107 See the file classification originally belonging to file AVA U-Präs 1941/1856 and corrected in U-Präs 447/1858 (12 April 1858), which reflects the status in 1856, as well as the overview in U-Präs ad 1847/1856.

	Dep. XI Appeals concerning decisions on claims, obligations to perform or other legal issues in matters of culture, education and foundations, regulation or amendment of foundations and scholarships, convicts, statistical reports from state agencies, rental agreements, telegraphs, allocation of funds intended for the maintenance of religious and educational institutions, salaries, temporary staff, remuneration, advances for personnel at public reading and educational institutions, associated institutes and libraries; notification of laws and general regulations communicated by other authorities; Theresian Academy, pension arrangements for teachers who have already retired, their widows and orphans, [illegible]. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Fontana
	Dep. XII Church Affairs of the Protestant denominations in Hungary, Transylvania, Croatia, Slavonia and the Voivodeship, then of the Unitarians in Transylvania, negotiations on endowments, collections and support for churches and schools; Imperial and Royal Protestant Theological Faculty in Vienna. Theological studies in Hungary and Transylvania. Official: Andreas Josef Zimmermann [sic]
	Dep. XV Jewish relegious affairs, Hungarian-Jewish school fund, Moravian provincial fund; institutes for the blind and deaf-mute with the exception of the Imperial and Royal Institute for the Deaf and Dumb in Vienna, music institutes, gymnasiums. Protestant Religious Affairs of those communities of the Augsburg and Helvetic confessions which are under the supreme ecclesiastical authority of the local Imperial and Royal Protestant Consistories. Building matters previously assigned to Department XI. Official: Ministerial Councillor Friedrich von Hentl
	Dep. XVI Religious Affairs of non-united Greeks. Official: Ministerial Councillor Georg Holzgethan

Table 6: 1858

Year	1858[108]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religion and Education
Responsible minister	Leo von Thun-Hohenstein
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Catholic Religious Affairs in general (Section Head Peitler is also assigned to the Presidium for Hungarian Religious Affairs.) Official: Section Head Bishop Andreas Meschutar, partly Ministerial Councillor Peitler under his supervision.
	Dep. II. Episcopal or central priestly seminaries, marriage matters of Catholics and jurisdiction over them. Individual matters directly related to the implementation of the concordat. Catholic theological studies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann Kutschker
	Dep. VI. Catholic and Protestant secondary schools with the exception of those in Galicia, Krakow and the Lombard-Venetian Kingdom. Official: Ministerial Councillor Dr Johann Kleemann
	Dep. XI. Appeals concerning decisions on claims, obligations or other legal issues in matters of religion, education and foundations, regulation or amendment of foundations and scholarships, convents, statistical reports from regional authorities, rental agreements; Theresian Academy; pension arrangements for teachers who have already retired, their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Dr Johann von Fontana
	Dep. XII. Church Affairs of the Protestant denominations in Hungary, Transylvania, Croatia, Slavonia and the Voivodeship, then of the Unitarians in Transylvania, negotiations on endowments, collections and support for churches and schools; Imperial and Royal Protestant Theological Faculty in Vienna. Theological studies in Hungary and Transylvania. (The same is also engaged on behalf of the Presidium in the extensive and difficult work of regulating the above matters by law.) Official: Ministerial Councillor Josef Andreas Zimmermann

108 See the corrected Department of reports in AVA, U-Präs 447/1858 (12 April 1858) and the Department of reports dated 6 June 1858, U-Präs 753/1859. The latter contains only the names of the officials and the respective departments.

Structure and personnel	Dep. XV. Jewish Religious Affairs, Hungarian-Jewish educational fund, Moravian provincial fund; institutes for the blind and deaf, with the exception of the Imperial and Royal Institute for the Deaf and Dumb in Vienna, music institutes, gymnasiums. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Augsburg and Helvetic confessions, which are subject to the Imperial Consistories in Vienna. Building negotiations that do not concern churches or elementary schools. Official: Ministerial Councillor Friedrich von Hentl
	Dep. XVI. Religious Affairs of non-united Greeks. Official : Ministerial Councillor Georg Holzgethan

Table 7: 1860

Year	1860[109]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religion and Education
Responsible minister	Leo von Thun-Hohenstein (until 21 October 1860)
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Catholic Religious Affairs in general (Section Head Peitler is also assigned to the Presidium for Hungarian Religious Affairs.) Official: Section Head Bishop Andreas Meschutar, partly Ministerial Councillor Peitler under his supervision.
	Dep. II. Episcopal or central priestly seminaries, marriage matters of Catholics and jurisdiction over them. Individual matters directly related to the implementation of the concordat. Catholic theological studies. (The same is also engaged in very extensive work on behalf of the Presidium for the implementation of the concordat.) Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann Kutschker

109 See the Department of responsibilities dated 22 January 1860, AVA U-Präs 785/1860. In a speech given the previous year (26 May 1859), Minister Thun-Hohenstein described the institutional structure as follows: “This ministry is divided into sections only insofar as Catholic Religious Affairs are strictly separated from the other agendas of the ministry and have also formed a separate department in the ministry’s registry since earlier times. The majority of these matters are still dealt with by the head of the section, Bishop Meschutar, himself or under his direct influence, but some are reviewed or pre-reviewed by Ministerial Councillor Peitler or Ministerial Councillor Kutschker as officials. The formal separation of a department for Ministerial Councillor Peitler is being prepared. The revision or preliminary revision of Religious Affairs of other denominations and educational matters is carried out by undersecretary Baron Helfert.” (AVA, U-Präs 1775/1859).

	Dep. VI. Catholic and Protestant grammar schools with the exception of those in Galicia, Krakow and the Lombard-Venetian Kingdom. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann Kleemann
	Dep. X. Estimates for all political funds and institutions and the constitution of the annual budget, preliminary estimates for all foundations, scholarships and other ancillary funds and the resulting endowment, cash, settlement and control issues. The budget of the Ministry, the monthly endowment and the records of expenditure; accounts, financial statements, accounting deficiencies, cash matters; (the agenda items relating to the Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic religious foundations are handled by the department, but assigned to Department I). Official: Ministerial Secretary Johann Rassmann
	Dep. XI. Appeals concerning decisions on claims, obligations to perform or other legal issues in matters of religion, education and foundations; regulation or amendment of foundations and scholarships; convents; statistical reports from state agencies; rental agreements; the Theresian Academy; pension arrangements for teachers who have already retired, their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Fontana
	Dep. XII. Church Affairs of the Protestant denominations in Hungary, Transylvania, Croatia, Slavonia and the Voivodeship, then of the Unitarians in Transylvania, negotiations on endowments, collections and support for churches and schools; Imperial and Royal Protestant Theological Faculty in Vienna. Theological studies in Hungary and Transylvania. (The same is also engaged on behalf of the Presidium in the extensive and difficult work of regulating the above matters by law.) Official: Ministerial Councillor Josef Andreas Zimmermann
	Dep. XV. Jewish Religious Affairs, Hungarian-Jewish educational fund, Moravian provincial fund; institutes for the blind and deaf-mute, with the exception of the Imperial and Royal Institute for the Deaf and Dumb in Vienna, music institutes, gymnasiums. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Augsburg and Helvetic confessions, which are subject to the Imperial Consistories in Vienna. Building negotiations that do not concern churches or elementary schools. Official: Ministerial Councillor Friedrich von Hentl
	Dep. XVI. Religious Affairs of non-united Greeks. Official: Ministerial Councillor Georg Holzgethan

By imperial decree of 21 October 1860, the “Ministry of Religion and Education” was abolished and incorporated into the Imperial and Royal State Ministry. This was initially entrusted to Undersecretary Josef Alexander Helfert from 21 October 1860 to 4 February 1861.

Table 8: 1863

Year	1863[110]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of State, department for Religion and Education
Responsible minister	Anton von Schmerling (Minister of State, 4 February 1861–27 July 1865)
Zust. Leiter der Abteilung	Section Head Karl von Lewinsky
Head	Senior management of Department I: Auxiliary Bishop Ministerial Councillor J. Kutschker
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Catholic Religious Affairs The affairs of the former Departments I and II. Official: Ministerial Councillor von Häufler
	Dep. II. Non-Catholic Religious Affairs A. School and Religious Affairs of the Protestant denominations, as before.
	Official: Ministerial Councillor Mikulas B. Religious and building matters of non-united Greek Jews. Moravian Provincial Fund. In addition, the school book publishing directorates. Official: Ministerial Secretary J. Jirecek
	Dep. VI. Grammar schools and secondary schools of the Lombard-Venetian Kingdom A. The affairs of the former Dep. VI, in addition to the former lyceum libraries and negotiations regarding the approval of grammar school textbooks with the exception of Italian ones. Official: Ministerial Councillor Dr J. Kleemann
	Dep. VIII. Judicial and administrative matters. Accounting department. Judicial and administrative matters within the scope of the former Department XI. Official: Ministerial Councillor Dr J. von Fontana

110 See the Department of responsibilities and the presidential memorandum by Anton von Schmerling dated 8 May 1863, valid from 15 May 1863, AVA U-Präs ad 3720/1863.

Table 9: 1865–1867

Year	1865–1867
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of State, department for Religion and Education
Responsible minister	Richard von Belcredi (27 July 1865 – 7 February 1867) Friedrich Ferdinand von Beust (7 February 1867 – 8 March 1867)

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education was re-established by imperial decree on 2 March 1867.

Table 10: 1867–1870

Year	1867–1870
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Friedrich Ferdinand von Beust (Prime Minister and Head of the Ministry, 8 March 1867 to 28 June 1867) Anton von Hye-Gluneck (Minister of Justice and Head of the Ministry, 28 June 1867 to 30 December 1867) Leopold Hasner von Artha (30 December 1867 to 1 February 1870) Karl von Stremayr (1 February 1870 to 12 April 1870) Adolf von Tschabuschnigg (12 April 1870 to 30 June 1870)

Table 11: 1870

Year	1870[111]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Karl von Stremayr (30 June 1870 – 6 February 1871)
Head	Senior management of Department I: Auxiliary Bishop Ministerial Councillor J. Kutschker
Structure and personnel	Dep. I All matters relating to Catholic worship and interdenominational affairs. Official: Ministerial Councillor Dr von Indermauer
	Dep. II Religious Affairs of the Protestant churches of both denominations. Official: Ministerial Councillor von Mikulás
	Dep. III Religious matters of the Greek Orthodox Church and its funds. Jewish Religious matters. Official: Ministerial Councillor Jireček

Table 12: 1871–1873

Year	1871–1873
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Josef Jireček (6 February 1871 to 30 October 1871) Karl Fidler (Head of section and Head of the Ministry, 30 October 1871 to 25 November 1871) Karl von Stremayr (since 25 November 1871)

111 See the Department of departments and the presidential memorandum by Karl von Stremayer dated 22 October 1870, valid from 1 November 1870, AVA U-Präs 501/1870. The file contains an earlier, undated Department of departments, which has been corrected to reflect the reorganisation of the departments. Ministerial Councillor Bischof Kutschker served as head of Department I and is now declared a civil servant „in extraordinary service“. Department II was provisionally headed by Ministerial-Konzeptist Franz. Department III was responsible for „accounting and cash matters“ and „schoolbook publishing“ in addition to the items already mentioned.

Table 13: 1874

Year	1874[112]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Karl von Stremayr
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative matters relating to Catholic worship. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Theological diocesan educational institutions, Greek Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Appointment and remuneration of catechists in elementary schools. Interdenominational matters. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl von Indermauer (also Chancellery Director)
	Dep. II. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Augsburg and Helvetic confessions. High Church Councillor. Protestant theological faculty, private Protestant educational institutions. Administration of state subsidies for the Protestant Church. Official: Ministerial Secretary Rudolf Franz
	Dep. III. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church, Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements and the encumbrance and sale of church property. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Jewish Religious Affairs. Clarification of the legal and economic status of religious and study funds. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Stranski von Heilkron
	Dep. IV. General university matters. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. State legal examinations. Legal department at the Theresianum. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Lemayer
	Dep. XII. Judicial affairs. Decisions on all substantive appeals in disputed church and school matters. Disputed scholarship and foundation matters. Representation of the ministerial department before the Imperial Court. Church policy legislation. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Lemayer
	Dep. XIII. Cases of clemency. Non-contentious scholarships and foundation matters. Convictions. Personnel matters relating to retired civil servants, professors and teachers, their widows and orphans. Servants' affairs. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann Kluss

112 See Annual Report of the Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education 1874, Vienna 1875.

Table 14: 1875

Year	1875[113]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Karl von Stremayr
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative matters relating to Catholic worship. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Theological diocesan educational institutions, Greek Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Appointing and paying catechists at primary schools. Interdenominational matters. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl von Indermauer (also Chancellery Director)
	Dep. II. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Augsburg and Helvetic confessions. High Church Councillor. Protestant theological faculty, private protestant educational institutions. Administration of state subsidies for the Protestant Church. Official: Ministerial Secretary Rudolf Franz
	Dep. III. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church, Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements and the encumbrance and sale of church property. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Jewish Religious Affairs. Clarification of the legal and economic circumstances of religious and study funds. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Stranski von Heilkron
	General university matters. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. State legal examinations. Law department at the Theresianum. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Lemayer
	XII. A.: The jurisdiction of the Ministry in disputed matters of religion, including ecclesiastical foundations. Official: Ministerial Secretary Benno von David
	XII. B.: The jurisdiction of the Ministry in disputes concerning schools, scholarships and Educational foundations. Official: Ministerial Secretary Johann von Spaun
	In addition: Church policy legislation. Representation of the ministerial department before the Imperial Court. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Lemayer
	Dep. XIII. Matters of clemency. Convictions. Personnel matters concerning retired civil servants, professors and teachers, their widows and orphans. Servants‘ affairs. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann Kluss

113 113 See Annual Report of the Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education 1875, Vienna 1876.

Table 15: 1876

Year	1876[114]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Karl von Stremayr
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative matters of the Catholic religion. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Theological diocesan educational institutions, Greek Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Appointment and remuneration of catechists in elementary schools. Interdenominational matters. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl von Indermauer (also Chancellery Director)
	Dep. II. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Augsburg and Helvetic confessions. High Church Councillor. Protestant theological faculty, private Protestant educational institutions. Administration of state subsidies for the Protestant Church. Official: Ministerial Secretary Rudolf Franz
	Dep. III. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church, Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements and the encumbrance and sale of church property. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Jewish Religious Affairs. Clarification of the legal and economic status of religious and study funds. Official: Ministerial Councillor Eduard von Gniewosz
	Dep. IV. General university affairs. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. State legal examinations. Legal department at the Theresianum. Official: Ministerial Secretary Benno von David
	Dep. XII. A. The jurisdiction of the Ministry in contentious matters of religion, including ecclesiastical foundations. Official: Ministerial Secretary Johann von Spaun
	Dep. XII. B. The jurisdiction of the Ministry in disputes concerning schools, scholarships and Educational foundations. Official: Ministerial Secretary Benno von David
	Dep. XIII. Cases of clemency. Convicted persons. Personnel matters concerning retired civil servants, professors and teachers, their widows and orphans. Servants‘ affairs. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann Kluss

114 See Report of the Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education 1876, Vienna 1877.

Table 16: 1877–1886

Year	1877–1886
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Karl von Stremayr (15 February 1879 to 12 August, also appointed Chairman of the Council of Ministers; Minister until 16 February 1880) Sigmund Conrad von Eybesfeld (16 February 1880 to 5 November 1885) Paul Gautsch von Frankenthurn (since 5 November 1885)

Table 17: 1887

Year	1887[115]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Paul Gautsch von Frankenthurn
Structure and personnel	Section Heads: Arthur von Enzenberg zum Freyen- und Jöchelsthurn Alois von Hermann
	Ministerial Councillors: Benno von David Franz von Werner
	Dep. I. Official: Alfons Heinefetter
	Dep. II. Official: Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Official: Eduard Rittner
	Dep. IV. Official: Eduard Rittner
	Dep. XIII. b and c Official: Johann von Spaun
	Dep. XIV. a Official: Johann von Spaun

115 115 See the circular from the Minister of Religious Affairs and Education, Paul Gautsch von Frankenthurn, dated 6 December 1887, AVA, U-Präs 1795/1887, and the circular dated 8 November 1887, AVA, U-Präs 1637/1887 (only the departments and the names of the officials are listed).

Table 18: 1888

Year	1888[116]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Paul Gautsch von Frankenthurn
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative matters relating to the Catholic religion. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Theological diocesan educational institutions, Greek Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Construction matters relating to Catholic churches and parish buildings, excluding monumental buildings and artistic restoration. Old Catholics. Interdenominational affairs. Official: Ministerial Councillor Alfons Heinefetter
	Dep. II. Religious matters of the Protestant Augsburg and Helvetic Confessions. High Church Council. Protestant theological faculty, Protestant private educational institutions including Protestant teacher training colleges. Charitable provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. Administration of the state subsidy for the Protestant Church. Building matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the Protestant religious communities not recognised by law. Official: Ministerial Secretary Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Jewish Religious Affairs. Judicial matters relating to Galicia (from Dep. XIVa and XIVb). Approval negotiations concerning elementary school textbooks in the Slavic and Romanian languages. Official: Ministerial Councillor Eduard Rittner
	Dep. IV. General university affairs. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. Legal state examinations. Legal department at the Theresianum. Support for university students. Official: Ministerial Councillor Eduard Rittner
	Dep. XIIIb. Religious matters of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Construction matters relating to Greek Orthodox churches, parsonages and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (excluding monumental buildings or artistic restoration). Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun
	Dep. XIIIc. Handling of non-contentious matters relating to scholarship foundations. Matters relating to convicts. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun

116 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and educational institutions 1 (1887–1888).

	Dep. XIVa The jurisdiction of the Ministry in all administrative legal matters in the field of religion (with the exception of those relating to Galicia). Church policy legislation. Clarification of the legal and economic circumstances of the religious fund.

Table 19: 1889

Year	1889[117]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Paul Gautsch von Frankenthurn
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative matters relating to Catholic worship. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Theological diocesan educational institutions, Greek Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Construction matters relating to Catholic churches and parish buildings, excluding monumental buildings and artistic restoration. Old Catholics. Interdenominational matters. Official: Ministerial Councillor Alfons Heinefetter
	Dep. II. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Augsburg and Helvetic Confessions. High Church Council. Protestant theological faculty, Protestant private educational institutions, including Protestant teacher training colleges. Pensions for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. Administration of the state subsidy for the Protestant Church. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the Protestant religious communities not recognised by law. Official: Ministerial Secretary Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Jewish Religious Affairs. Judicial matters relating to Galicia (from Dep. XIVa and XIVb). Approval negotiations concerning elementary school textbooks in the Slavic and Romanian languages. Official: Ministerial Councillor Eduard Rittner

117 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and educational institutions 2 (1889).

	Dep. IV. General university matters. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. Legal state examinations. Legal department at the Theresianum. Support for university students. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz von Werner
	Dep. XIIIb. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Construction matters relating to Greek Orthodox churches, parsonages and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (excluding monumental buildings or artistic restoration). Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun
	Dep. XIIIc. Handling of non-contentious matters relating to scholarship foundations. Matters relating to convicts. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun
	Dep. XIVa The jurisdiction of the Ministry in all administrative legal matters in the field of religion (with the exception of those relating to Galicia). Church policy legislation. Clarification of the legal and economic circumstances of the religious fund. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun

Table 20: 1890

Year	1890[118]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Paul Gautsch von Frankenthurn
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative matters relating to Catholic worship. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Theological diocesan educational institutions, Greek Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Construction matters relating to Catholic churches and parish buildings, excluding monumental buildings and artistic restoration. Old Catholics. Interdenominational affairs. Official: Ministerial Councillor Alfons Heinefetter

118 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 3 (1890).

	Dep. II. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Augsburg and Helvetic confessions. High Church Council. Protestant theological faculty, Protestant private educational institutions, including Protestant teacher training colleges. Welfare payments for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. Administration of the state subsidy for the Protestant Church. Building matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the Protestant religious communities not recognised by law. Official: Ministerial Secretary Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Jewish Religious Affairs. Judicial matters relating to Galicia (from Dep. XIVa and XIVb). Official: District Captain Thaddäus von Sulima-Szawłowski
	Dep. IV. General university affairs. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. Legal state examinations. Legal department at the Theresianum. Support for university students. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz von Werner
	Dep. XIIIb. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Construction matters relating to Greek Orthodox churches, parsonages and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (excluding monumental buildings or artistic restoration). Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun
	Dep. XIIIc. Handling of non-contentious matters relating to scholarship foundations. Matters relating to convicts. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun
	Dep. XIVa The jurisdiction of the Ministry in all administrative legal matters in the field of religion (with the exception of those relating to Galicia). Church policy legislation. Clarification of the legal and economic circumstances of the religious fund. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun

Table 21: 1891

Year	1891[119]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Paul Gautsch von Frankenthurn
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative matters relating to the Catholic religion. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Theological diocesan educational institutions, Greek Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Building matters relating to Catholic churches and parish buildings, excluding monumental buildings and artistic restoration. Old Catholics. Interdenominational matters. Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Construction matters relating to Catholic churches and parish buildings, excluding monumental buildings and artistic restoration. Old Catholics. Interdenominational affairs. Official: Ministerial Councillor Alfons Heinefetter
	Dep. II. Religious matters of the Protestant Augsburg and Helvetic confessions. High Church Council. Protestant theological faculty, Protestant private educational institutions including Protestant teacher training colleges. Charitable provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. Administration of the state subsidy for the Protestant Church. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the Protestant religious communities not recognised by law. Official: Ministerial Secretary Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Jewish Religious Affairs. Judicial matters relating to Galicia (from Dep. XIVa and XIVb). Official: Governor's Council Thaddäus von Sulima-Szawłowski
	Dep. IV. General university affairs. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. Legal state examinations. Legal department at the Theresianum. Support for university students. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz von Werner
	Dep. XIIIb. Religious matters of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Construction matters relating to Greek Orthodox churches, parsonages and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (excluding monumental buildings or artistic restoration work). Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun

119 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 4 (1891).

	Dep. XIIIc. Handling of non-contentious matters relating to scholarship foundations. Matters relating to convicts. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun
	Dep. XIVa The jurisdiction of the Ministry in all administrative legal matters in the field of religion (with the exception of those relating to Galicia). Church policy legislation. Clarification of the legal and economic circumstances of the religious fund. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun

Table 22: 1892

Year	1892[120]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Paul Gautsch von Frankenthurn
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative matters relating to Catholic worship. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Theological diocesan educational institutions, Greek Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Construction matters relating to Catholic churches and parish buildings, excluding monumental buildings and artistic restoration. Old Catholics. Interdenominational matters. Official: Ministerial Councillor Alfons Heinefetter
	Dep. II. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Augsburg and Helvetic Confessions. High Church Council. Protestant theological faculty, Protestant private educational institutions, including Protestant teacher training colleges. Pensions for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. Administration of the state subsidy for the Protestant Church. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the Protestant religious communities not recognised by law. Official: Ministerial Secretary Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Jewish Religious Affairs. Judicial matters relating to Galicia (from Dep. XIVa and XIVb). Official: Governor's Council Thaddäus von Sulima-Szawłowski

120 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 5 (1892).

	Dep. IV. General university matters. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. Legal state examinations. Law department at the Theresianum. Support for university students. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz von Werner
	Dep. XIIIb. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Construction matters relating to Greek Orthodox churches, parsonages and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (excluding monumental buildings or artistic restoration). Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun
	Dep. XIIIc. Handling of non-contentious matters relating to scholarship foundations. Matters relating to convicts. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun
	Dep. XIVa The jurisdiction of the Ministry in all administrative legal matters relating to religion (with the exception of those relating to Galicia). Church policy legislation. Clarification of the legal and economic circumstances of the religious fund. Official: Statthalterei-Rath Thaddäus von Sulima-Szawłowski

Table 23: 1893

Year	1893[121]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Paul Gautsch von Frankenthurn (until 11 November 1893) Stanislaus Poraj von Madeyski (since 11 November 1893)
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative matters relating to the Catholic Church. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Theological diocesan educational institutions, Greek Catholic Catholic Central Seminary in Vienna. Construction matters relating to Catholic churches and parish buildings, excluding monumental buildings and artistic restoration. Old Catholics. Interdenominational affairs. Official: Ministerial Councillor Alfons Heinefetter

121 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 6 (1893).

	Dep. II. Religious matters of the Protestant Augsburg and Helvetic confessions. High Church Council. Protestant theological faculty, Protestant private educational institutions, including Protestant teacher training colleges. Pensions for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. Administration of the state subsidy for the Protestant Church. Building matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the Protestant religious communities not recognised by law. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Jewish Religious Affairs. Judicial matters relating to Galicia (from Dep. XIVa and XIVb). Official: Dep. Governor Thaddäus von Sulima-Szawłowski
	Dep. IV. General university affairs. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. Legal state examinations. Legal department at the Theresianum. Support for university students. Official: Ministerial Secretary Leo Beck von Mannagetta
	Dep. XIIIb. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Construction matters relating to Greek Orthodox churches, parsonages and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (excluding monumental buildings and artistic restoration). Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun
	Dep. XIIIc. Handling of non-contentious matters relating to scholarship foundations. Matters relating to convicts. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors and teachers, as well as their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz von Werner
	Dep. XIVa. The jurisdiction of the Ministry in all administrative legal matters in the field of religion (with the exception of those relating to Galicia). Church policy legislation. Clarification of the legal and economic circumstances of the religious fund. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun

Table 24: 1894

Year	1894[122]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Stanislaus Poraj von Madeyski
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative matters relating to Catholic worship. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and disposing of church property. Theological diocesan educational institutions, construction matters relating to Catholic churches and parish buildings, excluding monumental buildings and artistic restoration. Old Catholics. Interdenominational matters. Official: Ministerial Councillor Alfons Heinefetter
	Dep. II. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Church of the Augsburg and Helvetic Confessions. High Church Council. Protestant theological faculty, Protestant private educational institutions, including Protestant teacher training colleges. Welfare payments for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. Administration of the state subsidy for the Protestant Church. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the Protestant religious communities not recognised by law. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Jewish Religious Affairs. Judicial matters relating to Galicia (from Dep. XIVa and XIVb). Official: Dep. Governor Edwin Płażek
	Dep. IV. General university matters. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. Legal state examinations. Legal department at the Theresianum. Support for university students. Official: Ministerial Secretary Leo Beck von Mannagetta
	Dep. XIIIb. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Construction matters relating to Greek Orthodox churches, parsonages and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (excluding monumental buildings or artistic restoration). Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun

122 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 7 (1894).

	Dep. XIIIc. Handling of non-contentious matters relating to scholarship foundations. Matters relating to convicts. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors and teachers, as well as their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz von Werner
	Dep. XIVa The jurisdiction of the Ministry in all administrative legal matters in the field of religion (with the exception of those relating to Galicia). Church policy legislation. Clarification of the legal and economic circumstances of the religious fund. Official responsible: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun

Table 25: 1895

Year	1895[123]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Stanislaus Madeyski von Poraj (until 16 June 1895) Eduard Rittner (Head of section, Director from 16 June 1895 to 30 September 1895) Paul Gautsch von Frankenthurn (Prime Minister and Minister since 30 September 1895)
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative matters of the Catholic religion. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Theological diocesan educational institutions. Old Catholics. Interdenominational matters. Official: Ministerial Councillor Alfons Heinefetter
	Dep. II. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Church of the Augsburg and Helvetic Confessions. High Church Council. Protestant theological faculty, Protestant private educational institutions including Protestant teacher training colleges. Welfare payments for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. Administration of the state subsidy for the Protestant Church. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the Protestant religious communities not recognised by law. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Jewish Religious Affairs. Judicial matters relating to Galicia (from Dep. XIVa and XIVb). Official: Deputy Governor Edwin Płażek

123 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 8 (1895).

	Dep. IV. General university matters. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. Legal state examinations. Law department at the Theresianum. Support for university students. Official: Ministerial CouncillorLeo Beck von Mannagetta
	Dep. VIIb. Construction matters relating to all Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, parsonages and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes, all universities and their institutes, secondary schools, teacher training colleges, museums, state trade and commercial colleges, insofar as the latter are state buildings. All monumental buildings and artistic restorations of any kind. Administration of study funds and study fund buildings. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Zeller
	Dep. XIIIb. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun
	Dep. XIIIc. Handling of non-contentious matters relating to scholarship foundations. Matters relating to convicts. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors and teachers, as well as their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz von Werner
	Dep. XIVa The jurisdiction of the Ministry in all administrative legal matters in the field of religion (with the exception of those relating to Galicia). Church policy legislation. Clarification of the legal and economic circumstances of the religious fund. Official responsible: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun

Table 26: 1896

Year	1896[124]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Paul Gautsch von Frankenthurn
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative matters relating to Catholic worship. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Theological diocesan educational institutions. Old Catholics. Interdenominational matters. Official: Ministerial Councillor Alfons Heinefetter
	Dep. II. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Church of the Augsburg and Helvetic Confessions. High Church Council. Protestant theological faculty, Protestant private educational institutions, including Protestant teacher training colleges. Welfare payments for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. Administration of the state subsidy for the Protestant Church. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the Protestant religious communities not recognised by law. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Jewish Religious Affairs. Judicial matters relating to Galicia (from Dep. XIVa and XIVb). Official: Deputy Governor Edwin Płażek
	Dep. IV. General university affairs. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. Legal state examinations. Legal department at the Theresianum. Support for university students. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leo Beck von Mannagetta
	Dep. VIIb. Construction matters relating to all Catholic and Greek Catholic churches, parsonages and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes, all universities and their institutes, secondary schools, teacher training colleges, museums, state trade schools and technical colleges, insofar as the latter are state buildings. All monumental buildings and artistic restorations of any kind. Administration of study funds and study fund buildings. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Zeller

124 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 9 (1896).

	Dep. XIIIb. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun
	Dep. XIIIc. Handling of non-contentious matters relating to scholarship foundations. Matters relating to convicts. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors and teachers, as well as their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz von Werner
	Dep. XIVa The jurisdiction of the Ministry in all administrative legal matters in the field of religion (with the exception of those relating to Galicia). Church policy legislation. Clarification of the legal and economic circumstances of the religious fund. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun

Table 27: 1897

Year	1897[125]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Paul Gautsch von Frankenthurn (until 30 November 1897) Vinzenz Baillet de Latour (since 30 November 1897)
Structure and personnel	Dep. I Administrative matters relating to Catholic worship. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and disposing of church property. Theological diocesan educational institutions. Old Catholics. Interdenominational matters. Official: Ministerial Councillor Alfons Heinefetter
	Dep. II. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Church of the Augsburg and Helvetic Confessions. High Church Council. Protestant theological faculty, Protestant private educational institutions, including Protestant teacher training colleges. Welfare payments for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. Administration of the state subsidy for the Protestant Church. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haymerle

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	Dep. III. Jewish Religious Affairs. Judicial agendas relating to Galicia (from Dep. XIVa and XIVb). Official: Ministerial Councillor Edwin Płażek
	Dep. IV. General university matters. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. State legal examinations. Legal department at the Theresianum. Support for university students. Official: Leo Beck from Mannagetta
	Dep. VIIb. Construction matters relating to all Catholic and Greek Catholic churches, parsonages and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes, all universities and their institutes, secondary schools, teacher training colleges, museums, state trade schools and technical colleges, insofar as the latter are state buildings. All monumental buildings and artistic restorations of any kind. Administration of study funds and study fund buildings. Officials: Ministerial Councillor Edmund Holenia, Ministerial Secretary Franz Hye
	Dep. XIIIb. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and final accounts. Official: Ministerial Councillor Anton Rezek
	Dep. XIIIc. Handling of non-contentious matters relating to scholarship foundations. Matters relating to convicts. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors and teachers, as well as their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz von Werner
	Dep. XIVa The jurisdiction of the Ministry in all administrative legal matters in the field of religion (with the exception of those relating to Galicia). Church policy legislation. Clarification of the legal and economic circumstances of the religious fund. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann von Spaun

Table 28: 1898

Year	1898[126]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Vincenz Baillet de Latour (until 7 March 1898) Arthur Bylandt-Rheydt (since 7 March 1898)
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative and contentious matters relating to Catholic worship. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Church policy legislation. Theological diocesan educational institutions. Old Catholics. Interdenominational matters. Official: Ministerial Councillor Maximilian Hussarek von Heinlein
	Dep. II. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Church of the Augsburg and Helvetic Confessions. High Church Council. Protestant theological faculty, Protestant private educational institutions, including Protestant teacher training colleges. Welfare payments for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. Administration of the state subsidy for the Protestant Church. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the Protestant religious communities not recognised by law. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haynerle
	Dep. III. Administrative and contentious matters relating to the Jewish religion. Official: Ministerial Councillor Edwin Płażek
	Dep. IV. General university matters. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. Legal state examinations. Legal department at the Theresianum. Support for university students. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leo Beck von Mannagetta
	Dep. VIIc. Construction matters relating to all Catholic and Greek Catholic churches, parsonages and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye
	Dep. XIIIb. Religious matters of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Xenophon von Mustatza

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	Dep. XIIIc. Handling of all matters relating to Educational foundations and scholarships. Matters relating to convicts. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors and teachers, as well as their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz von Werner
	Dep. XIV. The management of religious and study funds in relation to property law, in particular the handling of all intercalary matters, religious fund contributions; all matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the scope of the annual reports of the individual departments. Finally, the preparation of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. Official: Ministerial Secretary Heinrich Heidlmair

Table 29: 1899

Year	1899[127]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Arthur Bylandt-Rheidt (until 2 October 1899) Wilhelm von Hartel (Head of section, Head of the Ministry from 2 October to 21 December 1899) Alfred von Bernd (Head of section, Head of the Ministry from 21 December 1899 to 19 January 1900)
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. Administrative and contentious matters relating to Catholic worship. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Church policy legislation. Theological diocesan educational institutions. Old Catholics. Interdenominational affairs. Official: Ministerial Councillor Maximilian Hussarek von Heinlein
	Dep. II. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Church of the Augsburg and Helvetic Confessions. High Church Councillor. Protestant theological faculty, Protestant private educational institutions including Protestant teacher training colleges. Welfare payments for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. Administration of the state subsidy for the Protestant Church. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the Protestant religious communities not recognised by law. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haymerle

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	Dep. III. Administrative and contentious matters relating to the Jewish religion, judicial matters relating to Galicia. Official: Ministerial Councillor Edwin Płażek
	Dep. IV. General university matters. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. State legal examinations. Legal department at the Theresianum. Support for university students. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leo Beck von Mannagetta
	Dep. VIIc. Construction matters relating to all Catholic and Greek Catholic churches, rectories and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye
	Dep. XIIIb. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Xenophon von Mustatza
	Dep. XIIIc. Handling of all matters relating to Educational foundations and scholarships. Matters relating to convicts. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors and teachers, as well as their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz von Werner
	Dep. XIV. The management of religious and study funds in relation to property law, in particular the handling of all intercalary matters, religious fund contributions; all matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the scope of the annual reports of the individual departments. Finally, the preparation of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. Official: Ministerial Secretary Heinrich Heidlmair

Table 30: 1900

Year	1900[128]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Wilhelm von Hartel (since 19 January 1900)
Structure and personnel	Dep. I Administrative and contentious matters relating to Catholic worship. Administration and use of religious funds. Encumbering and selling church property. Church policy legislation. Theological diocesan educational institutions. Old Catholics. Interdenominational affairs. Official: Ministerial Councillor Maximilian Hussarek von Heinlein
	Dep. II. Religious Affairs of the Protestant Church of the Augsburg and Helvetic Confessions. High Church Councillor. Protestant theological faculty, Protestant private educational institutions including Protestant teacher training colleges. Welfare payments for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. Administration of the state subsidy for the Protestant Church. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the Protestant religious communities not recognised by law. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Religious matters of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Xenophon von Mustatza
	Dep. IV. Administrative and contentious Jewish Religious Affairs, judicial matters relating to Galicia. Official: Ministerial Councillor Edwin Płażek
	Dep. V. Construction matters relating to all Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, parsonages and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye
	Dep. VI. General university affairs. Academic authorities. Catholic theological and legal and political science faculties. Legal state examinations. Legal department at the Theresianum. Support for university students. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leo Beck von Mannagetta

128 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 13 (1900).

	Dep. XIII. Handling of all matters relating to Educational foundations and scholarships. Matters relating to convicts. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors and teachers, as well as their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz von Werner
	Dep. XX. The management of religious and study funds in relation to property law, in particular the handling of all intercalary matters, religious fund contributions; all matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the scope of the annual reports of the individual specialist departments. Finally, the provision of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. Official: Ministerial Councillor Heinrich Heidlmair

Table 31: 1901

Year	1901[129]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Wilhelm von Hartel
Structure and personnel	Dep. I Administrative, legislative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin, Greek and Armenian rites, namely: affairs of theological diocesan and central educational institutions, as well as the exercise of state sovereignty and jurisdiction, in particular: participation in the establishment, modification and filling of ecclesiastical benefices and offices, then in the establishment of ecclesiastical corporations; amendment of the regulations governing tithes; exercise of state supervision with regard to ecclesiastical property (with the exception of administrative building matters); Decisions in the final instance on the existence of church patronages, patronage benefits and the obligation to provide benefits for religious purposes on the basis of membership of a church community. Use of religious fund credits. Endowments of the Catholic Church, in particular congrua matters. Collections for church purposes. Church foundations. – Recognition of religious societies. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters. Matters concerning Old Catholics. Official: Ministerial Councillor Maximilian Hussarek von Heinlein

129 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 14 (1901).

	Dep. II. Protestant Church A. and H. C., namely: High Church Council A. and H. C. Protestant-Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State support allowance for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Building matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious matters of the Herrnhut Brethren Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Religious matters of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Xenophon von Mustatza
	Dep. IV. Administrative and contentious matters relating to the Jewish religion. – Judicial matters relating to religion and education in Galicia. Official: Ministerial Councillor Edwin von Płażek
	Dep. V. Construction matters relating to all Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, parsonages and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (seminaries, etc.), including the procurement of interior furnishings. Approval of funds for these buildings from the religious fund and the religious budget, as well as from ecclesiastical funds, including the granting of loans and subsidies. Purchase of land and buildings for these purposes. Approval of collections for the construction of Greek Orthodox churches and parsonages. Construction matters relating to secular buildings belonging to the (Catholic and Greek Orthodox) religious fund or to be carried out using its funds. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye
	Dep. VI. General university matters. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Reading regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for university students. Matters relating to theological, legal and political science studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. Scholarships for law students of Italian and Slovenian nationality. – Faculties of theology, law and political science: personnel matters concerning professors, private lecturers and theological teaching assistants, servant matters, information trips for university professors, training of teachers at universities. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leo Beck von Mannagetta

	Dep. XIII. Educational foundations and study scholarships. Matters relating to convicts. Cases of clemency. Pension matters for retired civil servants, professors, teachers, servants and their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz von Werner
	Dep. XX. Management of the principal assets of the religious and study funds. Intercalary matters, contributions to religious funds. All matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the remit of the individual specialist departments. Provision of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. Official: Ministerial Councillor Heinrich Heidlmair

Table 32: 1902

Year	1902[130]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Wilhelm von Hartel
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. 1. Legislative matters relating to the Catholic Church of all rites, except for matters relating to Galician state legislation. 2. Administrative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin rite (with the exception of matters concerning Galicia and administrative building matters), namely: Exercise of state rights vis-à-vis the Church in the areas of administration and judicial authority as: Participation in the establishment, modification and abolition of ecclesiastical offices and benefices, and in the appointment and dismissal of ecclesiastical officials; Supervision of the exercise of ecclesiastical authority; Decision on the obligation to make payments for religious purposes on the grounds of membership of a church community, on the collection of other church taxes and fees, in particular Stolgebühren (stole fees); amendment of Stolataxordnungen (regulations governing the collection of stole fees); granting of state assistance for the implementation of church orders and decisions; matters relating to theological diocesan and central educational institutions; patronage matters, including decisions of last instance on the existence of ecclesiastical patronage and on patronage benefits; exercise of state supervision and state protection with regard to church property; competition; supervision of monastic cooperatives, in particular the approval of their establishments; endowments of the Roman Catholic Church, including congrua and pension matters. Estimation and use of religious fund credits. Collections for ecclesiastical purposes. Ecclesiastical foundations. 3. Matters relating to the Old Catholic Church. 4. Recognition of religious societies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Maximilian Hussarek von Heinlein
	Dep. Ia. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters, including relations between Catholic rites. Administrative and judicial matters of the Catholic Church of the Greek and Armenian rites, as well as administrative and judicial matters of the Latin rite relating to Galicia, with the exception of administrative building matters. The agendas of Galician state legislation relating to the Catholic Church of all three rites. Judicial agendas concerning Galicia in matters of education. Official: Ministerial Secretary Hieronymus Köller

130 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 15 (1902).

Dep. II. Protestant Church A. and H. C., namely: High Church Council A. and H. C. Protestant-Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State support allowance for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Building matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious matters of the Moravian Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haymerle
Dep. III. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Xenophon von Mustatza
Dep. IV. Legislative, administrative and judicial affairs of the Jewish religious community, in particular: Approval of the establishment of new religious communities and changes to the boundaries of religious community districts, withdrawal of state recognition of existing religious communities; Assignment of Jews living outside the religious community Department; Approval of statutes for religious communities and amendments thereto: Provisions regarding the qualification of rabbis; approval for the appointment of joint rabbis for several religious communities; intervention in matters relating to religious services; state supervision. Supervision of the state-subsidised Jewish theological educational institution in Vienna. Granting of subsidies from the Jewish normal school fund for Galicia and Bukovina. Agenda of the Baron Hirsch Foundation for the promotion of elementary school education in Galicia and Bukovina. Official: Ministerial Councillor Josef Lachmayer
Dep. V. Construction matters relating to all Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, rectories and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (seminaries, etc.), including the procurement of interior furnishings. Approval of funds for these buildings from the religious fund and the religious budget, as well as from ecclesiastical funds, including the granting of loans and subsidies. Purchase of land and buildings for these purposes. Approval of collections for the construction of Greek Orthodox churches and parsonages. Construction matters relating to secular buildings belonging to the (Catholic and Greek Orthodox) religious fund or to be carried out using its funds. Official: Ministerial Councillor Josef Lachmayer

	Dep. VI. General university matters. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Lecture regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for university students. Matters relating to theological, legal and political studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. Scholarships for law students of Italian and Slovenian nationality. – Faculties of theology, law and political science: personnel matters concerning professors, private lecturers and theological teaching assistants, servant matters, information trips for university professors, training of teachers at universities. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leo Beck von Mannagetta
	Dep. XIII. Educational foundations and study scholarships. Matters relating to convicts. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors, teachers, servants and their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Tobisch von Dobischau
	Dep. XX. Management of the principal assets of religious and study funds. Intercalary matters, contributions to religious funds. All matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the remit of the individual specialist departments. Provision of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye

Table 33: 1903

Year	1903[131]
Organisational form	K. K. Ministerium für Kultus und Unterricht
Responsible minister	Wilhelm von Hartel
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. 1. Legislative matters relating to the Catholic Church of all rites, except for matters relating to Galician provincial legislation. 2. Administrative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin rite (with the exception of matters concerning Galicia and administrative building matters), namely: Exercise of state jurisdiction over the Church in the areas of administration and judicial authority as: Participation in the establishment, modification and abolition, appointment and dismissal of ecclesiastical offices and benefices; Supervision of the exercise of ecclesiastical authority; decisions on the obligation to make payments for religious purposes on the basis of membership of a church community, on the levying of other church taxes and fees, in particular Stolgebühren (stole fees); amendment of regulations governing stole fees; Granting state assistance for the implementation of ecclesiastical orders and decisions; matters relating to theological diocesan and central educational institutions; patronage matters, including decisions of last instance on the existence of ecclesiastical patronage and on patronage benefits; exercising state supervision and state protection with regard to church property; competition; supervision of monastic cooperatives, in particular the approval of their establishments; endowments of the Roman Catholic Church, including matters relating to congrua and pensions. Estimation and use of religious fund loans. Collections for ecclesiastical purposes. Ecclesiastical foundations. 3. Matters relating to the Old Catholic Church. 4. Recognition of religious societies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Maximilian Hussarek von Heinlein
	Dep. Ia. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters, including relations between Catholic rites. Administrative and judicial matters of the Catholic Church of the Greek and Armenian rites, as well as administrative and judicial matters of the Latin rite relating to Galicia, with the exception of administrative building matters. The agendas of Galician state legislation relating to the Catholic Church of all three rites. Judicial matters relating to Galicia in matters of education. Official: Ministerial Councillor Hieronymus Köller

131 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 16 (1903).

	Dep. II. Protestant Church A. and H. C., namely: High Church Council A. and H. C. Protestant Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State subsidy for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Xenophon von Mustatza
	Dep. IV. Legislative, administrative and judicial affairs of the Jewish religious community, in particular: Approval of the establishment of new religious communities and changes to the boundaries of religious community districts, withdrawal of state recognition of existing religious communities; Assignment of Israelites living outside the religious community boundaries; approval of statutes for religious communities and amendments thereto; Provisions on the qualifications of rabbis; approval for the appointment of joint rabbis for several religious communities; intervention in services for religious purposes; state supervision. Supervision of the state-subsidised Jewish theological college in Vienna. Granting of subsidies from the Jewish normal school fund for Galicia and Bukovina. – Agenda of the Baron Hirsch Foundation for the promotion of elementary school education in Galicia and Bukovina. Official: Ministerial Councillor Sigismund Pilat
	Dep. V. Construction matters relating to all Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, rectories and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (seminaries, etc.), including the procurement of interior furnishings. Approval of funds for these buildings from the religious fund and the Religious Affairs budget, as well as from ecclesiastical funds, including the granting of loans and subsidies. Purchase of houses and land for these purposes. Approval of collections for the construction of Greek Orthodox churches and parsonages. Construction matters relating to secular buildings belonging to the (Catholic and Greek Orthodox) religious fund or to be carried out using its funds. Official: Ministerial Councillor Josef Lachmayer

	Dep. VI. General university matters. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Reading regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for university students. Matters relating to theological, legal and political studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. Scholarships for law students of Italian and Slovenian nationality. – Faculties of theology, law and political science: personnel matters concerning professors, private lecturers and theological teaching assistants, servant matters, information trips for university professors, training of university teaching staff. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leo Beck von Mannagetta
	Dep. XIII. Educational foundations and study scholarships. Matters relating to convents. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors, teachers, servants and their widows and orphans. officials, professors, teachers, servants and their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Tobisch von Dobischau
	Dep. XX. Management of the principal assets of religious and study funds. Intercalary matters, contributions to religious funds. All matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the remit of the individual specialist departments. Provision of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye

Table 34: 1904

Year	1904[132]
Organisational form	K. K. Ministerium für Kultus und Unterricht
Responsible minister	Wilhelm von Hartel
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. 1. Legislative matters relating to the Catholic Church of all rites, except for matters relating to Galician provincial legislation. 2. Administrative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin rite (with the exception of matters concerning Galicia and administrative building matters), namely: Exercise of state jurisdiction over the Church in the areas of administration and judicial proceedings as: Participation in the establishment, modification and abolition, appointment and dismissal of ecclesiastical offices and benefices; Supervision of the exercise of ecclesiastical authority; decisions on the obligation to make payments for religious purposes on the basis of membership of a church community, on the levying of other church taxes and fees, in particular Stolgebühren (stole fees); amendment of regulations governing stole fees; Granting state assistance for the implementation of ecclesiastical orders and decisions; matters relating to theological diocesan and central educational institutions; patronage matters, including decisions of last instance on the existence of ecclesiastical patronage and on patronage benefits; exercising state supervision and state protection with regard to church property; competition; supervision of monastic cooperatives, in particular the approval of their establishments; endowments of the Roman Catholic Church, including matters relating to congrua and pensions. Estimation and use of religious fund loans. Collections for ecclesiastical purposes. Ecclesiastical foundations. 3. Matters relating to the Old Catholic Church. 4. Recognition of religious societies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Maximilian Hussarek von Heinlein
	Dep. Ia. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters, including relations between Catholic rites. Administrative and judicial matters of the Catholic Church of the Greek and Armenian rites, as well as administrative and judicial matters of the Latin rite relating to Galicia, with the exception of administrative building matters. The agendas of Galician provincial legislation relating to the Catholic Church of all three rites. Judicial matters relating to Galicia in matters of education. Official: Ministerial Councillor Hieronymus Köller

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Structure and personnel	Dep. II. Protestant Church A. and H. C., namely: High Church Council A. and H. C. Protestant Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State subsidy for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Xenophon von Mustatza
	Dep. IV. Legislative, administrative and judicial affairs of the Jewish religious community, in particular: Approval of the establishment of new religious communities and changes to the boundaries of religious community districts, withdrawal of state recognition of existing religious communities; Assignment of Jews living outside the religious community boundaries; approval of statutes for religious communities and amendments thereto; Provisions on the qualifications of rabbis; approval for the appointment of joint rabbis for several religious communities; intervention in services for religious purposes; state supervision. Supervision of the state-subsidised Jewish theological college in Vienna. Granting of subsidies from the Jewish normal school fund for Galicia and Bukovina. – Agenda of the Baron Hirsch Foundation for the promotion of elementary school education in Galicia and Bukovina. Official: Ministerial Councillor Sigismund Pilat
	Dep. V. Construction matters relating to all Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, rectories and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (seminaries, etc.), including the procurement of interior furnishings. Approval of funds for these buildings from the religious fund and the cultural budget, as well as from ecclesiastical funds, including the granting of loans and subsidies. Purchase of houses and land for these purposes. Approval of collections for the construction of Greek Orthodox churches and parsonages. Construction matters relating to secular buildings belonging to the (Catholic and Greek Orthodox) religious fund or to be carried out using its funds. Official: Ministerial Councillor Josef Lachmayer

Structure and personnel	Dep. VI. General university matters. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Lecture regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for university students. Matters relating to theological, legal and political studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. Scholarships for law students of Italian and Slovenian nationality. – Faculties of theology, law and political science: personnel matters concerning professors, private lecturers and theological teaching assistants, servant matters, information trips for university professors, training of university teaching staff. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leo Beck von Mannagetta
	Dep. XIII. Educational foundations and study scholarships. Matters relating to convents. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors, teachers, servants and their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Tobisch von Dobischau
	Dep. XX. Management of the principal assets of religious and study funds. Intercalary matters, contributions to religious funds. All matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the remit of the individual specialist departments. Provision of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye

Table 35: 1905

Year	1905[133]
Organisational form	K. K. Ministerium für Kultus und Unterricht
Responsible minister	Wilhelm von Hartel (31 December 1904 to 11 September 1905) Richard von Bienerth-Schmerling (Head of section, Director since 11 September 1905)
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. 1. Legislative matters relating to the Catholic Church of all rites, except for matters relating to Galician provincial legislation. 2. Administrative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin rite (with the exception of matters concerning Galicia and administrative building matters), namely: Exercise of state jurisdiction over the Church in the areas of administration and judicial proceedings as: Participation in the establishment, modification and abolition, appointment and dismissal of ecclesiastical offices and benefices; Supervision of the exercise of ecclesiastical authority; decisions on the obligation to make payments for religious purposes on the basis of membership of a church community, on the levying of other church taxes and fees, in particular Stolgebühren (stole fee); amendment of Regulations governing stole fees; Granting state assistance for the implementation of ecclesiastical orders and decisions; matters relating to theological diocesan and central educational institutions; patronage matters, including decisions of last instance on the existence of ecclesiastical patronage and on patronage benefits; exercising state supervision and state protection with regard to church property; competition; supervision of monastic cooperatives, in particular the approval of their establishments; endowments of the Roman Catholic Church, including matters relating to congrua and pensions. Estimation and use of religious fund loans. Collections for ecclesiastical purposes. Ecclesiastical foundations. 3. Matters relating to the Old Catholic Church. 4. Recognition of religious societies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Maximilian Hussarek von Heinlein

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	Dep. Ia. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters, including relations between Catholic rites. Administrative and judicial matters of the Catholic Church of the Greek and Armenian rites, as well as administrative and judicial matters of the Latin rite relating to Galicia, with the exception of administrative building matters. The agendas of Galician provincial legislation relating to the Catholic Church of all three rites. Judicial matters relating to Galicia in matters of education. Official: Ministerial Councillor Hieronymus Köller
	Dep. II. Protestant Church A. and H. C., namely: High Church Council A. and H. C. Protestant Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State subsidy for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haymerle
	Dep. III. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Xenophon von Mustatza
	Dep. IV. Legislative, administrative and judicial affairs of the Jewish religious community, in particular: Approval of the establishment of new religious communities and changes to the boundaries of religious community districts, withdrawal of state recognition of existing religious communities; Assignment of Jews living outside the religious community boundaries; approval of statutes for religious communities and amendments thereto; Provisions on the qualifications of rabbis; approval for the appointment of joint rabbis for several religious communities; intervention in services for religious purposes; state supervision. Supervision of the state-subsidised Jewish theological college in Vienna. Granting of subsidies from the Jewish normal school fund for Galicia and Bukovina. – Agenda of the Baron Hirsch Foundation for the promotion of elementary school education in Galicia and Bukovina. Official: Ministerial Councillor Sigismund Pilat

	Dep. V. Construction matters relating to all Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, rectories and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (seminaries, etc.), including the procurement of interior furnishings. Approval of funds for these buildings from the religious fund and the Religious Affairs budget, as well as from ecclesiastical funds, including the granting of loans and subsidies. Purchase of houses and land for these purposes. Approval of collections for the construction of Greek Orthodox churches and parsonages. Construction matters relating to secular buildings belonging to the (Catholic and Greek Orthodox) religious fund or to be carried out using its funds. Official: Ministerial Councillor Josef Lachmayer
	Dep. VI. General university matters. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Reading regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for university students. Matters relating to theological, legal and political studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. Scholarships for law students of Italian and Slovenian nationality. – Faculties of theology, law and political science: personnel matters concerning professors, private lecturers and theological teaching assistants, servant matters, information trips for university professors, training of university teaching staff. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leo Beck von Mannagetta
	Dep. XIII. Educational foundations and study scholarships. Matters relating to convents. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors, teachers, servants and their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Tobisch von Dobischau
	ep. XX. Management of the principal assets of religious and study funds. Intercalary matters, contributions to religious funds. All matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the remit of the individual specialist departments. Provision of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye

Table 36: 1906

Year	1906[134]
Organisational form	K. K. Ministerium für Kultus und Unterricht
Responsible minister	Richard von Bienerth-Schmerling (head until 2 May/2 June 1906) Gustav Marchet (minister since 2 June 1906)
Structure and personnel	Dep. I 1. Legislative matters relating to the Catholic Church of all rites, except for matters relating to Galician provincial legislation. 2. Administrative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin rite (with the exception of matters concerning Galicia and administrative building matters), namely: Exercise of state jurisdiction over the Church in the areas of administration and judicial proceedings as: Participation in the establishment, modification and abolition, appointment and dismissal of ecclesiastical offices and benefices; Supervision of the exercise of ecclesiastical authority; decisions on the obligation to make payments for religious purposes on the basis of membership of a church community, on the levying of other church taxes and fees, in particular Stolgebühren (stole fees); amendment of regulations governing stole fees; Granting state assistance for the implementation of ecclesiastical orders and decisions; matters relating to theological diocesan and central educational institutions; patronage matters, including decisions of last instance on the existence of ecclesiastical patronage and on patronage benefits; exercising state supervision and state protection with regard to church property; competition; supervision of monastic cooperatives, in particular the approval of their establishments; endowments of the Roman Catholic Church, including matters relating to congrua and pensions. Estimation and use of religious fund loans. Collections for ecclesiastical purposes. Ecclesiastical foundations. 3. Matters relating to the Old Catholic Church. 4. Recognition of religious societies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Maximilian Hussarek von Heinlein
	Dep. Ia. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters, including relations between Catholic rites. Administrative and judicial matters of the Catholic Church of the Greek and Armenian rites, as well as administrative and judicial matters of the Latin rite relating to Galicia, with the exception of administrative building matters. The agendas of Galician provincial legislation relating to the Catholic Church of all three rites. Judicial matters relating to Galicia in matters of education. Official: Ministerial Councillor Hieronymus Köller

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Dep. II. Protestant Church A. and H. C., namely: High Curch Council A. and C. C. Protestant Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State subsidy for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Herrnhut Brethren Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Josef von Haymerle
Dep. III. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Xenophon von Mustatza
Dep. IV. Legislative, administrative and judicial affairs of the Jewish religious community, in particular: Approval of the establishment of new religious communities and changes to the boundaries of religious community districts, withdrawal of state recognition of existing religious communities; Assignment of Jews living outside the religious community boundaries; approval of statutes for religious communities and amendments thereto; Provisions on the qualifications of rabbis; approval for the appointment of joint rabbis for several religious communities; intervention in services for religious purposes; state supervision. Supervision of the state-subsidised Jewish theological college in Vienna. Granting of subsidies from the Jewish normal school fund for Galicia and Bukovina. – Agenda of the Baron Hirsch Foundation for the promotion of elementary school education in Galicia and Bukovina. Official: Ministerial Councillor Sigismund Pilat
Dep. V. Construction matters relating to all Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, rectories and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (seminaries, etc.), including the procurement of interior furnishings. Approval of funds for these buildings from the religious fund and the Religious Affairs budget, as well as from ecclesiastical funds, including the granting of loans and subsidies. Purchase of houses and land for these purposes. Approval of collections for the construction of Greek Orthodox churches and parsonages. Construction matters relating to secular buildings belonging to the (Catholic and Greek Orthodox) religious fund or to be carried out using its funds. Official: Ministerial Councillor Josef Lachmayer

	Dep. VI. General university matters. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Lecture regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for university students. Matters relating to theological, legal and political studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. Scholarships for law student with Italian and Slovenian nationality. – Faculties of theology, law and political science: personnel matters concerning professors, private lecturers and theological teaching assistants, servant matters, information trips for university professors, training of university teaching staff. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leo Beck von Mannagetta
	Dep. XIII. Educational foundations and study civil servants, scholarships. Matters relating to convents. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired professors, teachers, servants and their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Tobisch von Dobischau
	Dep. XX. Management of the principal assets of religious and study funds. Intercalary matters, contributions to religious funds. All matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the remit of the individual specialist departments. Provision of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye

Table 37: 1907

Year	1907[135]
Organisational form	K. K. Ministerium für Kultus und Unterricht
Responsible minister	Gustav Marchet
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. 1. Legislative matters relating to the Catholic Church of all rites, except for matters relating to Galician provincial legislation. 2. Administrative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin rite (with the exception of matters concerning Galicia and administrative building matters), namely: Exercise of state jurisdiction over the Church in the areas of administration and judicial proceedings as: Participation in the establishment, modification and abolition, appointment and dismissal of ecclesiastical offices and benefices; Supervision of the exercise of ecclesiastical authority; decisions on the obligation to make payments for religious purposes on the basis of membership of a church community, on the levying of other church taxes and fees, in particular Stolgebühren (stole fees); amendment of regulations governing stole fees; Granting state assistance for the implementation of ecclesiastical orders and decisions; matters relating to theological diocesan and central educational institutions; patronage matters, including decisions of last instance on the existence of ecclesiastical patronage and on patronage benefits; exercising state supervision and state protection with regard to church property; competition; supervision of monastic cooperatives, in particular the approval of their establishments; endowments of the Roman Catholic Church, including matters relating to congrua and pensions. Estimation and use of religious fund loans. Collections for ecclesiastical purposes. Ecclesiastical foundations. 3. Matters concerning the Old Catholic Church. 4. Recognition of religious societies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Heinrich Heidlmair
	Dep. Ia. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters, including relations between Catholic rites. Administrative and judicial matters of the Catholic Church of the Greek and Armenian rites, as well as administrative and judicial matters of the Latin rite relating to Galicia, with the exception of administrative building matters. The agendas of Galician provincial legislation relating to the Catholic Church of all three rites. Judicial matters relating to Galicia in matters of education. Official: Ministerial Councillor Hieronymus Köller

135 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 20 (1907).

	Dep. II. Protestant Church A. and H. C., namely: High Curch Council A. and C. C. Protestant Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State subsidy for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Vice-Secretary Walther Breisky
	Dep. III. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Xenophon von Mustatza
	Dep. IV. Legislative, administrative and judicial affairs of the Jewish religious community, in particular: Approval of the establishment of new religious communities and changes to the boundaries of religious community districts, withdrawal of state recognition of existing religious communities; Assignment of Jews living outside the religious community boundaries; approval of statutes for religious communities and amendments thereto; Provisions on the qualifications of rabbis; approval for the appointment of joint rabbis for several religious communities; intervention in services for religious purposes; state supervision. Supervision of the state-subsidised Jewish theological college in Vienna. Granting of subsidies from the Jewish normal school fund for Galicia and Bukovina. – Agenda of the Baron Hirsch Foundation for the promotion of elementary school education in Galicia and Bukovina. Official: Ministerial Councillor Sigismund Pilat
	Dep. V. Construction matters relating to all Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, rectories and other buildings dedicated to ecclesiastical purposes (seminaries, etc.), including the procurement of interior furnishings. Approval of funds for these buildings from the religious fund and the Religious Affairs budget, as well as from ecclesiastical funds, including the granting of loans and subsidies. Purchase of houses and land for these purposes. Approval of collections for the construction of Greek Orthodox churches and parsonages. Construction matters relating to secular buildings belonging to the (Catholic and Greek Orthodox) religious fund or to be carried out using its funds. Official: Ministerial Councillor Josef Lachmayer

	Dep. VI. General university matters. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Lecture regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for university students. Matters relating to theological, legal and political studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. Scholarships for law students of Italian and Slovenian nationality. – Faculties of theology, law and political science: personnel matters concerning professors, private lecturers and theological teaching assistants, servant matters, information trips for university professors, training of university teaching staff. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leo Beck von Mannagetta
	Dep. XIII. Educational foundations and study scholarships. Matters relating to convents. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors, teachers, servants and their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Tobisch von Dobischau
	Dep. XX. Management of the principal assets of religious and study funds. Intercalary matters, contributions to religious funds. All matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the remit of the individual specialist departments. Provision of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye

Table 38: 1908

Year	1908[136]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Gustav Marchet (until 15 November 1908) Josef von Kaněra (section head, director since 15 November 1908)
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. 1. Legislative matters relating to the Catholic Church of all rites, except for matters relating to Galician provincial legislation. 2. Administrative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin rite (with the exception of matters concerning Galicia and administrative building matters), namely: Exercise of state jurisdiction over the Church in the areas of administration and judicial proceedings as: Participation in the establishment, modification and abolition, appointment and dismissal of ecclesiastical offices and benefices; Supervision of the exercise of ecclesiastical authority; decisions on the obligation to make payments for religious purposes on the basis of membership of a church community, on the levying of other ecclesiastical taxes and fees, in particular the Stolagebühren (stole fees); amendment of the regulations governing stole fees;Granting state assistance for the implementation of ecclesiastical orders and decisions; matters relating to theological diocesan and central educational institutions; patronage matters, including decisions of last instance on the existence of ecclesiastical patronage and on patronage benefits; exercising state supervision and state protection with regard to church property; competition; supervision of monastic cooperatives, in particular the approval of their establishments; endowments of the Roman Catholic Church, including congrua and pension matters. Estimation and use of religious fund loans. Collections for ecclesiastical purposes. Ecclesiastical foundations. 3. Matters concerning the Old Catholic Church. 4. Recognition of religious societies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Heinrich Heidlmair
	Dep. Ia. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters, including relations between Catholic rites. Administrative and judicial matters of the Catholic Church of the Greek and Armenian rites, as well as administrative and judicial matters of the Latin rite relating to Galicia, with the exception of administrative building matters. The agendas of Galician provincial legislation relating to the Catholic Church of all three rites. Judicial matters relating to Galicia in matters of education. Official: Ministerial Councillor Hieronymus Köller

136 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 21 (1908).

Dep. II. Protestant Church A. and H. C., namely: High Curch Council A. and C. C. Protestant Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State subsidy for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Councillor Rudolf von Förster-Streffleur
Dep. III. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Xenophon von Mustatza
Dep. IV. Administrative and contentious matters relating to the Jewish religion. Supervision of the state-subsidised Jewish theological educational institution in Vienna. Granting of subsidies from the Jewish normal school fund for Galicia and Bukovina. Agenda of the Baron Hirsch Foundation for the promotion of elementary school education in Galicia and Bukovina. Official: Ministerial Councillor Sigismund Pilat
Dep. V. Administrative building matters of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, including buildings intended for secular purposes financed by the Greek Orthodox religious fund. Conservation and restoration of architectural monuments of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches. Official: Ministerial Councillor Josef Lachmayer
Dep. VI. General university affairs. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Lecture regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for students at universities. Matters relating to theological and legal studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. Scholarships for law students of Italian and Slovenian nationality. – Faculties of theology and law and political science: personnel matters relating to professors, private lecturers and assistant theological teachers, matters relating to servants, information trips for university professors, training of university teaching staff. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leo Beck von Mannagetta

	Dep. XIII. Educational foundations and study scholarships. Matters relating to convents. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors, teachers, servants and their widows and orphans. Official: Minsterial Councillor Karl Tobisch von Dobischau
	Dep. XX. Management of the principal assets of religious and study funds. Intercalary matters, contributions to religious funds. All matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the remit of the individual specialist departments. Provision of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. All matters relating to the implementation of the Civil Servants Act and measures of a general and legal nature relating to the chancellery support staff. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye

Table 39: 1909

Year	1909[137]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Josef von Kaněra (Head of section, Director until 10 February 1909) Karl Stürgkh (since 10 February 1909)
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. 1. Legislative matters relating to the Catholic Church of all rites, except for matters relating to Galician provincial legislation. 2. Administrative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin rite (with the exception of matters concerning Galicia and administrative building matters), namely: Exercise of state rights vis-à-vis the Church in the areas of administration and judicial authority as: Participation in the establishment, modification and abolition, appointment and dismissal of ecclesiastical offices and benefices; Supervision of the exercise of ecclesiastical authority; Decisions on the obligation to make payments for religious purposes on the grounds of membership of a church community, on the collection of other church taxes and fees, in particular the Stolagebühren (stole fees); Amendment of the Regulations governing stole fees; Granting state assistance for the implementation of ecclesiastical orders and decisions; matters relating to theological diocesan and central educational institutions; patronage matters, including decisions of last instance on the existence of ecclesiastical patronage and on patronage benefits; exercising state supervision and state protection with regard to church property; competition; supervision of monastic cooperatives, in particular the approval of their establishments; endowments of the Roman Catholic Church, including congrua and pension matters. Estimation and use of religious fund loans. Collections for ecclesiastical purposes. Ecclesiastical foundations. 3. Matters concerning the Old Catholic Church. 4. Recognition of religious societies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Heinrich Heidlmair
	Dep. II. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters, including relations between Catholic rites. Administrative and judicial matters of the Catholic Church of the Greek and Armenian rites, as well as administrative and judicial matters of the Latin rite relating to Galicia, with the exception of administrative building matters. The agendas of Galician state legislation relating to the Catholic Church of all three rites. Judicial matters relating to Galicia in matters of education. Official: Ministerial Councillor Hieronymus Köller

137 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 22 (1909).

	Dep. III. Protestant Church A. and H. C., namely: High Curch Council A. and C. C. Protestant-Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State support allowance for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Building matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Councillor Rudolf von Förster-Streffleur
	Dep. IV. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Dunovský
	Dep. V. Administrative and contentious matters relating to the Jewish religion. Supervision of the state-subsidised Jewish theological educational institution in Vienna. Granting of subsidies from the Jewish normal school fund for Galicia and Bukovina. – Agenda of the Baron Hirsch Foundation for the promotion of elementary school education in Galicia and Bukovina. Official: Ministerial Councillor Sigismund Pilat
	Dep. VI. Administrative building matters of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, including buildings intended for secular purposes financed by the Greek Orthodox religious fund. Conservation and restoration of architectural monuments of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches. Official: Ministerial Councillor Josef Lachmayer
	Dep. VII. General university matters. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Reading regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for university students. Matters relating to theological, legal and political studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. Scholarships for Italian and Slovenian law students nationalities. – Faculties of theology, law and political science: personnel matters concerning professors, private lecturers and theological teaching assistants, servant matters, information trips for university professors, training of university teaching staff. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leo Beck von Mannagetta

	Dep. XV. Educational foundations and study scholarships. Matters relating to convents. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired civil servants, professors, teachers, servants and their widows and orphans. Official: Ministerial Councillor Karl Tobisch von Dobischau
	Dep. XX. Management of the principal assets of religious and study funds. Intercalary matters, contributions to religious funds. All matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the remit of the individual specialist departments. Provision of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. All measures of a general and legal nature relating to the implementation of the Servants Act and that of the office support staff. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye

Table 40: 1910

Year	1910[138]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Karl Stürgkh
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. 1. Legislative matters relating to the Catholic Church of all rites, except for matters relating to Galician provincial legislation. 2. Administrative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin rite (with the exception of matters concerning Galicia and administrative building matters), namely: Exercise of state jurisdiction over the Church in the areas of administration and judicial proceedings as: Participation in the establishment, modification and abolition, appointment and dismissal of ecclesiastical offices and benefices; Supervision of the exercise of ecclesiastical authority; decisions on the obligation to make payments for religious purposes on the basis of membership of a church community, on the levying of other ecclesiastical taxes and fees, in particular the Stolagebühren (stole fees); amendment of the Regulations governing stole fees; Granting state assistance for the implementation of ecclesiastical orders and decisions; matters relating to theological diocesan and central educational institutions; patronage matters, including decisions of last instance on the existence of ecclesiastical patronage and on patronage benefits; exercising state supervision and state protection with regard to church property; competition; supervision of monastic cooperatives, in particular the approval of their establishments; endowments of the Roman Catholic Church, including congrua and pension matters. Estimation and use of religious fund loans. Collections for ecclesiastical purposes. Ecclesiastical foundations. 3. Matters concerning the Old Catholic Church. 4. Recognition of religious societies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Heinrich Heidlmair
	Dep. II. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters, including relations between Catholic rites. Administrative and judicial matters of the Catholic Church of the Greek and Armenian rites, as well as administrative and judicial matters of the Latin rite relating to Galicia, with the exception of administrative building matters. The agendas of Galician provincial legislation relating to the Catholic Church of all three rites. Judicial matters relating to Galicia in matters of education. Official: Ministerial Councillor Hieronymus Köller

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Dep. III. Protestant Church A. and H. C., namely: High Curch Council A. and C. C. Protestant Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State subsidy for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Herrnhut Brethren Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Councillor Rudolf von Förster-Streffleur
Dep. IV. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Dunovský
Dep. V. Administrative and contentious matters relating to the Jewish religion. Supervision of the state-subsidised Jewish theological educational institution in Vienna. Granting of subsidies from the Jewish normal school fund for Galicia and Bukovina. Agenda of the Baron Hirsch Foundation for the promotion of elementary school education in Galicia and Bukovina. Official: Ministerial Councillor Sigismund Pilat
Dep. VI. Administrative building matters of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, including buildings intended for secular purposes financed by the Greek Orthodox religious fund. Conservation and restoration of architectural monuments of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches. Official: Ministerial Councillor Josef Lachmayer
Dep. VII. General university matters. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Reading regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for students at universities. Matters relating to theological and legal studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. Scholarships for Italian and Slovenian law students nationalities. – Faculties of theology and law and political science: personnel matters relating to professors, private lecturers and assistant theological teachers, matters relating to servants, information trips for university professors, training of university teaching staff. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Central Statistical Commission. Official: Ministerial Councillor Richard von Hampe

	Dep. XV. Educational foundations and study scholarships. Matters relating to convents. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired, professors, teachers, servants and their widows and orphans. Deputy: Ministerial Councillor Karl Tobisch von Dobischau
	Dep. XX. Management of the principal assets of religious and study funds. Intercalary matters, contributions to religious funds. All matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the remit of the individual specialist departments. Provision of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. All matters relating to the implementation of the Civil Servants Act and on measures of a general and legal nature relating to the office staff. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye

Table 41: 1911

Year	1911[139]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Karl Stürgkh (until 3 November 1911) Max Hussarek von Heinlein (since 3 November 1911)
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. 1. Legislative matters relating to the Catholic Church of all rites, except for matters relating to Galician provincial legislation. 2. Administrative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin rite (with the exception of matters concerning Galicia and administrative building matters), namely: Exercise of state rights vis-à-vis the Church in the areas of administration and judicial jurisdiction as: Participation in the establishment, modification and abolition, appointment and dismissal of ecclesiastical offices and benefices; Supervision of the exercise of ecclesiastical authority; Decisions on the obligation to make payments for religious purposes on the grounds of membership of a church community, on the collection of other church taxes and fees, in particular the Stolagebühren (stole fees); Amendment of the Regulations governing stole fees; Granting state assistance for the implementation of ecclesiastical orders and decisions; matters relating to theological diocesan and central educational institutions; patronage matters, including decisions of last instance on the existence of ecclesiastical patronage and on patronage benefits; exercising state supervision and state protection with regard to church property; competition; supervision of monastic cooperatives, in particular the approval of their establishments; endowments of the Roman Catholic Church, including congrua and pension matters. Estimation and use of religious fund loans. Collections for ecclesiastical purposes. Ecclesiastical foundations. 3. Matters concerning the Old Catholic Church. 4. Recognition of religious societies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Heinrich Heidlmair
	Dep. II. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters, including relations between the Catholic rites. Administrative and judicial matters of the Catholic Church of the Greek and Armenian rites, as well as administrative and judicial matters of the Latin rite relating to Galicia, with the exception of administrative building matters. The agendas of Galician state legislation relating to the Catholic Church of all three rites. Judicial matters relating to Galicia in matters of education. Official: Ministerial Councillor Hieronymus Köller

139 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 24 (1911).

	Dep. III. Protestant Church A. and H. B., namely: High Curch Council A. and C. B. Protestant-Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State support allowance for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Building matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Councillor Rudolf von Förster-Streffleur
	Dep. IV. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Dunovský
	Dep. V. Administrative and contentious matters relating to the Jewish community. Supervision of the state-subsidised Jewish theological college in Vienna. Granting of subsidies from the Jewish normal school fund for Galicia and Bukovina. Agenda of the Baron Hirsch Foundation for the promotion of elementary school education in Galicia and Bukovina. Official: Ministerial Councillor Sigismund Pilat
	Dep. VI. Administrative building matters of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, including buildings intended for secular purposes financed by the Greek Orthodox religious fund. Conservation and restoration of architectural monuments of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches. Official: Ministerial Councillor Benno Fritsch
	Dep. VII. General university matters. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Lecture regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for university students. Matters relating to theological, legal and political studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. Scholarships for law students of Italian and Slovenian nationality. – Faculties of theology, law and political science: personnel matters concerning professors, private lecturers and theological teaching assistants, servant matters, information trips for university professors, training of university teaching staff. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Central Statistical Commission. Official: Ministerial Councillor Richard von Hampe

	Dep. XV. Educational foundations and study scholarships. Matters relating to convents. Cases of clemency. Pension matters relating to retired officials, professors, teachers, servants and their widows and orphans. Official: Section Councillor Egon Zweig
	Dep. XX. Management of the capital assets of religious and study funds. Intercalary matters, contributions to religious funds. All matters of a general legal nature, insofar as they fall outside the remit of the individual specialist departments. Provision of expert opinions and statements on all legal and legislative matters relating to the department. All matters relating to the implementation of the Civil Servants Act and measures of a general and legal nature relating to the office support staff. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Hye

Table 42: 1912

Year	1912[140]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Max Hussarek von Heinlein
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. 1. Legislative matters relating to the Catholic Church of all rites, except for matters relating to Galician provincial legislation. 2. Administrative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin rite (with the exception of matters concerning Galicia and administrative building matters), namely: Exercise of state jurisdiction over the Church in the areas of administration and judicial proceedings as: Participation in the establishment, modification and abolition, appointment and dismissal of ecclesiastical offices and benefices; Supervision of the exercise of ecclesiastical authority; decisions on the obligation to make payments for religious purposes on the basis of membership of a church community, on the levying of other ecclesiastical taxes and fees, in particular the Stolagebühren (stole fees); amendment of the Regulations governing stole fees; Granting state assistance for the implementation of ecclesiastical orders and decisions; matters relating to theological diocesan and central educational institutions; patronage matters, including decisions of last instance on the existence of ecclesiastical patronage and on patronage benefits; exercising state supervision and state protection with regard to church property; competition; supervision of monastic cooperatives, in particular the approval of their establishments; endowments of the Roman Catholic Church, including congrua and pension matters. Estimation and use of religious fund loans. Collections for ecclesiastical purposes. Ecclesiastical foundations. 3. Matters relating to the Old Catholic Church. 4. Recognition of religious societies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Richard von Hampe
	Dep. II. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters, including relations between Catholic rites. Administrative and judicial matters of the Catholic Church of the Greek and Armenian rites, as well as administrative and judicial matters of the Latin rite relating to Galicia, with the exception of administrative building matters. The agendas of Galician state legislation relating to the Catholic Church of all three rites. Judicial matters relating to Galicia in matters of education. Official: Ministerial Councillor Hieronymus Köller

140 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 25 (1912).

	Dep. III. Protestant Church A. and H. B., namely: High Curch Council A. and H. C. Protestant Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State support allowance for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Councillor Rudolf von Förster-Streffleur
	Dep. IV. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Dunovský
	Dep. V. Administrative and contentious matters relating to the Jewish religion. Supervision of the state-subsidised Jewish theological educational institution in Vienna. Granting of subsidies from the Jewish normal school fund for Galicia and Bukovina. Agenda of the Baron Hirsch Foundation for the promotion of elementary school education in Galicia and Bukovina. Official: Ministerial Councillor Sigismund Pilat
	Dep. VI. Administrative building matters of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, including buildings intended for secular purposes financed by the Greek Orthodox religious fund. Conservation and restoration of architectural monuments of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches. Official: Section Councillor Benno Fritsch
	Dep. VII. General university matters. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Reading regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for students at universities. Matters relating to theological and legal studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. Scholarships for Italian and Slovenian law students nationalities. – Faculties of theology and law and political science: personnel matters relating to professors, private lecturers and assistant theological teachers, matters relating to servants, information trips for university professors, training of teachers at universities. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Central Statistical Commission. Official: Section Councillor Johann Maurus
	Dep. XV. Management of the principal assets of the religious funds and liquidation of the study funds. Intercalary matters. Contributions to religious funds. Educational foundations and study scholarships and matters relating to convents. Official: Section Councillor Leopold von Hartig

Table 43: 1913

Year	1913[141]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Max Hussarek von Heinlein
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. 1. Legislative matters relating to the Catholic Church of all rites, except for matters relating to Galician provincial legislation. 2. Administrative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin rite (with the exception of matters concerning Galicia and administrative building matters), namely: Exercise of state rights vis-à-vis the Church in the areas of administration and judicial authority as: Participation in the establishment, modification and abolition of ecclesiastical offices and benefices, and in the appointment and dismissal of ecclesiastical officials; supervision of the exercise of ecclesiastical authority; decisions on the obligation to make payments for religious purposes on the grounds of membership of a church community, on the levying of other ecclesiastical taxes and fees, in particular Stolgebühren (stole fees); amendment of regulations governing stole fees; Granting state assistance for the implementation of ecclesiastical orders and decisions; matters relating to theological diocesan and central educational institutions; patronage matters, including decisions of last instance on the existence of ecclesiastical patronage and on patronage benefits; exercising state supervision and state protection with regard to church property; competition; supervision of monastic cooperatives, in particular the approval of their establishments; endowments of the Roman Catholic Church, including matters relating to congrua and pensions. Estimation and use of religious fund loans. Collections for ecclesiastical purposes. Ecclesiastical foundations. 3. Matters concerning the Old Catholic Church. 4. Recognition of religious societies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Dunovský
	Dep. II. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters, including relations between Catholic rites. Administrative and judicial matters of the Catholic Church of the Greek and Armenian rites, as well as administrative and judicial matters of the Latin rite relating to Galicia, with the exception of administrative building matters. The agendas of Galician provincial legislation relating to the Catholic Church of all three rites. Judicial matters relating to Galicia in matters of education. Official: Ministerial Councillor Stanislaus Piekarski

141 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 26 (1913).

	Dep. III. Protestant Church A. and H. C., namely: High Church Council A. and H. C. Protestant-Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State subsidy for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Building matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Councillor Rudolf von Förster-Streffleur
	Dep. IV. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Theophil Gramatowicz
	Dep. V. Administrative and contentious Jewish Religious Affairs. Supervision of the state-subsidised Jewish theological educational institution in Vienna. Granting of subsidies from the Jewish normal school fund for Galicia and Bukovina. Agenda of the Baron Hirsch Foundation for the promotion of elementary school education in Galicia and Bukovina. Official: Ministerial Councillor Sigismund Pilat
	Dep. VI. Administrative building matters of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, including buildings intended for secular purposes financed by the Greek Orthodox religious fund. Conservation and restoration of architectural monuments of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches. Official: Ministerial Councillor Benno Fritsch
	Dep. VII. General university matters. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Lecture regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for university students. Matters relating to theological, legal and political studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. – Theological, legal and political faculties: personnel matters concerning professors, private lecturers and theological teaching assistants, servant matters, information trips for university professors, training of teachers at universities. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Central Statistical Commission. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann Maurus
	Dep. XV. Management of the principal assets of the religious funds and liquidation of the study funds. Intercalary matters. Contributions to religious funds. Educational foundations and study scholarships and matters relating to convents. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leopold von Hartig

Table 44: 1914

Year	1914[142]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Max Hussarek von Heinlein
Structure and personnel	Dep. I. 1. Legislative matters relating to the Catholic Church of all rites, except for matters relating to Galician provincial legislation. 2. Administrative and judicial matters relating to the Catholic Church of the Latin rite (with the exception of matters concerning Galicia and administrative building matters), namely: Exercise of state jurisdiction over the Church in the areas of administration and judicial proceedings as: Participation in the establishment, modification and abolition, appointment and dismissal of ecclesiastical offices and benefices; Supervision of the exercise of ecclesiastical authority; decisions on the obligation to make payments for religious purposes on the basis of membership of a church community, on the levying of other church taxes and fees, in particular Stolgebühren (stole fees); amendment of regulations governing stole fees; Granting state assistance for the implementation of ecclesiastical orders and decisions; matters relating to theological diocesan and central educational institutions; patronage matters, including decisions of last instance on the existence of ecclesiastical patronage and on patronage benefits; exercising state supervision and state protection with regard to church property; competition; supervision of monastic cooperatives, in particular the approval of their establishments; endowments of the Roman Catholic Church, including matters relating to congrua and pensions. Estimation and use of religious fund loans. Collections for ecclesiastical purposes. Ecclesiastical foundations. 3. Matters concerning the Old Catholic Church. 4. Recognition of religious societies. Official: Ministerial Councillor Franz Dunovský
	Dep. II. Interdenominational relations in administrative, legislative and judicial matters, including relations between Catholic rites. Administrative and judicial matters of the Catholic Church of the Greek and Armenian rites, as well as administrative and judicial matters of the Latin rite relating to Galicia, with the exception of administrative building matters. The agendas of Galician provincial legislation relating to the Catholic Church of all three rites. Judicial matters relating to Galicia in matters of education. Official: Ministerial Councillor Stanislaus Piekarski

142 See Yearbook of Higher Education in Austria, including vocational schools and the most important educational institutions 27 (1914).

	Dep. III. Protestant Church A. and H. C., namely: High Curch Council A. and H. C. Protestant Theological Faculty, provision for widows and orphans of Protestant officials. State support allowance for the Protestant Church A. and H. C. Construction matters relating to buildings and premises dedicated to Protestant purposes. Religious Affairs of the Moravian Church, then of the legally unrecognised Protestant religious communities (Mennonites, Methodists, etc.). Official: Ministerial Councillor Rudolf von Förster-Streffleur
	Dep. IV. Religious Affairs of the Greek Orthodox Church. Greek Orthodox theological educational institutions. Bukovina Greek Orthodox religious fund, including estimates and financial statements. Official: Ministerial Councillor Theophil Gramatowicz
	Dep. V. Administrative and contentious Jewish Religious Affairs. Supervision of the state-subsidised Jewish theological educational institution in Vienna. Granting of subsidies from the Jewish normal school fund for Galicia and Bukovina. Agenda of the Baron Hirsch Foundation for the promotion of elementary school education in Galicia and Bukovina. Official: Ministerial Councillor Sigismund Pilat
	Dep. VI. Administrative building matters of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches, including buildings intended for secular purposes financed by the Greek Orthodox religious fund. Conservation and restoration of architectural monuments of the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches. Official: Ministerial Councillor Benno Fritsch
	Dep. VII. General university affairs. Academic authorities. University chancellery, bursar's office, university archives, university chancellery fund, university titles. Popular university lectures. Reading regulations. Statistical reports. Promotion sub auspiciis Imperatoris. Disciplinary matters. Student associations. Subsidies for student welfare and support associations. Support for students at universities. Matters relating to theological and legal studies and examinations. Theological and legal seminars. – Theological and legal faculties: personnel matters relating to professors, private lecturers and theological teaching assistants, servant matters, information trips for university professors, training of university teaching staff. Scientific undertakings and trips, Lackenbacher Foundation. Central Statistical Commission. Official: Ministerial Councillor Johann Maurus
	Dep. XV. Management of the principal assets of the religious funds and liquidation of the study funds. Intercalary matters. Contributions to religious funds. Educational foundations and study scholarships and matters relating to convents. Official: Ministerial Councillor Leopold von Hartig

Table 45: 1915–1918

Year	1915–1918[143]
Organisational form	Imperial and Royal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education
Responsible minister	Max Hussarek von Heinlein (until 23 June 1917) Ludwig Ćwikliński (head from 23 June 1917 to 30 August 1917; Minister from 30 August 1917 to 25 July 1918) Georg von Madeyski (25 July 1918 to 27 October 1918) Richard von Hampe (27 October 1918 to 11 November 1918)

Table 46: 1918

Year	1918[144]
Organisational form	German-Austrian State Office for Education
Responsible minister	Rafael Pacher (State Secretary, 30 October 1918 – 5 March 1919)
Head	Ministerial Councillor Egon Loebenstein von Aigenhorst
Structure and personnel	Section I: Department 1 (formerly Dep. I and II) Executive Board: Ministerial Councillor Leopold Hartig Section Councillor Leodegar Petrin Governor's Secretary Franz Gudenus District Commissioner Egon Wallentin
	Department 3 (formerly Dep. IV–V) Executive Board: Ministerial Councillor Emilian Kallina von Urbanow
	Department 4 (formerly Dep. VI) Executive Board: Section Councillor Robert von Glotz Ministerial Secretary Karl Schultes-Kleimayr von Felzdorf und Tzimitz
	Department 5 (formerly Dep. XV) Executive Board: Ministerial Councillor Benno Fritsch Court Secretary Raoul Braun von Fernwald
	Department 6 (formerly Dep. VII) Executive Board: Ministerial Councillor Johann Maurus Ministerial Councillor Karl Egghard District Administrator Josef von Odelga
	Section IV (Section Head Milosch von Fesch): Department 2 (formerly Dep. III) Executive Board: Ministerial Councillor Rudolf von Förster-Streffleur Ministerial Secretary Alfons Klapsia

143 No detailed Department of departments was found for the years 1915 to 1918. However, the ministry's staffing levels (see *Court and State Handbook* 41–44 (1915–1918)) show only one departure for the officials listed in 1914: Sigismund Pilat is no longer listed from 1916 onwards. The remaining department heads (Dunovský, Piekarski, Förster-Streffleur, Gramatowicz, Fritsch, Maurus and Hartig) remained on the ministry's staff.

144 For the new Department of departments on 14 November 1918, see AVA, U-Präs 34/1918.

Table 47: 1919

Year	1919[145]
Organisational form	State Office for the Interior and Education, Office of Religious Affairs
Responsible minister	Karl Renner (Chancellor, State Secretary for the Interior and Education from 5 March to 9 May 1919) Matthias Eldersch (State Secretary for the Interior and Education from 9 May to 17 October 1919)
Head	Undersecretary Wilhelm Miklas (from 5 March 1919) Egon Loebenstein (Head of the Section for Religious, Science and General Legal and Personnel Affairs)[146]
Structure and personnel	Department I
	Department II
	Department III
	Department IV (formerly 4 and 5)

Table 48: 1920

Year	1920
Organisational form	State Office for the Interior and Education, Office of Religious Affairs
Responsible minister	Walter Breisky (State Secretary for the Interior and Education (7 July to 20 November 1920)
Head	Undersecretary Wilhelm Miklas (until 24 June 1920) Egon Loebenstein (Head of the Section for Religious, Science and General Legal and Personnel Affairs)

145 See the service instructions on the position of Undersecretary Wilhelm Miklas, 19 November 1919, AVA, U-Präs 3088/1919.

146 See the article on Egon Loebenstein in: Gertrude Enderle-Burcel/Michaela Follner, Diener vieler Herren. Biographisches Handbuch der Sektionschefs der Ersten Republik und des Jahres 1945, published by the Documentation Archive of the Austrian Resistance and the Austrian Society for Historical Source Studies, Vienna 1997, 272–274. Loebenstein is listed here as section head for the years 1918 to 1938. This fact has not been verified for the years 1919 to 1921 on the basis of other sources.

Table 49: 1921

Year	1921
Organisational form	Federal Ministry of the Interior and Education
Responsible minister	Egon Glanz (Federal Minister, 20 November 1920 – 7 April 1921) Walter Breisky (Vice-Chancellor, Head of the Ministry 7 – 23 April 1921) Rudolf Ramek (Federal Minister, 23 April – 21 June 1921)
Head	Walter Breisky (Head of Education and Religious Affairs) Egon Loebenstein (Head of the Section for Religious, Science and General Legal and Personnel Affairs)

Table 50: 1922

Year	1922[147]
Organisational form	„Office of Religious Affairs" within the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Education (subdivided into the Department of the Interior, the Education Office and the Office of Religious Affairs)
Responsible minister	Leopold Waber (until 16 January 1922) Johann Schober (entrusted with the management of the office from 16 to 26 January 1922) Walter Breisky (entrusted with the management of the office from 26 to 27 January 1922) Johann Schober (entrusted with the management of the Federal Ministry from 27 January to 31 May 1922) Felix Frank (Vice-Chancellor, entrusted with the management of the Federal Ministry from 31 May 1922 to 17 April 1923)
Head	Walter Breisky, Vice-Chancellor (entrusted with the management of Religious Affairs until 31 May 1922)
Structure and personnel	In extraordinary service: Franz Martin Schindler
	Department 1 (Catholic Church): Ministerial Councillor Wilhelm Gerl Viktor Fuchs Egon Wallentin Ernst Hefel
	Department 2 (Protestant Culture): Alfons Klapsia
	Department 3 (Jewish and Greek-Oriental Religious Affairs): Raoul Braun
	Department 4 (Catholic Religious Affairs, Building Affairs, Religious Funds, Intercalary Matters, Interdenominational Affairs): Robert Glotz Raoul Braun Alfred Schaller

147 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 1 (1922).

Table 51: 1923

Year	1923[148]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs" within the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Education (subdivided into the Department of the Interior, the Education Office and the Office of Religious Affairs)
Responsible minister	Emil Schneider (from 17 April 1923)
Head	Egon Loebenstein
Structure and personnel	Department 1 (Roman Catholic Culture): Ministerial Councillor Wilhelm Gerl
	Department 2 (Protestant Religious Affairs): Alfons Klapsia
	Department 3 (Greek-Oriental and Jewish Religious Affairs, interdenominational affairs, religious buildings): Karl Hartel

Table 52: 1924

Year	1924[149]
Organisational form	„Religious Affairs Section" in the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Emil Schneider
Head	Egon Loebenstein
Structure and personnel	Department 15 (Catholic Religious Affairs): Ministerial Councillor Wilhelm Gerl
	Department 16 (Protestant Religious Affairs): Alfons Klapsia
	Department 17 (Interdenominational Affairs, Religious Buildings, Religious Endowment Funds, Greek Orthodox and Jewish Religious Affairs): Karl Hartel

148 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 2 (1923).
149 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 3 (1924).

Table 53: 1925

Year	1925[150]
Organisational form	„Religious Affairs Section“ in the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Emil Schneider
Head	Head of section Egon Loebenstein
Structure and personnel	Department 15: Catholic Religious Affairs: Wilhelm Gerl Egon Wallentin Ernst Hefel Paul Weckbecker
	Department 16: Protestant Culture: Alfons Klapsia
	Department 17: Interdenominational Affairs, Religious Buildings, Religious Endowment Funds, Matters relating to the Greek Orthodox and Jewish faiths: Karl Hartel Alfred Schaller

Table 54: 1926

Year	1926[151]
Organisational form	„Office of Religious Affairs“ (outside the section association) in the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Emil Schneider (until 16 June 1926) Josef Resch (Federal Minister for Social Administration, entrusted with continuing the work of the Federal Ministry of Education from 16 to 25 June 1926) Anton Rintelen (Federal Minister from 25 June 1926 to 20 October 1926) Richard Schmitz (Federal Minister since 20 October 1926)
Head	Entrusted with the revision: Section Head Egon Loebenstein Paul Scapinelli
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Egon Wallentin Ernst Hefel Paul Weckbecker
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfons Klapsia
	Interdenominational matters, religious buildings, religious endowment assets, matters relating to the Greek Orthodox and Jewish faiths: Josef Fohr Theodor Eberstaller

150 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 4 (1925).
151 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 5 (1926).

Table 55: 1927

Year	1927[152]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs" (outside the sectional association) in the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Richard Schmitz

Table 56: 1928

Year	1928[153]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs" (outside the sectional association) in the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Richard Schmitz
Head	Entrusted with the revision: Section Head Egon Loebenstein Paul Scapinelli
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Egon Wallentin Ernst Hefel Alois Großmann
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfons Klapsia
	Interdenominational matters, religious buildings, religious endowment assets, matters relating to the Greek Orthodox and Jewish faiths: Josef Fohr Theodor Eberstaller

Table 57: 1929

Year	1929[154]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs" (outside the sectional association) in the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Richard Schmitz (until 4 May 1929) Emmerich Czermak (4 May 1929 to 26 September 1929) Johann Schober, Federal Chancellor (entrusted with the management of the ministry from 26 September 1929 to 16 October 1929)
Head	Entrusted with the revision: Section Head Egon Loebenstein Paul Scapinelli
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Egon Wallentin

152 No official calendar was published for the year 1927.
153 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 7 (1928).
154 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 8 (1929).

	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfons Klapsia
	Interdenominational matters, religious buildings, religious endowment assets, matters relating to the Greek Orthodox and Jewish faiths: Josef Fohr
	Assigned: Theodor Eberstaller Ernst Hefel Alois Großmann Anton Track

Table 58: 1930

Year	1930[155]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs" (outside the section association) in the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Heinrich Srbik (from 16 October 1929 to 30 September 1930) Emmerich Czermak (since 30 September 1930)
Head	Entrusted with the revision: Section Head Egon Loebenstein Paul Scapinelli
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Egon Wallentin
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfons Klapsia
	Interdenominational matters, religious buildings, religious endowment assets, matters relating to the Greek Orthodox and Jewish faiths: Josef Fohr
	Assigned: Theodor Eberstaller Ernst Hefel Anton Track Viktor Fröhlichsthal

155 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 9 (1930).

Table 59: 1931

Year	1931[156]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs" in the Federal Ministry of Education (outside the section association)
Responsible minister	Emmerich Czermak
Head	Section Head Egon Loebenstein
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Paul Scapinelli Egon Wallentin
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfons Klapsia
	Interdenominational [affairs], matters relating to the Greek Orthodox and Jewish faiths: Josef Fohr
	Assigned: Theodor Eberstaller Ernst Hefel Otto Skrbensky Anton Track

Table 60: 1932

Year	1932[157]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs" in the Federal Ministry of Education (outside the section association)
Responsible minister	Emmerich Czermak (until 20 May 1932) Anton Rintelen (since 20 May 1932)
Head	Entrusted with the revision: Egon Loebenstein Paul Scapinelli
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Egon Wallentin
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfred Hansel
	Interdenominational matters, religious buildings, religious endowment assets, matters relating to the Greek Orthodox and Jewish faiths: Josef Fohr
	Assigned: Theodor Eberstaller Ernst Hefel Otto Skrbensky Anton Track

156 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 10 (1931).
157 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 11 (1932).

Table 61: 1933

Year	1933[158]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs" in the Federal Ministry of Education (outside the section association)
Responsible minister	Anton Rintelen (until 24 May 1933) Kurt Schuschnigg, Federal Minister of Justice (entrusted with the provisional continuation of the ministry's affairs from 24 May 1933 to 21 September 1933; Federal Minister since 21 September 1933)
Head	Entrusted with the revision: Egon Loebenstein Paul Scapinelli
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Egon Wallentin
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfred Hansel
	Interdenominational matters, religious buildings, religious endowment assets, matters relating to the Greek Orthodox and Jewish faiths: Josef Fohr
	Assigned: Theodor Eberstaller Ernst Hefel Otto Skrbensky Paul Weckbecker
	In special capacity as Officials: Josef Bick Salomon Frankfurter Franz Kamprath Klemens Ottel Hans Rebel Fortunat Schubert-Soldern

Table 62: 1934

Year	1934[159]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Kurt Schuschnigg (Chancellor since 29 July 1934, entrusted with the leadership of the Federal Ministry since 29 July 1934) Accompanying State Secretary: Hans Pernter
Head	Entrusted with the revision: Egon Loebenstein Paul Scapinelli

158 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 12 (1933).
159 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 13 (1934).

Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Egon Wallentin
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfred Hansel
	Interdenominational matters, religious buildings, religious endowment assets, matters relating to the Greek Orthodox and Jewish faiths: Josef Fohr
	Assigned: Ernst Hefel Theodor Eberstaller Otto Skrbensky Paul Weckbecker

Table 63: 1935

Year	1935[160]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Kurt Schuschnigg Accompanying State Secretary: Hans Pernter
Head	Entrusted with the revision: Egon Loebenstein
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Egon Wallentin Ernst Hefel Otto Skrbensky
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfred Hansel
	Interdenominational matters, religious buildings, religious endowment assets, matters relating to the Greek Orthodox and Jewish faiths: Josef Fohr Theodor Eberstaller Paul Weckbecker
	In special capacity as Officials: Josef Bick Salomon Frankfurter Franz Kamprath Klemens Ottel Hans Rebel Friedrich Schreyvogl Fortunat Schubert-Soldern

160 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 14 (1935).

Table 64: 1936

Year	1936[161]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Kurt Schuschnigg (until 14 May 1936) Hans Pernter (Federal Minister from 14 May 1936 to 10 October 1936) Kurt Schuschnigg, Federal Chancellor (entrusted with the leadership of the Federal Ministry on 10 October 1936) Hans Pernter (Federal Minister from 10 October 1936)
Head	Entrusted with the revision: Egon Loebenstein
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Egon Wallentin Ernst Hefel Otto Skrbensky Bernhard Troll-Obergfell
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfred Hansel
	Interdenominational matters, religious buildings, religious endowment assets, matters relating to the Greek Orthodox and Jewish faiths: Josef Fohr Theodor Eberstaller Paul Weckbecker
	In special capacity as Officials: Josef Bick Salomon Frankfurter Franz Kamprath Klemens Ottel Friedrich Schreyvogl

Table 65: 1937

Year	1937[162]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Hans Pernter
Head	Entrusted with the revision: Egon Loebenstein
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Ernst Hefel Bernhard Troll-Obergfell
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfred Hansel

161 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 15 (1936).
162 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 16 (1937).

	Interdenominational matters, religious buildings, religious endowment assets, matters relating to the Greek Orthodox and Jewish faiths: Josef Fohr Theodor Eberstaller Paul Weckbecker
	In special capacity as Officials: Josef Bick Salomon Frankfurter Franz Kamprath Klemens Ottel Friedrich Schreyvogl Theodor Veiter

Table 66: 1938

Year	1938[163]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Hans Pernter (until 12 March 1938)
Head	Entrusted with the revision: Egon Loebenstein
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Ernst Hefel Bernhard Troll-Obergfell Heinrich Drimmel
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfred Hansel
	Interdenominational matters, religious buildings, religious endowment assets, matters relating to the Greek Orthodox and Jewish faiths: Josef Fohr Theodor Eberstaller Paul Weckbecker
	In special capacity as Officials: Josef Bick Salomon Frankfurter Franz Kamprath Josef Lechthaler Klemens Ottel Friedrich Schreyvogl

With the invasion of German troops in March 1938 and the violent seizure of power by the National Socialists, the central administrative structure, which was to be gradually incorporated into the German Reich, was also changed. Thus, the Ministry of Education, and with it the Religious Affairs agenda, was transferred to a newly created „Ministry of

163 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 17 (1938).

the Interior and Religious Affairs".[164] The subsequent purge of „politically unacceptable" personnel included, among many others, Egon Loebenstein and Ernst Hefel, who were forced to leave the service.[165] Auxiliary Bishop Franz Kamprath, who had previously served as a Official to the ministry, was also dismissed with immediate effect on 30 April 1938.166 [166] Only a few civil servants who expressed their reluctance to move to Berlin responded to the call of the Reich Church Ministry, which was suffering from a shortage of personnel.[167]

Table 67: 1938

Year	1938 after the Nazi takeover in Austria168[168]
Organisational form	Ministry of Internal and Religious Affairs, Department IV „Education, Religion and Public Education", Group 2 „Religious Affairs"
Responsible minister	Head Arthur Seyß-Inquart, Deputy Hubert Klausner
Head	State Commissioner for Religious Affairs Friedrich Plattner[169] Kurt Krüger (Director), since 25 July 1938
Structure and personnel	Department A: Catholic Religious Affairs: Egon Wallentin Bernhard Troll-Obergfell
	Department B: Protestant Affairs: Alfred Hansel
	Department C: Interdenominational Affairs, including „small religious communities and sects": Theodor Eberstaller Paul Weckbecker

164 See Emmerich Tálos, *From the Liquidation of Statehood to the Establishment of the Reich Gaue of the "Ostmark". On the Restructuring of the Political and Administrative Structure,* in: Ibid. et al. (eds.), *NS Rule in Austria. A Handbook,* Vienna 2000, 55–72, here: 59.

165 See the proceedings in AVA, U-Präs 342/1938, Ministry of Internal and Religious Affairs, Pres IV- 1-1176/1938; Walter Goldinger, *Die Überleitung der österreichischen Kultusverwaltung nach dem März 1938 (The Transfer of the Austrian Reigious Affairs Administration after March 1938),* in: Zeitgeschichte 5 (1977/78), 418–429. See also AVA, Ministry of Internal and Religious Affairs, Pres. IV-1a-305/1939. Heinrich Drimmel provides a vivid account of the events in the ministry in *Die Häuser meines Lebens, 3rd edition,* Vienna 1975, 220–222.

166 See AVA, Ministry of Internal and Religious Affairs, Pres. 413/1938.

167 See AVA, Ministry of Internal and Religious Affairs, Pres. IV-1a-307/1939.

168 As of 31 August 1938, cf. the file note of the Reich Ministry of Church Affairs concerning the handling of ecclesiastical matters, Berlin, 31 August 1938, Federal Archives Berlin-Lichterfelde, R 5101/21700, reprinted in: *Documents on the Church Policy of the Third Reich,* Vol. VI/1. 1938–1945. *Church policy in the incorporated and expropriated territories (*March 1938 – March 1945), edited by Gertraud Grünzinger, Gütersloh 2017, 169f; *Ostmark-Jahrbuch* 185 (1939), 193.

169 See AVA, U-Präs 724/1938 and the letter of appointment dated 14 June 1938 contained therein.

With the "Ordinance on the Transfer of Tasks and Powers of the Reich Governor in Austria (Austrian Provincial Government)" of 11 January 1940, most tasks and powers were transferred to the Reich Ministry of Church Affairs in Berlin, with the exception of changes to parish boundaries and supervision of individual local religious orders and local church property.[170] Egon Wallentin, who had previously worked in the Vienna Ministry, was entrusted with these matters for the Catholic Department in 1940.[171] A year earlier, Josef Fohr, also a civil servant in the Ministry of Religion, had been seconded to the Reich Ministry of Church Affairs in Berlin, but he moved to the Carinthian provincial government in 1943.[172] In autumn 1941, this decree was revoked and the Reich Minister of Church Affairs' area of responsibility was restricted to those areas of the Reich to which the German concordat applied.[173] As a result, the influence of this ministry was limited and the local „Reich Officials", i.e. the Reich governors, were now granted greater powers.[174] Nevertheless, in 1944 a department for „Church Affairs of the Ostmark" also appeared in the Reich Church Ministry in Berlin.[175]

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170 See the letter from the Reich Minister of Church Affairs to the Catholic bishops of the Ostmark concerning the Sixth Regulation on the Transfer of Tasks and Powers of the Reich Commissioner in Austria of 11 January 1940, Berlin, 19 March 1940, reprinted in: *Documents on the Church Policy of the Third Reich,* Vol. VI/1, 392–394, and the letter from the Reich Minister of Church Affairs to the provincial governors of the Ostmark, Berlin, 19 March 1940, reprinted in ibid., 395f. Both State Commissioner Plattner and the Gauleiter of Tyrol and Reich Commissioner Bürckel protested against this action in letters (cf. ibid., 400–405).

171 See the decree of Reich Minister of Church Affairs Hans Kerrl dated 29 August 1940, Federal Archives Berlin-Lichterfelde, R 5101/23494: "With immediate effect and until further notice, Ministerial Councillor Dr Wallentin will take over from the Catholic Department all church affairs of the Ostmark Reich districts, with the exception of building matters and those matters assigned to Min.Rat Dr Fohr by my internal order of 25 October 1939 -HB 4156/39-. The final decision on these matters relating to the Ostmark region shall remain with the head of department until further notice. Ministerial Councillor Dr Wallentin shall be involved in all other ecclesiastical matters of the Ostmark Reich districts from the Catholic and Protestant departments in a co-Officialy capacity."

172 See Heike Kreutzer, *Das Reichskirchenministerium im Gefüge der nationalsozialistischen Herrschaft* (Schriften des Bundesarchivs 56), Düsseldorf 2000, 338. On the two officials, see also Heinz Boberach, *Organe der nationalsozialistischen Kirchenpolitik. Kompetenzverteilung und Karrieren in Reich und Ländern,* in: Karl Dietrich Bracher et al. (eds.), Staat und Parteien [FS Rudolf Morsey], Berlin 1992, 305–331, here: 322.

173 See *Documents on Church Policy in the Third Reich,* vol. VI/1, 514–516.

174 See Sebastian Schröcker, *Die Praxis des Staatskirchenrechts im Dritten Reich (The Practice of State Church Law in the Third Reich),* in: Der Staat 20 (1981), 423–448, here: 442–448.

175 On the disputes over jurisdiction between the Reich Ministry of Church Affairs, Reich Commissioner Josef Bürckel and other "puppet masters", see Kreutzer, *Das Reichskirchenministerium im Gefüge der nationalsozialistischen Herrschaft,* 234–247.

Table 68: 1944

Year	1944[176]
Organisational form	Reich Ministry for Church Affairs, Berlin
Responsible minister	Hermann Muhs, State Secretary (entrusted with the management of affairs)
Structure and personnel	Department 2: Protestant Department Department XII: Church Affairs of the Ostmark: Egon Wallentin (Official) Felix Theegarten (Second official)
	Department 3: Catholic Department Department V: Affairs of the Ostmark: Egon Wallentin (Official) Felix Theegarten (Second official)

Table 69: 1945

Year	1945, after the restoration of Austria's independence[177]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", Section V of the State Office for Public Information, Education and Religious Affairs
Responsible minister	Ernst Fischer (27 April to 20 December 1945)
Head	Ernst Hefel, undersecretary
Structure and personnel	a) General cultural and interdenominational affairs
	b) Catholic Religious Affairs

176 See the schedule of responsibilities of the Reich Ministry for Church Affairs dated 15 February 1944, Federal Archives Berlin-Lichterfelde, R 5101/24062. In the schedule of responsibilities dated 1 June 1943 (see ibid.), the two departments had not yet been institutionalised. On the structure of the Reich Ministry for Church Affairs, see Kreutzer, *Das Reichskirchenministerium im Gefüge der nationalsozialistischen Herrschaft;* Werner Haugg, *Das Reichsministerium für die kirchlichen Angelegenheiten* (Schriften zum Staatsaufbau 44), Berlin 1940.

177 See *Austrian Authorities. As of 10 October 1945,* Vienna 1945, 19, 21.

Table 70: 1946

Year	1946[178]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Felix Hurdes (since 20 December 1945)
Head	Ernst Hefel, former undersecretary, head of section
Structure and personnel	a) General Religious Affairs and matters relating to the Catholic Church
	b) Religious Affairs of other denominations and interdenominational affairs

Table 71: 1947

Year	1947[179]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Felix Hurdes
Head	Ernst Hefel, former undersecretary, head of section
Structure and personnel	a) General Religious Affairs and matters relating to the Catholic Church
	b) Religious Affairs of other denominations and interdenominational affairs

Table 72: 1948

Year	1948[180]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Felix Hurdes
Head	Ernst Hefel, former Undersecretary, head of section
Structure and personnel	a) General Religious Affairs and matters relating to the Catholic Church
	b) Religious Affairs of other denominations and interdenominational affairs

178 See *Austrian authorities. As of July 1946,* Vienna 1946, 37, 40.
179 *See Austrian authorities. As of April 1947,* Vienna 1947.
180 See *Austrian authorities. As of 1 January 1948,* Vienna 1948.

Table 73: 1949

Year	1949[181]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Felix Hurdes
Head	Ernst Hefel, former undersecretary, head of section
Structure and personnel	General and Catholic Religious Affairs: Josef Rieger
	Religious Affairs of other denominations and interdenominational Religious Affairs: Herbert Krögler Alfred Hansel
	Officials: Karl Baschiera Johann Pilz Karl Simon Fritz Vering

Table 74: 1950

Year	1950[182]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Felix Hurdes
Head	Hermann Zeißl, Section Head
Structure and personnel	General Religious Affairs, interdenominational affairs, affairs of legally recognised churches and religious societies, with the exception of Protestant churches: Josef Rieger Herbert Krögler Hans Scholz
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfred Hansel
	Officials: Karl Baschiera Johann Gans Johann Pilz Reinhold Schmied Karl Simon Fritz Vering

181 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 17 (1949).
182 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 18 (1950).

Table 75: 1951

Year	1951[183]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Felix Hurdes (until 23 January 1952)
Head	HHermann Zeißl, head of section
Structure and personnel	General Religious Affairs, interdenominational affairs, affairs of legally recognised churches and religious societies, with the exception of Protestant churches: Josef Rieger Herbert Krögler
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfred Hansel
	Officials: Karl Baschiera Johann Gans Reinhold Schmied Johann Sigmund Karl Simon Josef Szieber Fritz Vering

Table 76: 1952

Year	1952[184]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Ernst Kolb (since 23 January 1952)
Head	Hermann Zeißl
Structure and personnel	General Religious Affairs, interdenominational affairs, affairs of legally recognised churches and religious societies, with the exception of Protestant churches: Josef Rieger Herbert Krögler
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfred Hansel
	Officials: Karl Baschiera Johann Gans Reinhold Schmied Johann Sigmund Karl Simon Josef Szieber

183 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 19 (1951).
184 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 20 (1952).

Table 77: 1953

Year	1953[185]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Ernst Kolb
Head	Hermann Zeißl, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Josef Rieger
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Alfred Hansel
	General Religious Affairs, interdenominational affairs, matters relating to other churches and religious communities: Herbert Krögler

Table 78: 1954

Year	1954[186]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Ernst Kolb (until 31 October 1954)
Head	Heinz Drimmel, Ministerial Councillor [sic] Josef Rieger, Sektionsrat, Stellvertreter
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Josef Rieger
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Günther Sagburg
	General Religious Affairs, interdenominational affairs, matters relating to other churches and religious communities: Günther Nadherny

185 See A*ustrian Official Calendar 21* (1953).
186 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 22 (1954).

Table 79: 1955

Year	1955[187]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Heinrich Drimmel (since 1 November 1954)
Head	Heinrich Drimmel, Ministerial Councillor Josef Rieger, Sektionsrat, Stellvertreter
Structure and personnel	Catholic Religious Affairs: Josef Rieger
	Protestant Religious Affairs: Günther Sagburg
	General Religious Affairs, interdenominational affairs, matters relating to other churches and religious communities: Günther Nadherny

Table 80: 1956

Year	1956[188]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Heinrich Drimmel
Head	Heinrich Drimmel, Ministerial Councillor Josef Rieger, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Josef Rieger Günther Nadherny
	Department b: Protestant Religious Affairs: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Günther Nadherny

187 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 23 (1955).
188 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 24 (1956).

Table 81: 1957

Year	1957[189]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Heinrich Drimmel
Head	Heinrich Drimmel, Ministerial Councillor Josef Rieger, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Johann Schima
	Department b: Protestant Religious Affairs: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Günther Nadherny Johann Schima
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office)

Table 82: 1958

Year	1958[190]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Heinrich Drimmel
Head	Heinrich Drimmel, Ministerial Councillor Josef Rieger, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Johann Schima
	Department b: Protestant Religious Affairs: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Günther Nadherny
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Vors. des Kuratoriums) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office)

189 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 25 (1957).
190 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 26 (1958).

Table 83: 1959

Year	1959[191]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Heinrich Drimmel
Head	Josef Rieger, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Johann Schima
	Department b: Protestant Religious Affairs: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Günther Nadherny
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

Table 84: 1960

Year	1960[192]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Heinrich Drimmel
Head	Josef Rieger, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Johann Schima
	Department b: Protestant Religious Affairs: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Johann Schima Günther Nadherny
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

191 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 27 (1959).
192 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 28 (1960).

Table 85: 1961

Year	1961[193]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Heinrich Drimmel
Head	Josef Rieger
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Johann Schima
	Department b: Protestant Religious Affairs: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Johann Schima Günter Sagburg
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

Table 86: 1962

Year	1962[194]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Heinrich Drimmel
Head	Josef Rieger
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Johann Schima
	Department b: Protestant Religious Affairs: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Johann Schima Günter Sagburg
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

193 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 29 (1961).
194 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 30 (1962).

Table 87: 1963

Year	1963[195]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Heinrich Drimmel
Head	Josef Rieger
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Johann Schima
	Department b: Protestant Religious Affairs: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Johann Schima Günter Sagburg
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

Table 88: 1964

Year	1964[196]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Heinrich Drimmel (until 2 April 1964)
Head	Josef Rieger, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Johann Schima
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Johann Schima Günter Sagburg
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

195 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 31 (1963).
196 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 32 (1964).

Table 89: 1965

Year	1965[197]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Theodor Piffl-Perčević (since 2 April 1964)
Head	Josef Rieger, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Johann Schima
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Johann Schima Günter Sagburg
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

Table 90: 1966

Year	1966[198]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Theodor Piffl-Perčević
Head	Josef Rieger, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Johann Schima
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Johann Schima Günter Sagburg
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

197 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 33 (1965).
198 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 34 (1966).

Table 91: 1967

Year	1967[199]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Theodor Piffl-Perčević
Head	Josef Rieger, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Johann Schima
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Johann Schima Günter Sagburg
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

Table 92: 1968

Year	1968[200]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Theodor Piffl-Perčević
Head	Josef Rieger, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Johann Schima
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Johann Schima Günter Sagburg
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

199 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 35 (1967).
200 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 36 (1968).

Table 93: 1969

Year	1969[201]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education
Responsible minister	Theodor Piffl-Perčević (until 2 June 1969) Alois Mock (since 2 June 1969)
Head	Josef Rieger, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Karl Anderle
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Josef Rieger Günter Sagburg Karl Anderle
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

Table 94: 1970

Year	1970[202]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education (until 24 July 1970), then Federal Ministry of Education and Art
Responsible minister	Alois Mock (until 21 April 1970) Leopold Gratz (since 21 April 1970)
Head	Josef Rieger, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Karl Anderle
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Karl Anderle
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

201 See A*ustrian Official Calendar 37* (1969).
202 See A*ustrian Official Calendar 38* (1970).

Table 95: 1971

Year	1971[203]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education und Kunst
Responsible minister	Leopold Gratz (until 4 November 1971) Fred Sinowatz (since 4 November 1971)
Head	Josef Rieger, Head of Section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Karl Anderle
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Karl Anderle
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

Table 96: 1972

Year	1972[204]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education and Art
Responsible minister	Fred Sinowatz
Head	Josef Rieger, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Karl Anderle
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Karl Anderle
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

203 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 39 (1971).
204 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 40 (1972).

Table 97: 1973

Year	1973[205]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education und Kunst
Responsible minister	Fred Sinowatz
Head	Josef Rieger, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Karl Anderle
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Karl Anderle
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

Table 98: 1974/75

Year	1974/75[206]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education und Kunst
Responsible minister	Fred Sinowatz
Head	Josef Rieger, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny Karl Anderle
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Karl Anderle
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Leopold Zandl (Head of Office) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

205 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 41 (1973).
206 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 42 (1974/1975).

Table 99: 1975/76

Year	1975/76[207]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education und Kunst
Responsible minister	Fred Sinowatz
Head	Adolf März, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Karl Anderle
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Josef Rieger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees) Günther Nadherny (Head of Office)

Table 100: 1976/77

Year	1976/77[208]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education und Kunst
Responsible minister	Fred Sinowatz
Head	Adolf März, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Karl Anderle
	Religious Fund Trust Agency: Günther Nadherny Karl Anderle

207 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 43 (1975/1976).
208 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 44 (1976/1977).

Table 101: 1977/78

Year	1977/78[209]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education und Kunst
Responsible minister	Fred Sinowatz
Head	Adolf März, Section Head
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Karl Anderle

Table 102: 1978/79

Year	1978/79[210]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education und Kunst
Responsible minister	Fred Sinowatz
Head	Adolf März, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Karl Anderle

209 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 45 (1977/1978).
210 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 46 (1978/1979).

Table 103: 1979/80

Year	1979/80[211]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education und Kunst
Responsible minister	Fred Sinowatz
Head	Adolf März, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Karl Anderle

Table 104: 1980/81

Year	1980/81[212]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education und Kunst
Responsible minister	Fred Sinowatz
Head	Adolf März, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Karl Anderle

211 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 47 (1979/1980).
212 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 48 (1980/1981).

Table 105: 1981/82

Year	1981/82[213]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education und Kunst
Responsible minister	Fred Sinowatz
Head	Adolf März, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Catholic Religious Affairs: Günther Nadherny
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: General and interdenominational Religious Affairs of other churches and religious communities: Karl Anderle

Table 106: 1982/83

Year	1982/83[214]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education und Kunst
Responsible minister	Fred Sinowatz
Head	Adolf März, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (except the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative affairs: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg

213 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 49 (1981/1982).
214 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 50 (1982/1983).

Table 107: 1983/84

Year	1983/84[215]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education und Kunst
Responsible minister	Helmut Zilk (since 24 May 1983)
Head	Adolf März, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (except the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative affairs: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg

Table 108: 1984/85

Year	1984/85[216]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education und Kunst, dann Bundesministerium für Unterricht, Kunst und Sport
Responsible minister	Helmut Zilk (until 10 September 1984) Herbert Moritz (since 10 September 1984)
Head	Adolf März, Head of section
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (except the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative affairs: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg

215 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 51 (1983/1984).
216 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 52 (1984/1985).

Table 109: 1985/86

Year	1985/86[217]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Kunst und Sport, unmittelbar dem Bundesminister unterstellt
Responsible minister	Herbert Moritz
Head	Felix Jonak, Ministerial Councillor Karl Anderle, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (except the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative matters: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg

Table 110: 1986/87

Year	1986/87[218]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Sport, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible minister	Herbert Moritz (until 21 January 1987) Hilde Hawlicek (since 21 January 1987)
Head	Felix Jonak, Ministerial Councillor Karl Anderle, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative matters: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg

217 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 53 (1985/1986).
218 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 54 (1986/1987).

Table 111: 1987/88

Year	1987/88[219]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Sport, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Hilde Hawlicek
Head	Felix Jonak, Ministerial Councillor Karl Anderle, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative matters: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg

Table 112: 1988/89

Year	1988/89[220]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Sport, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Hilde Hawlicek
Head	Felix Jonak, Ministerial Councillor Karl Anderle, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative matters: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg

219 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 55 (1987/1988).
220 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 56 (1988/1989).

Table 113: 1989/90

Year	1989/90[221]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Sport, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Hilde Hawlicek
Head	Felix Jonak, Ministerial Councillor Karl Anderle, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative matters: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: Documentation of the legal personality of ecclesiastical and religious institutions and their authorised representatives, as well as decisions on Religious Affairs with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

Table 114: 1990/91

Year	1990/91[222]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Sport, from 1 February 1991 Federal Ministry of Education and Arts, directly subordinate to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Hilde Hawlicek (bis 17. Dezember 1990) Rudolf Scholten (seit 17. Dezember 1990)
Head	Hilde Hawlicek (until 17 December 1990) Rudolf Scholten (since 17 December 1990)
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative matters: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg

221 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 57 (1989/1990).
222 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 58 (1990/1991).

	Department c: Documentation of the legal personality of ecclesiastical and religious institutions and their representatives, as well as decisions on Religious Affairs with the exception of the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers and church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

Table 115: 1991/92

Year	1991/92[223]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education and the Arts, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible minister	Rudolf Scholten
Head	Felix Jonak, Ministerial Councillor Karl Anderle, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative matters: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: Documentation of the legal personality of ecclesiastical and religious institutions and their authorised representatives, as well as decisions on Religious Affairs with the exception of the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

223 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 59 (1991/1992).

Table 116: 1992/93

Year	1992/93[224]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education and Art, directly subordinate to the Federal Minister
Responsible minister	Rudolf Scholten
Head	Felix Jonak, Ministerial Councillor Karl Anderle, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative matters: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg
	Department c: Documentation of the legal personality of ecclesiastical and religious institutions and their authorised representatives, as well as decisions on Religious Affairs with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

Table 117: 1993/94

Year	1993/94[225]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education and Art, directly subordinate to the Federal Minister
Responsible minister	Rudolf Scholten
Head	Felix Jonak, Ministerial Councillor Karl Anderle, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative matters: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Günter Sagburg

224 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 60 (1992/1993).
225 See *Austrian Official Calendar* **61** (1993/1994).

	Department c: Documentation of the legal personality of ecclesiastical and religious institutions and their authorised representatives, as well as decisions on Religious Affairs with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

Table 118: 1994/95

Year	1994/95[226]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education and Art, directly subordinate to the Federal Minister
Responsible minister	Rudolf Scholten (until 29 November 1994) Erhard Busek (29 November 1994 to 4 May 1995)
Head	Felix Jonak, Ministerial Councillor Karl Anderle, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative matters: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Robert Kauer
	Department c: Documentation of the legal personality of ecclesiastical and religious institutions and their authorised representatives, as well as decisions on Religious Affairs with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

226 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 62 (1994/1995).

Table 119: 1995/96

Year	1995/96[227]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Elisabeth Gehrer (since 4 May 1995)
Head	Felix Jonak, Ministerial Councillor Karl Anderle, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative matters: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Robert Kauer
	Department c: Documentation of the legal personality of ecclesiastical and religious institutions and their authorised representatives, as well as decisions on Religious Affairs with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

227 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 63 (1995/1996).

Table 120: 1996/97

Year	1996/97[228]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Elisabeth Gehrer
Head	Felix Jonak, Ministerial Councillor Karl Anderle, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative matters: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Robert Kauer
	Department c: Documentation of the legal personality of ecclesiastical and religious institutions and their authorised representatives, as well as decisions on Religious Affairs with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

Table 121: 1997/98

Year	1997/98[229]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Elisabeth Gehrer
Head	Felix Jonak, Ministerial Councillor Karl Anderle, Ministerial Councillor, deputy
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; general legal and legislative matters: Karl Anderle Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Robert Kauer
	Department c: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

228 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 64 (1996/1997).
229 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 65 (1997/1998).

Table 122: 1998/99

Year	1998/99[230]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Elisabeth Gehrer
Head	Felix Jonak
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the federal law relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Karl Schwarz
	Department c: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

Table 123: 1999/2000

Year	1999/2000[231]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, since 1 February 2000 Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, directly subordinate to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Elisabeth Gehrer
Head	Werner Jisa, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (except the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Karl Schwarz
	Department c: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

230 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 66 (1998/1999).
231 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 67 (1999/2000).

Table 124: 2000/01

Year	2000/01[232]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Elisabeth Gehrer
Head	Werner Jisa, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious communities (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the federal law relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

Table 125: 2001/02

Year	2001/02[233]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Elisabeth Gehrer
Head	Werner Jisa, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

232 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 68 (2000/2001).
233 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 69 (2001/2002).

Table 126: 2002/03

Year	2002/03[234]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Elisabeth Gehrer
Head	Werner Jisa, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

Table 127: 2003/04

Year	2003/04[235]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Elisabeth Gehrer
Head	Werner Jisa, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Information office: Renate Kovacic
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter Otto-Peter Werner

234 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 70 (2002/2003).
235 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 71 (2003/2004).

	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

Table 128: 2004/05

Year	2004/05[236]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Elisabeth Gehrer
Head	Otto-Peter Werner
Structure and personnel	Information office: Renate Kovacic
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; sub-areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

236 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 72 (2004/2005).

Table 129: 2005/06

Year	2005/06[237]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Elisabeth Gehrer
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Information office: Renate Kovacic
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

Table 130: 2006/07

Year	2006/07[238]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Elisabeth Gehrer (until 11 January 2007) Claudia Schmied (since 11 January 2007)
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillor

237 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 73 (2005/2006).
238 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 74 (2006/2007).

Structure and personnel	Information office: Renate Peck
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: , Teilbereiche des BG über die Rechtspersönlichkeit von religiösen Bekenntnisgemeinschaften: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

Table 131: 2007/08

Year	2007/08[239]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Claudia Schmied
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Information office: Renate Peck
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

239 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 75 (2007/2008).

Table 132: 2008/09

Year	2008/09[240]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Claudia Schmied
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Information office: Renate Peck
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

Table 133: 2009/2010

Year	2009/2010[241]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Claudia Schmied
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillor

240 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 76 (2008/2009).
241 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 77 (2009/2010).

Structure and personnel	Information office: Renate Peck
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

Table 134: 2010/2011

Year	2010/2011[242]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Claudia Schmied
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Information office: Renate Peck
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter Otto-Peter Werner
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Otto-Peter Werner

242 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 78 (2010/2011).

Table 135: 2011/2012

Year	2011/2012[243]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture, reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Claudia Schmied
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Information office: Renate Peck
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Bettina Müller-Jeschko

Table 136: 2012/2013

Year	2012/2013[244]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (Department for International Affairs and Religious Affairs), reporting directly to the Federal Minister
Responsible ministerin	Claudia Schmied
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillor

243 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 79 (2011/2012).
244 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 80 (2012/2013).

Structure and personnel	Information office: Renate Peck
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Bettina Müller-Jeschko

Table 137: 2013/2014

Year	2013/2014[245]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (Section for International Affairs and Religious Affairs), reporting directly to the Federal Minister (until 1 March 2014)
Responsible ministerin	Claudia Schmied (until 16 December 2013) Gabriele Heinisch-Hosek (since 16 December 2013)
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Information office: Renate Peck
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; areas of the federal law relating to the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz
	Department C: Documentation, with the exception of matters relating to the Protestant Church; involvement in personnel matters relating to religious education teachers, church tax matters: Bettina Müller-Jeschko

245 See *Austrian Official Calendar* 81 (2013/2014).

Table 138: 2014/2015

Year	2014/2015[246]
Organisational form	Since 17 February 2014[247] Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Chancellery
Responsible minister	Josef Ostermayer (since 1 March 2014)[248]
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillorl
Structure and personnel	Information office: Renate Peck
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz

246 See BKA business classification and *Austrian Official Calendar* 82 (2014/2015).
247 See Federal Ministries Act Amendment 2014, Federal Law Calendar I No. 11/2014..
248 See the resolution of the Federal President transferring the substantive management of certain matters falling within the sphere of activity of the Federal Chancellery to a separate federal minister (Federal Law Calendar II No. 37/2014).

Table 139: 2015/2016

Year	2015/2016[249]
Organisational form	Since 1 March 2015: "Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Chancellery (Presidium section)[250]
Responsible minister	Josef Ostermayer (until 18 May 2016)
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Information office: Stephan Leitner Renate Peck
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz

Table 140: 2016/2017

Year	2016/2017[251]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Chancellery (Presidium section)
Responsible minister	Christian Kern (State Secretary Muna Duzdar) (from 17 May 2016)
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillor
Structure and personnel	Staff: Renate Peck Stephan Leitner
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz

249 Vgl. BKA Geschäftseinteilung bzw. *Österreichischer Amtskalender* 83 (2015/2016).
250 Vgl. BGBl. I Nr. 11/2014.
251 See A*ustrian Official Calendar* 84 (2016/2017).

Table 141: 2017/2018

Year	2017/2018[252]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", separate unit within the Federal Chancellery (Presidium Section)
Responsible minister	Gernot Blümel (from 18 December 2017)
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillor Stephan Leitner, Ministerial Councillor (deputy since 9 August 2018)
Structure and personnel	Secretariat: Renate Peck
	Department a: Matters relating to the Catholic Church and other churches and religious societies (excluding the Protestant Church) and interdenominational Religious Affairs; areas of the Federal Government relating to the legal personality of religious communities, general legal and legislative matters: Anton Stifter
	Department b: Matters relating to the Protestant Church; areas of the federal law on the legal personality of religious communities: Karl Schwarz

Table 142: 2018/2019

Year	2018/2019[253]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", Federal Chancellery (Section IV, Coordination, Department 11)[254]
Responsible minister	Gernot Blümel (until 3 June 2019)
Head	Oliver Henhapel, Ministerial Councillor Stephan Leitner, Ministerial Councillor (deputy)
Structure and personnel	Matters relating to churches and religious communities and interdenominational Religious Affairs, including legal and contribution matters
	Secretariat: Marion Blümel Renate Peck
	Staff: Hakan Can Cengiz Duran Martin Fischer Anton Sapper Daniel Soudek Valerie Trofaier-Leskovar

252 See BKA Department of responsibilities and *Austrian Official Calendar* 85 (2017/2018).
253 See BKA Department of responsibilities and *Austrian Official Calendar* 86 (2018/2019).
254 See Federal Law Calendar I No. 61/2018

Table 143: 2019/2020

Year	2019/2020[255]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", Federal Chancellery (Section IV, Coordination, Department 11)[256]
Responsible minister	Alexander Schallenberg (until 7 January 2020)
Head	Florian Welzig, Ministerial Councillor (since 9 August 2019) Stephan Leitner, Ministerial Councillor (deputy)
Structure and personnel	Matters relating to churches and religious communities and interdenominational Religious Affairs, including legal and contribution matters
	Secretariat: Renate Peck Martin Engelhardt
	Staff: Hakan Can Cengiz Duran Martin Fischer Stephan Hinghofer-Szalkay Anton Sapper Daniel Soudek Valerie Trofaier-Leskovar Florian Welzig

255 See BKA Department of responsibilities and *Austrian Official Calendar* 87 (2019/2020).
256 See Federal Law Calendar I No. 8/2020

Table 144: 2020/2021

Year	2020/2021[257]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", Federal Chancellery (Section II, Integration, Office for Culture and Ethnic Groups, Dept. 4)[258]
Responsible ministerin	Susanne Raab
Head	Florian Welzig, Ministerial Councillor Stephan Leitner, Ministerial Councillor (deputy)
Structure and personnel	Matters relating to churches and religious communities and interdenominational Religious Affairs, including legal and contribution matters
	Secretariat: Martin Engelhardt Mahek Kumar
	Staff: Hakan Can Cengiz Duran Martin Fischer Anton Sapper Sven Schneider Daniel Soudek Valerie Trofaier-Leskovar

Table 145: 2021/2022

Year	2021/2022[259]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", Federal Chancellery (Section II, Integration, Office of Religious Affairs and Ethnic Groups, Department 4)
Responsible ministerin	Susanne Raab
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Structure and personnel	Dialogue and cooperation between the state and religious communities; enforcement of all laws and regulations relating to Religious Affairs; legal status of individual churches and religious communities as well as religious denominations; information and advice on matters relating to religious law; interface for cross-cutting issues relating to religion. Participation in society- wide, fundamental rights and scientific debates relating to religion

257 See BKA Department of responsibilities and *Austrian Official Calendar* 88 (2020/2021).
258 Vgl. BGBl. I Nr. 30/2021
259 See BKA Department of responsibilities and *Austrian Official Calendar* 89 (2021/2022).

	Secretariat: Martin Engelhardt Mahek Kumar
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	Department II/4/b: Cooperation and Procedures with Religious Stephan Hinghofer-Szalkay (Head) Hakan Can Cengiz Duran
	Department II/4/c: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Martin Fischer (Head)
	Department II/4/d: Budget, Knowledge Management and International Religious Affairs: Daniel Soudek (Head) Cengiz Duran Anton Sapper

Table 146: 2022/2023

Year	2022/2023[260]
Organisational form	„Office of Religious Affairs", Federal Chancellery (Section II, Integration, Office of Religious Affairs and Ethnic Groups, Dept. 4)
Responsible ministerin	Susanne Raab
Head	Florian Welzig, Ministerial Councillor Stephan Leitner, Ministerial Councillor (deputy)
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	Staff: Susanna Hamad Mahek Kumar
	Secretariat: Martin Engelhardt
	Department II/4/a: Matters relating to Religious Law: Valerie Trofaier-Leskovar (Head) Georg Schwinghammer Karl-Heinz Tanner

260 See BKA Department of responsibilities and *Austrian Official Calendar* 90 (2022/2023).

	Department II/4/b: Cooperation and Procedures with Religious Communities: Stephan Hinghofer-Szalkay (Head) Hakan Can Cengiz Duran
	Department II/4/c: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Martin Fischer
	Department II/4/d: Budget, Knowledge Management and International Religious Affairs: Daniel Soudek (Head) Cengiz Duran Christian Huber Anton Sapper

Table 147: 2023/2024

Year	2023/2024[261]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", Federal Chancellery (Section II, Integration, Office of Religious Affairs and Ethnic Groups, Dept. 4)
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Head	Florian Welzig, Ministerial Councillor Stephan Leitner, Ministerial Councillor (deputy)
Structure and personnel	Dialogue and cooperation between the state and religious communities; enforcement of all laws and regulations relating to Religious Affairs; legal status of individual churches and religious communities as well as religious denominations; information and advice on matters relating to religious law; interface for cross-cutting issues relating to religion. Participation in society- wide, fundamental rights and scientific discourse relating to religion
	Staff: Susanna Hamad Mahek Kumar
	Secretariat: Martin Engelhardt Osman Berisha
	Department II/4/a: Matters relating to Religious Law: Valerie Trofaier-Leskovar (Head) Georg Schwinghammer Karl-Heinz Tanner
	Department II/4/b: Cooperation and Procedures with Religious Communities: Stephan Hinghofer-Szalkay (Head) Cengiz Duran Ghobat Shukoor

261 See BKA Department of responsibilities and *Austrian Official Calendar* 91 (2023/2024).

	Department II/4/c: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Martin Fischer
	Department II/4/d: Budget, Knowledge Management and International Religious Affairs: Cengiz Duran Christian Huber Anton Sapper

Table 148: 2024

Year	2024[262]
Organisational form	"Office of Religious Affairs", Federal Chancellery (Section II, Integration, Office of Religious Affairs and Ethnic Groups, Dept. 4)
Responsible ministerin	Susanne Raab
Head	Florian Welzig, Ministerial Councillor Stephan Leitner, Ministerial Councillor (deputy)
Structure and personnel	Dialogue and cooperation between the state and religious communities; enforcement of all laws and regulations relating to Religious Affairs; legal status of individual churches and religious communities as well as religious denominations; information and advice on matters relating to religious law; interface for cross-cutting issues relating to religion. Participation in society-wide, fundamental rights and scientific discourse relating to religion; Religious Affairs in an international context (e.g. EU Religious Affairs offices).
	Staff: Susanna Hamad Mahek Kumar Ghobat Shukoor
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	Department II/4/a: Matters relating to Religious Law: Valerie Trofaier-Leskovar (Head) Georg Schwinghammer Karl-Heinz Tanner
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	Department II/4/c: Matters relating to the Protestant Church: Martin Fischer
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262 See BKA Department of responsibilities

Part III – The Office of Religious Affairs today

Dialogue with churches and religious communities



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Breaking of the fast 2024 / © BMEIA



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Reception for Rosh Hashanah 2023 / © BKA



Reception for Rosh Hashanah 2023 / © BKA



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Meeting with Serbian Orthodox Patriarch Porfirije / © BKA



Reception on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Buddhist Religious Society in Austria in 2023 / © BKA



Visit by the Sternsinger carol singers 2023 / © BKA



Advent reception 2022 / © BKA



Advent reception 2022 / © BKA



Founding meeting of the Network of European Offices of Religious Affairs 2022 in Vienna / © BKA



Constitutive meeting of the Network of European Offices of Religious Affairs 2022 in Vienna / © BKA



Silent prayer for Ukraine 2022 / © BKA



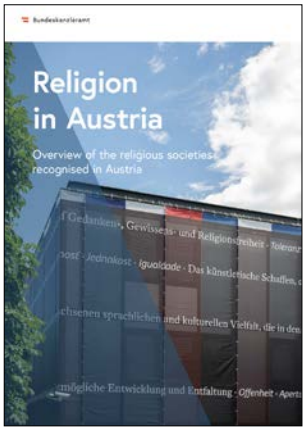
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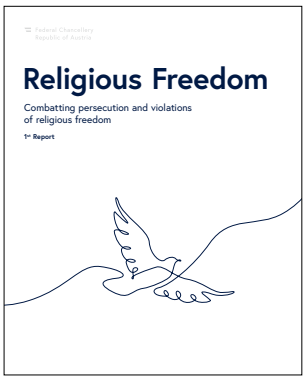






- Brochure: Religions in Austria, German version
- Religions in Austria, English version







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Die Informationsmanager

- Survey on religious affiliation, Statistics Austria
- Religious Freedom – 1st Report, English
- National Strategy against Anti-Semitism

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Office of Religious Affairs

Description of the work of the Office of Religious Affairs[263]

The *Kultusamt* acts as an interface between the state and religious communities. As the highest body of public administration in religious affairs, it is responsible for enforcing state laws and regulations concerning the external affairs of churches, religious societies and religious communities. The various religious laws standardise the structure of religious communities vis-à-vis the state in order to ensure that there are official state contacts and to guarantee the framework conditions for the practice of religion.

In addition to day-to-day tasks, the executive duties include procedures for legal recognition as a church or religious society, which confers the status of a public-law corporation, or applications for legal personality as a religious community.

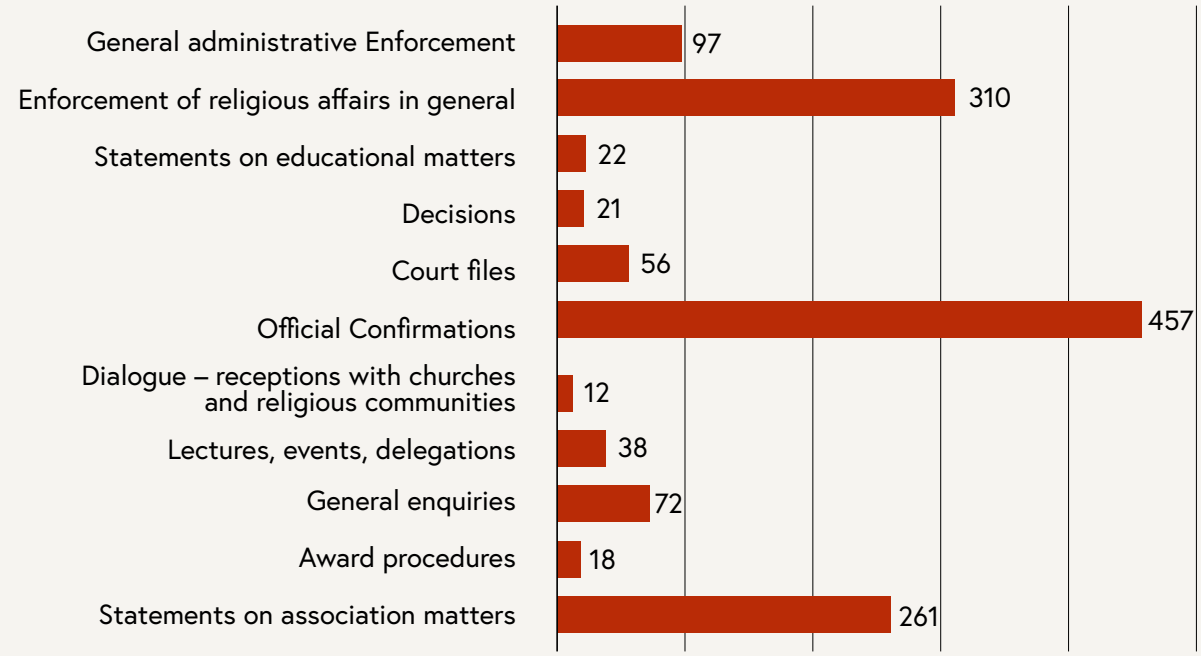
In addition to the direct provisions of religious law, there are numerous provisions of religious law which, as intersectoral issues, do not fall within the direct enforcement remit of the Office of Religious Affairs, but which affect the rights of churches and religious societies and the legal status of religious communities. The Ministry of Religious Affairs has an informative and advisory role when other ministries, state governments, courts, authorities and offices come into contact with religious communities in the enforcement of their regulations or when the religious affairs of citizens are affected.

This activity is of particular importance in Austria's system of cooperation (including religious education in public schools, hospitals, military and prison chaplaincy) between the state, churches and religious communities, which exists despite the necessary organisational separation and fundamental religious and ideological neutrality of the state.

The mandate for cooperation with churches and religious communities is also expressed in Article 17 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, according to which the Union shall maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with churches and religious associations or communities, recognising their identity and their specific contribution.

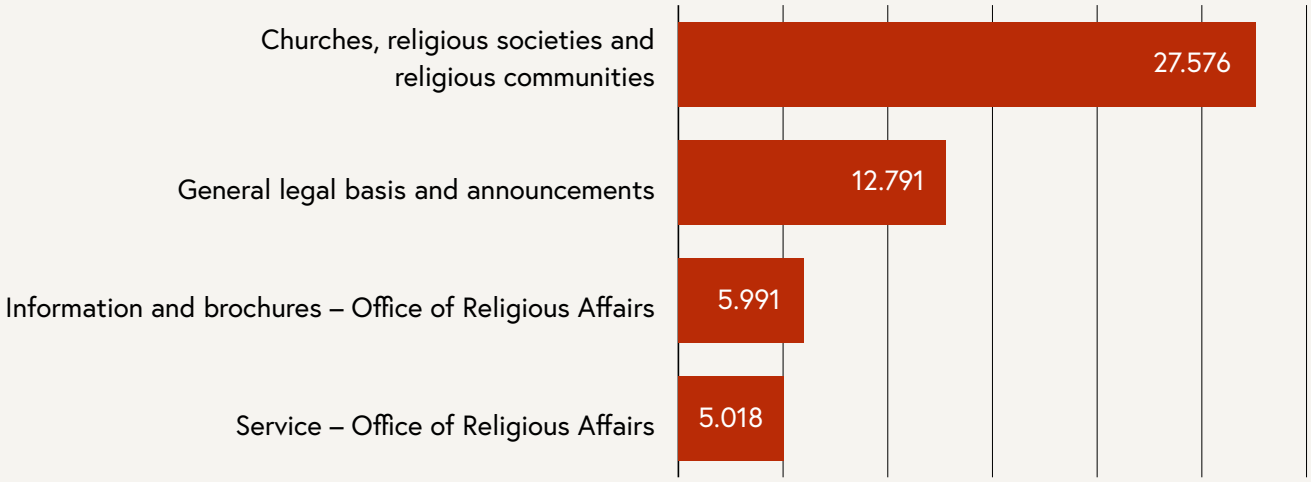
263 The following section provides an overview of the work of the Office of Religious Affairs in the period 2022–2023 (as of 31 December 2023).

Excerpt from regular areas of activity in the years 2022–2023



The following chart shows the number of visits to the Office of Religious Affairs website, which exceeded 51,000 in 2023.

Views of the Office of Religious Affairs website



Examples of media reports

What does Austria believe?: Religions: An attempt at a definition – religion.ORF.at (4 July 2024)
Human rights: Federal Chancellery publishes report on religious freedom – religion.ORF.at (14. February 2024)
State and religions (bmi.gv.at)
(Issue 1–2/2024)
Oslobođenje – Welzig za Oslobođenje: Pravda i poštovanje grade društvo (oslobodjenje.ba) (15. October 2023)
Vienna: Patriarch Porfirije meets representatives of politics and churches (katholisch.at) (9 June 2023)
Raab thanks churches and religions for strengthening cohesion (katholisch.at) (22 December 2022)
Vienna: Meeting of authorities responsible for religious affairs in EU countries (katholisch.at) (11 October 2022)
Easter reception for churches and religions at the Federal Chancellery (katholisch.at) (19 May 2022)
Confessional community: Sikhs recognized as a religious confessional community in Austria – religion.ORF.at (29 December 2020)
Chancellor Bierlein praises the work of religions – religion.ORF.at (11 September 2019).

The Office of Religious Affairs online[264]

The religious interests of our country's citizens form a natural basis for the activities of the Office of Religious Affairs – the fundamental rights of freedom of belief and conscience at the individual level and the freedom of religion of religious communities are essential elements of a free constitutional state.

Conceptually, Kultus, derived from the Latin word cultus, means, among other things, the "practice of religion"; from the perspective of the state, the term Kultus refers to the legal status of churches and religious communities and their external relations. Pursuant to Article 10 (1), item 13, of the Federal Constitutional Law, "matters relating to religious affairs" fall within the exclusive competence of the federal government in both legislation and enforcement.

The agendas of religious affairs were established in 1849 in the "Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education", shortly after the Basic Rights Charter came into force, guaranteeing the existence of recognised churches and religious communities. This not only included the recognition of religious communities, but also guaranteed their rights and obligations. In fact, it was not until the December Constitution of 1867 that the Basic Law created the long-term basis for regular exchange and cooperation between the state and the churches and religious communities.

The good cooperation between the state and churches and religious communities, as well as between churches and religious communities themselves, is an important pillar of peaceful coexistence in Austria.

Currently, there are 16 legally recognised churches and religious communities in Austria. 77.6% of the population belong to a church or religious community. There are also currently 11 religious communities.

264 The website and current contact persons are listed in the final overview. See Ministry of Religious Affairs– Federal Chancellery of Austria

Freedom of religion

Freedom of belief and conscience for individuals (Article 14) and the right of churches and religious communities to practise their religion in public (Article 15) have been guaranteed in the Basic Law since 1867. Article 63(2) of the State Treaty of St. Germain has guaranteed freedom of religion for all since 1920. An important addition has been Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) since 1958 (constitutional status since 1964). This not only includes the right of individuals to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, but also guarantees this right to churches and religious communities in conjunction with the right of association under Article 11 ECHR. At European level, freedom of religion is guaranteed by Article 10 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, which is based on Article 9 of the ECHR and is linked to its interpretation. Freedom of religion therefore has two sides: on the one hand, the right of individuals to practise (or not to practise) their religion and, on the other hand, the right of churches and religious communities as a so-called corporate right.

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Churches and religious societies

Legally recognised churches and religious communities enjoy the status of public corporations in Austria. They have the right to administer their internal affairs independently (Article 15 of the State Constitution on the General Rights of Citizens (StGG)), to provide religious instruction in state schools (Article 17(3) StGG) and, in accordance with the general provisions, to protect their names.

1. Catholic Church

State legal source: Concordat between the Holy See and the Republic of Austria, Federal Law Gazette 2 (BGBl. II) No. 2/1934; historically recognised

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Catholic (Cath.)[265]

- Roman Catholic (Roman Catholic)
- (united) Eastern Churches sui iuris:
- Coptic Catholic Church (Coptic Catholic)
- Syrian Catholic Church (Syrian Catholic)
- Melkite Greek Catholic Church (Melkite Catholic)
- Syrian Maronite Church of Antioch (Maronite Catholic)
- Chaldean Catholic Church (Chaldean Catholic)
- Armenian Catholic Church (Armenian Catholic)
- Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (Ukrainian Greek Catholic)
- Syro-Malabar Catholic Church (Malabar Catholic)
- Syro-Malankara Catholic Church (Malankara Catholic)
- Romanian Greek Catholic Church (Romanian Greek Catholic)
- Ethiopian Catholic Church (Ethiopian Catholic)
- Eritrean Catholic Church (Eritrean Catholic)
- Byzantine Catholic Church in the USA (Ruthenian) (Byzantine Catholic in the USA)
- Greek Catholic Church in Slovakia (Greek Catholic in Slovakia)
- Greek Catholic Church in Hungary (Greek Catholic in Hungary)

265 See also Appendix A of the circular by the BMBWF

- Byzantine Catholic Church in Italy (Italo-Albanian) (Byzantine Catholic in Italy)
- Greek Catholic Church of Križevci [in Croatia/Bosnia and Herzegovina/Slovenia] (Greek Catholic in Croatia)
- Ruthenian Greek Catholic Church [in Ukraine] (Ruth. Greek Cath. in Ukraine)
- Byzantine Catholic Church in North Macedonia (Byzantine Catholic in NM)
- Greek Catholic Church in Serbia (Greek Catholic in Serb.)
- Byzantine Catholic Church in Bulgaria (Byzantine Catholic in Bulgaria)
- Catholic Church in Greece [also includes Byzantine Catholics in Turkey] (Greek Catholic in Greece)
- Greek Catholic Church in the Czech Republic (Greek Catholic in Czechia)
- Greek Catholic Church in Belarus (Greek Catholic in Belarus)
- Greek Catholic Church in Albania (Greek Catholic in Albania)
- Russian Greek Catholic Church (Russian Greek Catholic)

2. Protestant Church A. and H.C. (of the Augsburg and Helvetic Confessions)

State legal source: Federal Law of 6 July 1961 on the external legal relations of the Protestant Church, Federal Law Gazette No. 182/1961

"The Protestant Church of the Augsburg and Helvetic Confessions (Protestant Church A. and H.C.) in Austria, as well as the Protestant Church of the Augsburg Confession in Austria and the Protestant Church of the Helvetic Confession in Austria, which are united in this church – hereinafter referred to as the "Protestant Church" – are legally recognised churches within the meaning of Article 15 of the State Constitution of 21 December 1867, Reichsgesetzblatt (RGBl.) No. 142, on the general rights of citizens."

The Patent of Tolerance of 13 October 1781 granted "Augsburg and Helvetic religious relatives the right to practise their religion in private". The Protestant Patent of 8 April 1861, RGBl. 41/1861, legally recognised the Protestant Church A. and H.C. as a corporation and granted equal rights with the Catholic Church. The Protestant Act of 1961 mentioned above also granted legal recognition to the Protestant Church A.C. and the Protestant Church H.C., alongside the Protestant Church A. and H.C. It acts as a single church in legal dealings with the state.

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Protestant Church H.C. in Austria (evang. H.B.)
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3. Orthodox (Greek-Oriental) Church in Austria

Legal source: Federal Law of 23 June 1967 on external the legal relations of the Greek Orthodox Church in Austria, Federal Law Gazette No. 229/1967, as amended by Federal Law Gazette No. 68/2011 (Orthodox Law)

"The Greek Orthodox Church in Austria is a legally recognised church within the meaning of Article 15 of the State Constitution of 21 December 1867, RGBl. No. 142, on the general rights of citizens.

All persons of the Greek Orthodox faith belong to it with effect for the state sphere if and as long as they have their main residence in the federal territory or, in the absence of a residence in Austria or abroad, have their habitual residence in Austria. This professed affiliation with the Greek Orthodox Church in Austria is not dependent on membership of a state-recognised church community."

The legal basis for the church communities listed above ultimately dates back to the Patent of Tolerance of 13 October 1781, which expressly mentions the non-united Greeks. Currently, the following church communities exist on Austrian territory, with headquarters in Vienna and other provincial capitals, which are jointly represented by the Orthodox Bishops' Conference:

- Church communities and dioceses (Orthodox)
- Greek Orthodox (Oriental) Metropolis of Austria
- Greek Orthodox Parish of the Holy Trinity
- Greek Orthodox Parish of St. George
- Antiochian Orthodox Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul
- Diocese of Vienna and Austria of the Russian Orthodox Church
- Russian Orthodox Parish of St. Nicholas
- Russian Orthodox Parish of the Protection of the Mother of God in Graz
- Russian Orthodox Parish of the Holy Russian New Martyrs and Confessors in Linz
- Russian Orthodox Parish of Mary's Protection in Salzburg
- Serbian-Greek-Oriental Parish of St. Sava
- Romanian Orthodox Parish of the Holy Resurrection in Vienna, Lower Austria and Burgenland
- Romanian Orthodox Parish of the Holy Resurrection in Salzburg, Upper Austria, Tyrol and Vorarlberg
- Romanian Orthodox Parish of the Holy Resurrection in Styria
- Romanian Orthodox Parish of the Holy Resurrection in Carinthia
- Bulgarian Orthodox Parish of St. Ivan Rilski

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4. Israelite Religious Community

(israel.)

State legal source: Law of 21 March 1890 concerning the regulation of the external legal relations of the Israelite Religious Community, RGBl. Number 57/1890 n the version BGBl. Number 166/2020

The constitution of the Israelite Religious Community in Austria was amended in accordance with

§ 15 IsraelitenG with reference number (GZ) BKA-KA9.090/0004-Kultusamt/2016 on 2 June 2016. The amendments are published under announcements and notices.

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5. Islamic Religious Community in Austria (IGGÖ)

(islam.(IGGÖ))

State legal source: Federal Law on the External Legal Relations of Islamic Religious Communities – Islam Act 2015, (Federal Law Gazette I No. 39/2015 as amended by Federal Law Gazette I No. 146/2021; currently two Islamic religious communities)

The Islamic Religious Community in Austria was recognised in 1979 on the basis of the IslamG 1912, RGBl. No. 159/1912, by decree and finally on the basis of the ordinance in 1988, BGBl. II No. 466/1988. Since 2015, the legal source has been: the Islam Act (IslamG) 2015, Federal Law Gazette I No. 39/2015 as amended by Federal Law Gazette I No. 146/2021; recognition of the Islamic Religious Community in Austria as a religious community, Federal Law Gazette II No. 76/2015

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6. Armenian Apostolic Churches in Austria

(Armenian Apostolic)

State legal source: Federal Law on External Legal Relations of Oriental Orthodox Churches in Austria (OrientKG), Federal Law Gazette I No. 20/2003

The original recognition was granted in accordance with the Recognition Act (AnerkennungsG) of 1874 in 1973, Federal Law Gazette No. 5/1973.

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7. Syrian Orthodox Church in Austria

(Syr.-Orth.)

State legal source: Federal Law on the External Legal Relations of Oriental Orthodox Churches in Austria (OrientKG), Federal Law Gazette I Number 20/2003

The original recognition was granted in 1988 under the Recognition Act of 1874, Federal Law Gazette No. 129/1988.

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8. Coptic Orthodox Church in Austria

(Coptic Orthodox)

State legal source: Federal Law on External Legal Relations of Oriental Orthodox Churches in Austria (Oriental Orthodox Church Law, OrientKG), Federal Law Gazette I No. 20/2003

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9. (Islamic) Alevite Religious Community in Austria (ALEVI)

(ALEVI)

State legal source: Federal Law on the External Legal Relations of Islamic Religious Communities – Islam Law 2015, Federal Law Gazette I Number 39/2015 as amended by Federal Law Gazette I 146/2021; Recognition of the Islamic Alevi Religious Community as a religious community, Federal Law Gazette II No. 75/2015.

The original recognition under the Recognition Act of 1874 took place in 2013, Federal Law Gazette II No. 133/2013.

The constitution of the ALEVI of 20 February 2016 was approved in accordance with Section 23(1) IslamG with GZ BKA-KA9.020/0002-Kultusamt/2016 on 26 February 2016. Amendments are announced in public notices and announcements.

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10. Old Catholic Church of Austria

(Old Cath.)

State legal source: Ordinance Imperial Law Gazette (RGBl.) Number 99/1877

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11. Evangelic Methodist Church in Austria

(EmK)

State legal source: Federal Law Gazette (BGBl.) Number 74/1951 as amended by BGBl. II Number 190/2004

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12. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) in Austria

(Church of Jesus Christ LDS)

State legal source: Federal Law Gazette No. 229/1955
Austrian Church Council
Böcklinstraße 55
1020 Wien
Telephone: +43 699 1277 31 31
Email: kontakt@kirchejesuchristi.at
Website: www.presse-mormonen.at

13. New Apostolic Church in Austria

(New Apostolic)

State legal source: Federal Law Gazette No. 524/1975
New Apostolic Church in Austria – Postal address Administration
Mittersteig 10, Postfach 49
1050 Vienna
Telephone: +43 1 586 05 21
Email: info@nak.at
Website: www.nak.at

14. Austrian Buddhist Religious Society

(Buddhist)

State legal source: Federal Law Gazette No. 72/1983
Fleischmarkt 16
1010 Vienna
Telephone: +43 1 512 37 19
Email: office@buddhismus-austria.at
Website: www.buddhismus-austria.at

15. Jehovah's Witnesses in Austria

(Jehovah's Witnesses)

State legal source: BGBl. II Number 139/2009

Schwendergasse 61/6
1150 Vienna
Telephone: +43 1 804 53 45
Email: pid.at@jw.org
Website: www.jehovas-zeugen.at

16. Free churches in Austria

(FKÖ)

State legal source: Ordinance of the Federal Minister for Education, Arts and Culture concerning the recognition of the followers of the Federation of Baptist Churches, the Federation of Evangelical Churches, the ELAIA Christian Churches, the Free Christian Church – Pentecostal Church and the Mennonite Free Church in Austria as churches (religious societies), Federal Law Gazette II No. 250/2013

Karl-Popper-Straße 16
1100 Wien
Telephone: +43 1 943 67 14
Email: office@freikirchen.at
Website: www.freikirchen.at

Religious communities

Associations of followers of a religion that are not legally recognised can acquire the status of a "state-registered religious community". These have legal personality but are not public-law corporations.

Legal basis

Federal Act on the Legal Personality of Religious Communities (BekGG), Federal Law Gazette I No. 19/1998, as amended by Federal Law Gazette I No. 146/2021

Register

on the current status of religious communities with legal personality pursuant to Section 10 of the Federal Act on the Legal Personality of Religious Communities (BekGG, Federal Law Gazette I No. 19/1998, as amended).

The following religious communities have acquired legal personality in accordance with Section 2 (1) BekGG 1998.

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Austria (Adventists)
Acquired legal personality on 11 July 1998;
decision of 20 July 1998, GZ 7836/18-9c/98
Address: Prager Straße 287, 1210 Vienna
Email: o.fichtberger@adventisten.at
Telefon: +43 (1) 319 93 01
Website: www.adventisten.at
Statutes of the Seventh-day Adventists in Austria (not accessible) (PDF, 164 KB)

United Pentecostal Church of Austria (VPKÖ)
Acquired legal personality on 11 July 1998;
Decision of 17 April 2018, BKA-KA12.056/0005-Kultusamt/2017
Address: Simmeringer Hauptstraße 2/2nd floor, 1110 Vienna
Email: office@vpkoe.at
Telephone: +43 1 796 2597
Website: www.vpkoe.at
Statutes of the United Pentecostal Church of Austria

BAHÁ'Í – Religious Community of Austria (Bahá'í)
Acquired legal personality on 11 July 1998;
decision of 20 July 1998, GZ 7836/18-9c/98
Address: Maroltingergasse 2, 1140 Vienna
Email: ngr@at.bahai.org
Telephone: 01/479 11 53
Website: www.bahai.at
Statutes of the BAHÁ'Í Religious Community in Austria (not accessible) (PDF, 443 KB)

The Christian Community – Movement for Religious Renewal in Austria (Christian Community)
Acquired legal personality on 11 July 1998;
decision of 20 July 1998, GZ 7836/18-9c/98
Address: Mariahilfer Straße 49, 1060 Vienna
Email: info@christengemeinschaft.at
Telephone: 01/587 12 87
Website: www.christengemeinschaft.at
Statutes of the Christian Community – Movement for Religious Renewal in Austria (not accessible) (PDF, 165 KB)

Hindu Religious Society in Austria (HRÖ)
Acquired legal personality on 10 December 1998;
decision of 15 April 1999, GZ BMUkA-13.486/2-9c/99
Address: Lammgasse 1, 1080 Vienna
Email: office@hroe.at
Telephone: +43 699 171 135 47
Website: www.hroe.at
Statutes of the Hindu Religious Society in Austria (not accessible) (PDF, 5 MB)

Pentecostal Church of God in Austria (Pfk Gem.Gottes iÖ)
Acquired legal personality on 13 October 2001;
Decision of 21 December 2001, GZ BMBWK-T12.056/0004-KA/c/2001
Address: Maculangasse 9, 1220 Vienna
Email: office@gemeindegottes.at
Telephone: +43 1 333 7729
Website: www.gemeindegottes.at
Statutes of the Pentecostal Church of God in Austria (PDF)

Islamic Shiite Community in Austria (Shia)
Acquisition of legal personality on 1 March 2013;
Decision of 28 February 2013, GZ BMUKK-12.056/0005-KA/2012
Address: Pezzlgasse 58, 1170 Vienna

Email: office@schia.at
Telephone: 0699 11979350
Website: www.schia.at
Statutes of the Islamic Shiite Religious Community in Austria (not accessible)
(PDF, 205 KB)

Old Alevi Religious Community in Austria (AAGÖ)
Acquired legal personality on 23 August 2013;
Decision of 23 August 2013, GZ BMUKK-12.056/0006-KA/2012
Address: Märzstraße 11, 1150 Vienna
Email: info@alt-aleviten.at
Telephone: +43 660 811 36 22
Website: www.alt-aleviten.at
Statutes of the Old Alevi Religious Community in Austria (not accessible)
(PDF, 269 KB)

Unification Church in Austria
Acquisition of legal personality on 15 June 2015;
Decision of 9 June 2015, GZ BKA-KA12.052/0001-Kultusamt/2014
Address: Seidengasse 28/4, 1070 Vienna
Email: office@vereinigungskirche
Telephone: +43 664 523 8794
Website: www.vereinigungskirche.at
Statutes of the Unification Church in Austria (not accessible) (PDF, 200 KB)

Sikh Religious Community in Austria
Acquired legal personality on 23 December 2020;
Decision of 17 December 2020, GZ 2020-0.734.953
Address: Arndtstraße 51, 1120 Vienna
Email: office@sikh.at
Telephone: +43 676 521 73 07
Website: www.sikh.at
Statutes of the Sikh Religious Community in Austria (not accessible) (PDF, 12 MB)

Free Alevite Religious Community in Austria ("Free-Alevites Austria" and "FAGÖ")
Acquisition of legal personality on 15 April 2022 Decision
of 14 March 2022, GZ 2021-0.338.029
Address: Simmeringer Hauptstraße 181, 1110 Vienna
Email: info@frei-aleviten.com
Telephone: 0660 242 1982
Website: frei-aleviten.com
Statutes of the Free Alevite Religious Community in Austria

Announcements and notices from the Office of Religious Affairs

Announcements and notices based on the various religious laws (e.g. receipt of applications for legal personality, decisions on applications, etc.) are published regularly on the Office of Religious Affairs's website.

General legal basis

Constitutional and Union law principles in the field of religious law

Basic Law on the General Rights of Citizens

(applies in accordance with Article (Art.) 149(1) of the Federal Constitutional Law (B-VG) as constitutional law within the meaning of (iSd) Art. 44(1) B-VG)

Article 14

[1] Everyone is guaranteed full freedom of belief and conscience.

[2] The enjoyment of civil and political rights is independent of religious beliefs; however, religious beliefs must not interfere with civic duties.

[3] No one may be compelled to perform a religious act or to participate in a religious ceremony unless he is subject to the lawful authority of another person.

Article 15.

Every legally recognised church and religious society has the right to practise its religion publicly, to regulate and administer its internal affairs independently, to remain in possession of and enjoy its institutions, foundations and funds intended for worship, education and charitable purposes, but, like every society, is subject to the general laws of the state.

State Treaty of Saint-Germain

(Section V, Articles 62 to 69 are considered constitutional law within the meaning of Article 44(1) of the Federal Constitutional Law (B-VG) pursuant to Article 149(1) of the B-VG).

Article 63

[1] Austria undertakes to grant full and complete protection of life and liberty to all residents of Austria without distinction of birth, nationality, language, race or religion.

[2] All residents of Austria have the right to freely practise any form of belief, religion or confession, either publicly or privately, provided that its practice is not incompatible with public order or morality.

European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)

(The ECHR has constitutional status pursuant to Art. II Z 7 B-VGNov 1964 (Federal Law Gazette 59/1964)).

Article 9 – Freedom of thought, conscience and religion

(1) Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching.

(2) Freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs shall not be subject to any restrictions other than those imposed in pursuance of law and necessary in a democratic society in the interests of public safety, public order, health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others.

Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union

Article 10 – Freedom of thought, conscience and religion

(1) Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This right includes freedom to change his religion or belief and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching.

(2) The right to conscientious objection to military service shall be recognised in accordance with the laws of each State, which shall define the conditions for the exercise of this right.

Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

Article 17

(1) The Union respects the status under the laws of the Member States and the religious and philosophical communities and organisations in the Member States.

(2) The Union shall, in the same way, respect the status under national law of philosophical communities.

(3) The Union shall maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with these churches and communities, recognising their identity and their specific contribution.

Links

- Federal Constitutional Law
- European Convention on Human Rights
- Basic Law on the General Rights of Citizens
- Treaty of Saint-Germain
- Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU
- Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
- Equal Treatment Directive 2000/78/EC
- Legal recognition of religious communities
- Confessional communities
- Regulation of interdenominational relations between citizens
- Conversion from one church or religious community to another (AustrittsVO)
- Concordat (Holy See)
- External legal relations of the Protestant Church
- External legal relations of the Greek Orthodox Church in Austria
- Oriental Orthodox Church Law
- External legal relations of the Israelites
- Islam Act 2015
- Religious Education of Children's Act
- Religious Education Act
- Relationship between school and church
- Collection of church contributions in Austria
- Dissolution of the Religious Fund Trust Agency:
- Association Act 2002
- Assembly Act 1953
- Penal Code

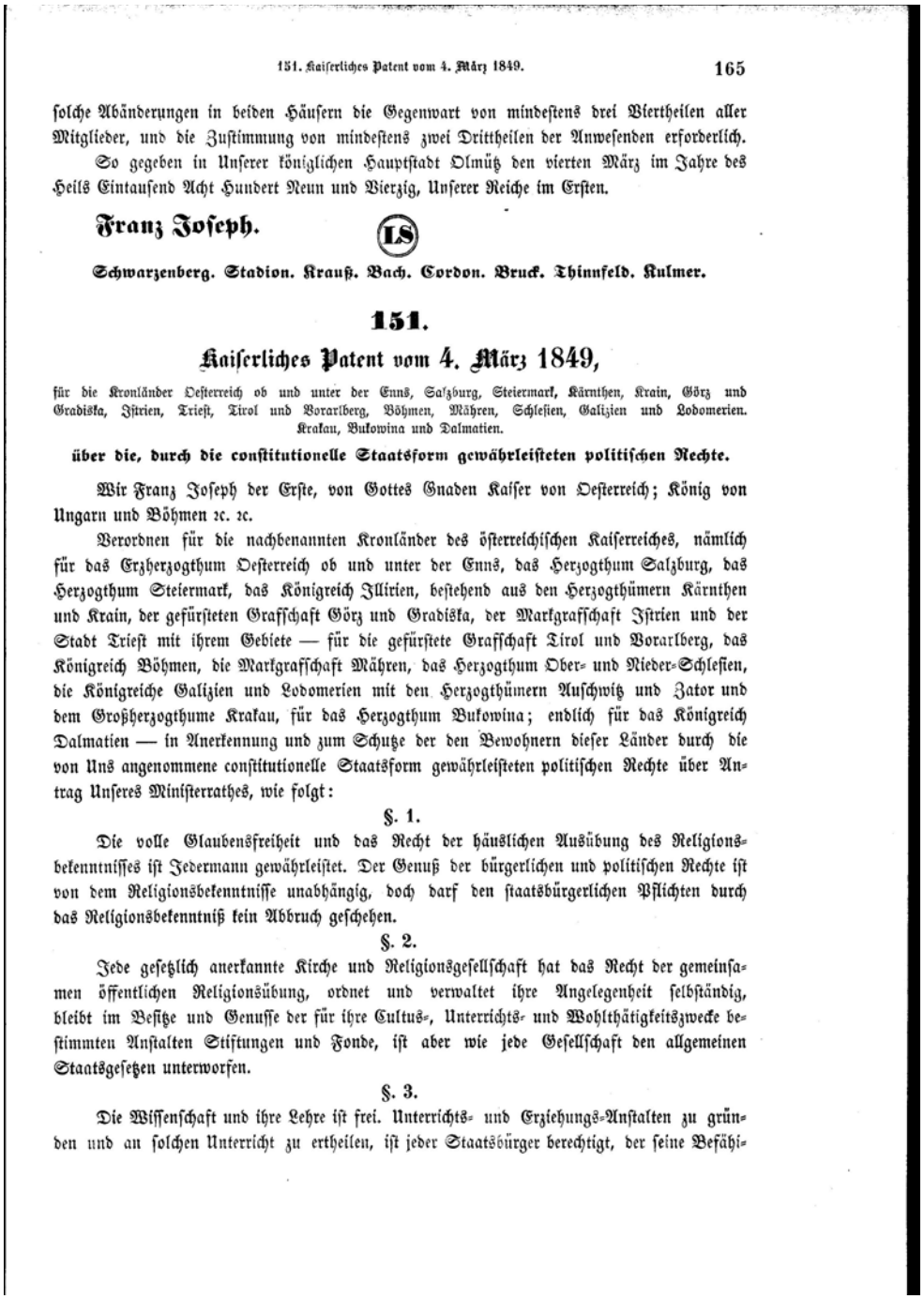
- Animal Welfare Act
- Agreement between the Holy See and Austria on the regulation of matters pertaining to the education system
- Treaty between the Holy See and Austria regulating property relations
- Treaty between the Holy See and Austria concerning the elevation of the Apostolic Administration of Burgenland to a diocese
- Treaty between the Holy See and Austria concerning the elevation of the Apostolic Administration of Innsbruck-Feldkirch to a diocese
- Agreement between the Holy See and Austria concerning the establishment of a diocese in Feldkirch
- Property Relations – Regulation (4th Additional Agreement)
- Property relations – Regulation (5th Additional Treaty)
- Property relations – Regulation (6th Additional Treaty)
- Agreement between the Holy See and Austria concerning the regulation of property relations – 7th Additional Agreement
- Establishment of the Diocese of Vienna and Austria of the Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate)
- Recognition of Old Catholics
- Recognition of Methodists
- Recognition of the Mormons
- Recognition of the New Apostolic Church
- Recognition of followers of Buddhism as a religious community
- Recognition of followers of Jehovah's Witnesses as a religious community
- Recognition of Baptist congregations, Evangelical congregations, ELAIA Christian congregations, Pentecostal congregations and Mennonite Free Churches as churches
- Recognition of the Islamic religious community in Austria as a religious community
- Recognition of the Islamic Alevite religious community as a religious community

Appendix

1. Background

Imperial Patent of march 4th 1849

Image source: ALEX/ÖNB



151. Kaiserliches Patent vom 4. März 1849. 165

solche Abänderungen in beiden Häusern die Gegenwart von mindestens drei Viertheilen aller Mitglieder, und die Zustimmung von mindestens zwei Drittheilen der Anwesenden erforderlich.

So gegeben in Unserer königlichen Hauptstadt Olmütz den vierten März im Jahre des Heils Eintausend Acht Hundert Neun und Vierzig, Unserer Reiche im Ersten.

Franz Joseph. (LS)

Schwarzenberg. Stadion. Krauß. Bach. Cordon. Bruck. Thinnfeld. Kulmer.

151.

Kaiserliches Patent vom 4. März 1849,

für die Kronländer Oesterreich ob und unter der Enns, Salzburg, Steiermark, Kärnthen, Krain, Görz und Gradiska, Istrien, Triest, Tirol und Vorarlberg, Böhmen, Mähren, Schlesien, Galizien und Lodomerien. Krakau, Bukowina und Dalmatien.

über die, durch die constitutionelle Staatsform gewährleisteten politischen Rechte.

Wir Franz Joseph der Erste, von Gottes Gnaden Kaiser von Oesterreich; König von Ungarn und Böhmen ꝛc. ꝛc.

Verordnen für die nachbenannten Kronländer des österreichischen Kaiserreiches, nämlich für das Erzherzogthum Oesterreich ob und unter der Enns, das Herzogthum Salzburg, das Herzogthum Steiermark, das Königreich Illirien, bestehend aus den Herzogthümern Kärnthen und Krain, der gefürsteten Grafschaft Görz und Gradiska, der Markgrafschaft Istrien und der Stadt Triest mit ihrem Gebiete — für die gefürstete Grafschaft Tirol und Vorarlberg, das Königreich Böhmen, die Markgrafschaft Mähren, das Herzogthum Ober- und Nieder-Schlesien, die Königreiche Galizien und Lodomerien mit den Herzogthümern Auschwitz und Zator und dem Großherzogthume Krakau, für das Herzogthum Bukowina; endlich für das Königreich Dalmatien — in Anerkennung und zum Schutze der den Bewohnern dieser Länder durch die von Uns angenommene constitutionelle Staatsform gewährleisteten politischen Rechte über Antrag Unseres Ministerrathes, wie folgt:

§. 1.

Die volle Glaubensfreiheit und das Recht der häuslichen Ausübung des Religionsbekenntnisses ist Jedermann gewährleistet. Der Genuß der bürgerlichen und politischen Rechte ist von dem Religionsbekenntnisse unabhängig, doch darf den staatsbürgerlichen Pflichten durch das Religionsbekenntniß kein Abbruch geschehen.

§. 2.

Jede gesetzlich anerkannte Kirche und Religionsgesellschaft hat das Recht der gemeinsamen öffentlichen Religionsübung, ordnet und verwaltet ihre Angelegenheit selbständig, bleibt im Besitze und Genusse der für ihre Cultus-, Unterrichts- und Wohlthätigkeitszwecke bestimmten Anstalten Stiftungen und Fonde, ist aber wie jede Gesellschaft den allgemeinen Staatsgesetzen unterworfen.

§. 3.

Die Wissenschaft und ihre Lehre ist frei. Unterrichts- und Erziehungs-Anstalten zu gründen und an solchen Unterricht zu ertheilen, ist jeder Staatsbürger berechtigt, der seine Befähi-

gung hierzu in gesetzlicher Weise nachgewiesen hat. Der häusliche Unterricht unterliegt keiner solchen Beschränkung.

§. 4.

Für allgemeine Volksbildung soll durch öffentliche Anstalten, und zwar in den Landestheilen, in denen eine gemischte Bevölkerung wohnt, der Art gesorgt werden, daß auch die Volksstämme, welche die Minderheit ausmachen, die erforderlichen Mittel zur Pflege ihrer Sprache und zur Ausbildung in derselben erhalten. Der Religionsunterricht in den Volksschulen wird von der betreffenden Kirche oder Religionsgesellschaft besorgt. Der Staat führt über das Unterrichts- und Erziehungswesen die Oberaufsicht.

§. 5.

Jedermann hat das Recht durch Wort, Schrift, Druck oder bildliche Darstellung seine Meinung frei zu äußern. Die Presse darf nicht unter Censur gestellt werden. Gegen den Mißbrauch der Presse wird ein Repressivgesetz erlassen.

§. 6.

Das Petitionsrecht steht Jedermann zu. Petitionen unter einem Gesammtnamen dürfen nur von Behörden und gesetzlich anerkannten Körperschaften ausgehen.

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Die österreichischen Staatsbürger haben das Recht sich zu versammeln und Vereine zu bilden, in soferne Zweck, Mittel oder Art und Weise der Versammlung oder Vereinigung weder rechtswidrig noch staatsgefährlich sind. Die Ausübung dieses Rechtes, so wie die Bedingungen, unter welchen Gesellschaftsrechte erworben, ausgeübt oder verloren werden, bestimmt das Gesetz.

§. 8.

Die Freiheit der Person ist gewährleistet. Die Verhaftung einer Person soll, außer im Falle der Ergreifung auf frischer That, nur in Kraft eines mit Gründen versehenen Befehles geschehen, welcher von dem Richter oder von einer, richterliche Function gesetzlich ausübenden, Behörde ergangen ist. Jeder solche Verhaftsbefehl ist dem Verhafteten sogleich bei seiner Anhaltung, oder spätestens vier und zwanzig Stunden nach derselben zuzustellen.

§. 9.

Die Sicherheitsbehörde muß Jeden, den sie in Verwahrung genommen hat, binnen acht und vierzig Stunden freilassen, oder dem zuständigen Gerichte überweisen.

§. 10.

Das Hausrecht ist unverletzlich. Eine Durchsuchung der Wohnung und der Papiere oder eine Beschlagnahme der letzteren ist nur in den gesetzlich bestimmten Fällen und Formen zulässig.

§. 11.

Das Briefgeheimniß darf nicht verletzt, und die Beschlagnahme von Briefen nur in Kriegsfällen oder auf Grund eines richterlichen Befehles vorgenommen werden.

§. 12.

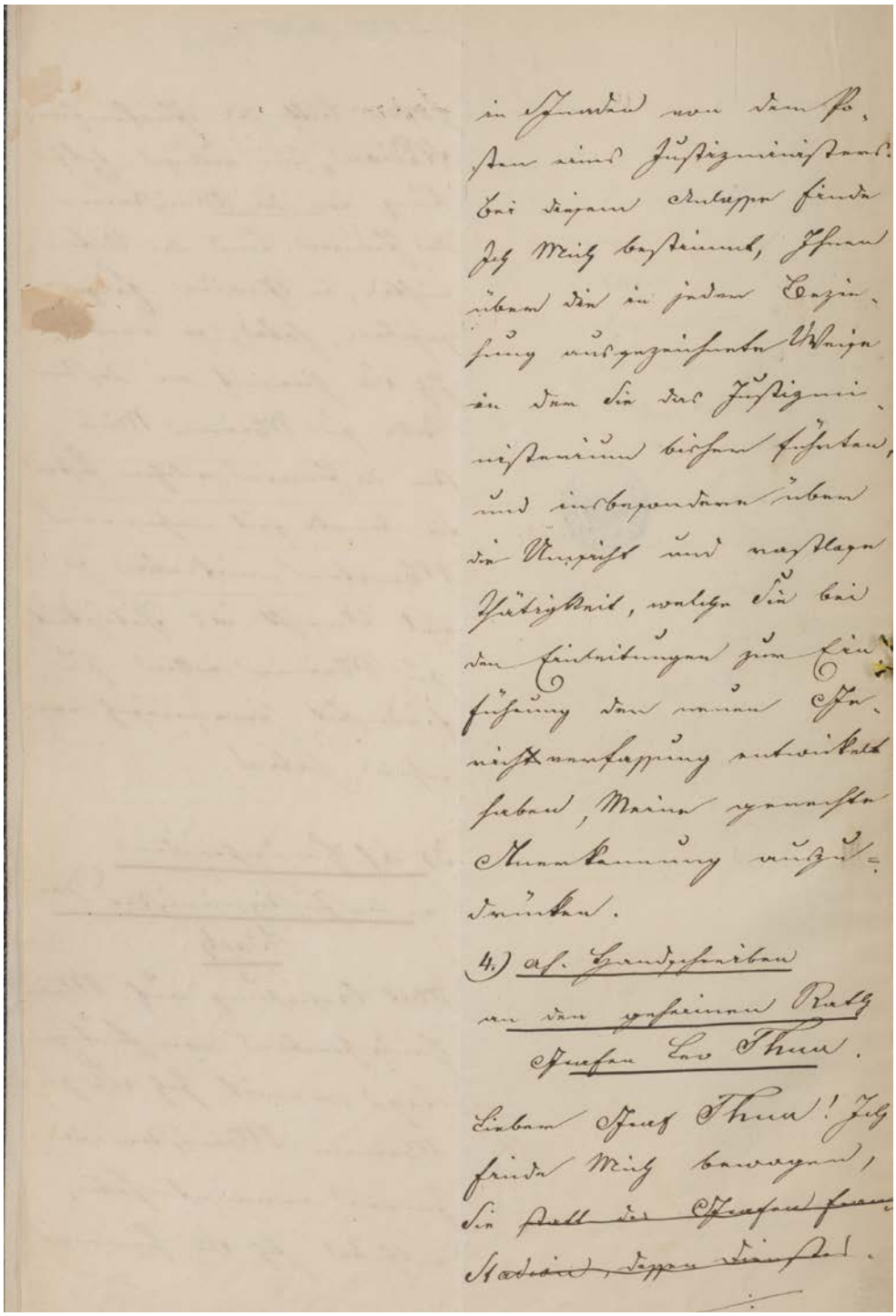
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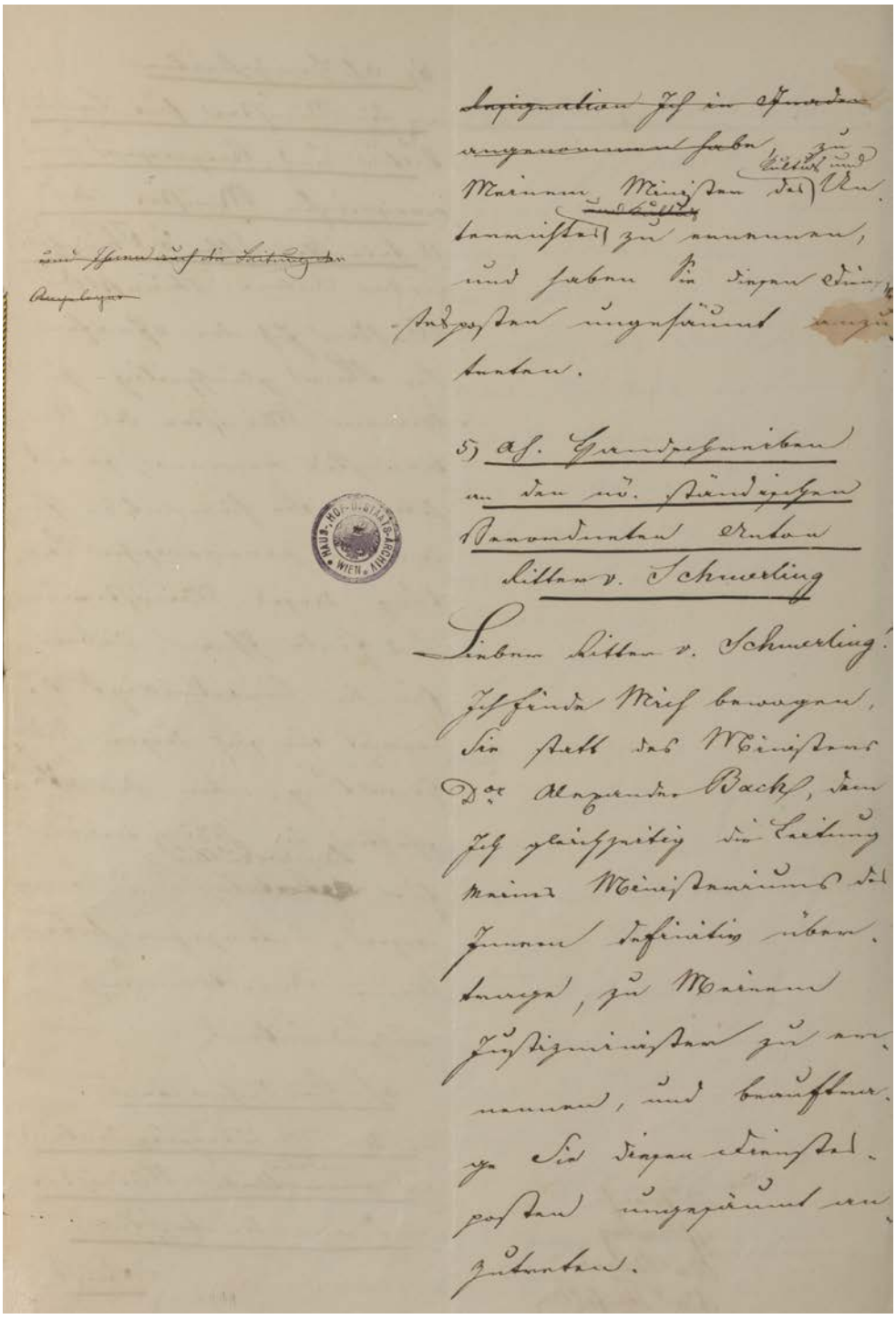
Ein Gesetz wird das Nähere hierüber bestimmen.

2. Process of unifying the agendas in the “Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education” (1849)

Appointment of Thun by imperial letter dated july 28th 1849

Austrian State Archives, House, Court and State Archives, Cabinet Archives, Cabinet Chancellery, Austrian Council of Ministers Minutes, Box 8, Ref. 2548/1849





Transcription:

4.) Most High Letter to Privy Councillor Count Leo Thun.

Dear Count Thun!

I am moved to appoint you as my Minister of Cult [i.e. Religious Affairs] and Education[266] ~~in place of Count Franz Stadion, whose resignation from service I have graciously accepted~~, and you are to take up this position without delay.

Publication in the "Wiener Zeitung", july 29th 1849

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Amerika. Trostlose Lage Mexicos. — Nachrichten aus Californien.

Patriotische Gaben.

Lieber Minister Bach!

Nachdem Ich der wiederholten Bitte des Grafen Franz Stadion, um völlige Enthebung von den Ministerien des Innern und des Unterrichtes, in Gnaden Folge gegeben habe, so ernenne Ich Sie hiermit an dessen Stelle zu Meinem Minister des Innern, welchen Posten Sie bereits seit mehreren Monathen mit eben so viel Umsicht als Thätigkeit, zu Meiner vollen Zufriedenheit, provisorisch versehen haben.

Schönbrunn den 28. Juli 1849.

Franz Joseph m. p.

Schwarzenberg m. p.

Lieber Minister Bach.

Mit Beziehung auf Mein Handschreiben vom heutigen Tage, womit Ich Sie zu Meinem Minister des Innern ernannt habe, enthebe Ich Sie hiermit in Gnaden von dem Posten eines Justiz-Ministers. Bei diesem Anlasse finde Ich Mich bestimmt, Ihnen über die in jeder Beziehung ausgezeichnete Weise, in der Sie das Justiz-Ministerium bisher führten, und insbesondere über die Umsicht und rastlose Thätigkeit, welche Sie bei den Einleitungen zur Einführung der neuen Gerichtsverfassung entwickelt haben, Meine gerechte Anerkennung auszudrücken.

Schönbrunn, den 28. Juli 1849.

Franz Joseph m. p.

Schwarzenberg m. p.

Lieber Graf Thun!

Ich finde Mich bewogen, Sie zu Meinem Minister des Cultus und Unterrichtes zu ernennen, und haben Sie diesen Dienstesposten ungesäumt anzutreten.

Schönbrunn, den 28. Juli 1849.

Franz Joseph m. p.

Schwarzenberg m. p.

zeitig allergnädigst anzubefehlen geruhet, daß diese Direction dort am 1. November d. J. in Wirksamkeit trete.

Um die Wirksamkeit der Gerichts-Einführungs-Commissionen, nahmentlich aber ihre Wechselbeziehung mit den dermahligen Patrimonial-Behörden und den Gemeinden nach Möglichkeit zu erleichtern, hat das k. k. Ministerium für Handel, Gewerbe und öffentliche Bauten die portofreie Behandlung der gegenseitigen Correspondenzen dieser Commissionen und der Patrimonial-Behörden und Gemeinden sowohl bei der Auf- als bei der Abgabe verfügt und verordnet, daß diese Correspondenzen mit der Bezeichnung „In Angelegenheiten der Gerichtseinführung" zu versehen seien.

Welches in Folge Auftrages des k. k. Justiz-Ministeriums hiemit zur allgemeinen Kenntniß gebracht wird.

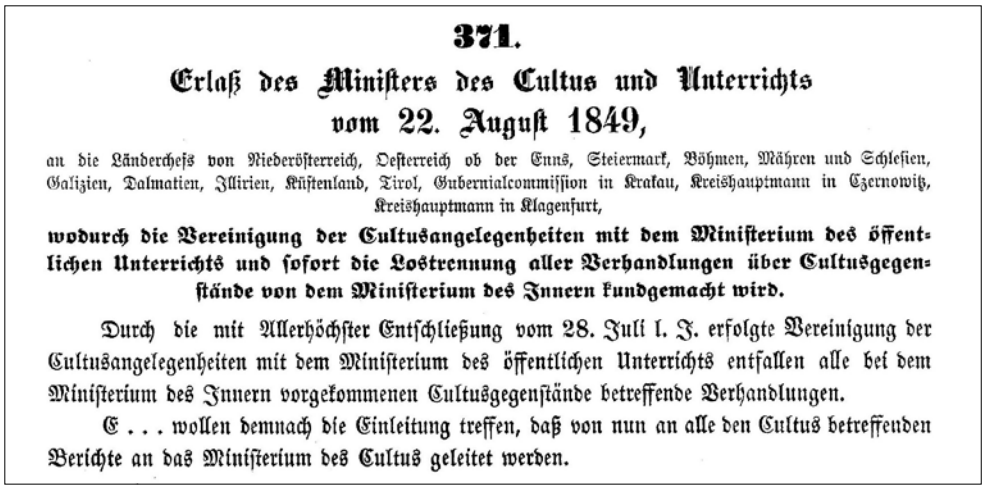
Von der Gerichts-Einführungs-Commission für Oesterreich unter der Enns.

Als hier in Wien im October vorigen Jahres zu den mannigfachen Besorgnissen, durch welche die Bevölkerung aufgeregt wurde, auch die Furcht vor einer bevorstehenden Theurung und Hungersnoth sich gesellte, wurde die Einhebung der Verzehrungssteuer und des Gemeinde-Zuschlages von Getreide, Mehl, Brot und einigen anderen Lebensmitteln bei der Einfuhr nach Wien einstweilen eingestellt. Die Einbuße, welche hierdurch dem Staatsschatze und den ohnehin im vorigen Jahre sehr verminderten Renten der Gemeinde zugefügt wurde, war bedeutend. Die Erfahrung hat dagegen auch bei dieser Gelegenheit gezeigt, daß Nachlässe, welche für jene Mengen, die Unbemittelte zu ihrem täglichen Bedarfe sich anschaffen, nur Bruchtheile eines Kreuzers betragen, nicht der Bevölkerung, der man zu helfen wünscht, sondern größten Theils nur den Zwischenhändlern zu

266 Previously two variants: "of Education and Cult [i.e. Religious Affairs]"/"and also the management of affairs" (in the margin)

Decree of Minister Leo von Thun-Hohenstein regarding the merger of Religious Affairs with the Ministry of Public Education (august 22nd 1849)

General Imperial, Legal and Government Gazette for the Austrian Empire 1849, Vienna 1850 (ANNO/Austrian National Library)



371.

Erlaß des Ministers des Cultus und Unterrichts vom 22. August 1849,

an die Länderchefs von Niederösterreich, Oesterreich ob der Enns, Steiermark, Böhmen, Mähren und Schlesien, Galizien, Dalmatien, Illirien, Küstenland, Tirol, Gubernialcommission in Krakau, Kreishauptmann in Czernowitz, Kreishauptmann in Klagenfurt,

wodurch die Vereinigung der Cultusangelegenheiten mit dem Ministerium des öffentlichen Unterrichts und sofort die Lostrennung aller Verhandlungen über Cultusgegenstände von dem Ministerium des Innern kundgemacht wird.

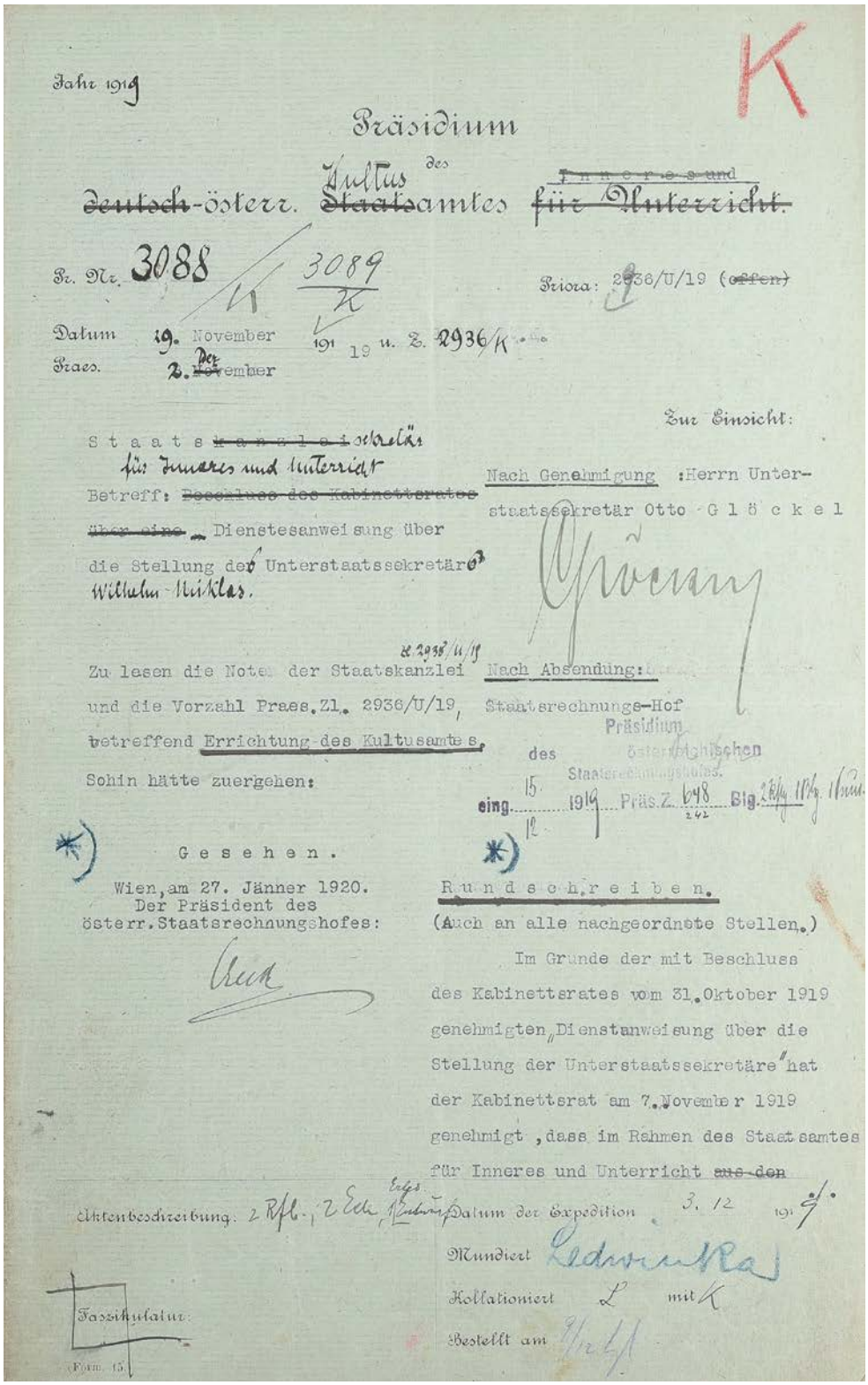
Durch die mit Allerhöchster Entschließung vom 28. Juli l. J. erfolgte Vereinigung der Cultusangelegenheiten mit dem Ministerium des öffentlichen Unterrichts entfallen alle bei dem Ministerium des Innern vorgekommenen Cultusgegenstände betreffende Verhandlungen.

E . . . wollen demnach die Einleitung treffen, daß von nun an alle den Cultus betreffenden Berichte an das Ministerium des Cultus geleitet werden.

3. File on the establishment of an independent Office of Religious Affairs in 1919

Austrian State Archives, General Administrative Archives, Education Presidium, Box 586, Ref. 3088/1919

Circular on the establishment of the Ministry of Religious Affairs on december 3rd 1919



Jahr 1919

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des

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Zur Einsicht:

S t a a t s ~~k a n z l e i~~ sekretär für Inneres und Unterricht

Betreff: ~~Beschluss des Kabinettsrates über eine~~ Dienstesanweisung über die Stellung der Unterstaatssekretäre Wilhelm Miklas.

Nach Genehmigung :Herrn Unterstaatssekretär Otto G l ö c k e l

Genehmigt

Zu lesen die Note der Staatskanzlei K 2938/U/19 und die Vorzahl Praes.Zl. 2936/U/19, betreffend Errichtung des Kultusamtes.

Sohin hätte zuergehen:

Nach Absendung:

Staatsrechnungs-Hof

Präsidium

des

österreichischen

Staatsrechnungshofes.

eing. 15. 12. 1919 Präs.Z. 648 242 Sig.

*) G e s e h e n .

Wien, am 27. Jänner 1920.
Der Präsident des
österr. Staatsrechnungshofes:

*) R u n d s c h r e i b e n .

(Auch an alle nachgeordnete Stellen.)

Im Grunde der mit Beschluss des Kabinettsrates vom 31. Oktober 1919 genehmigten „Dienstanweisung über die Stellung der Unterstaatssekretäre" hat der Kabinettsrat am 7. November 1919 genehmigt, dass im Rahmen des Staatsamtes für Inneres und Unterricht ~~aus den~~

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" Der mit der Leitung des ~~Unterrichtsamtes~~ Kultus betraute Unterstaatssekretär "hat...." ⌈Das⌋ unter einem errichtete Unterrichtsamt wird fortan gemäß dem bestehenden Wirkungskreise der Kultusabteilungen in Angelegenheiten der katholisch-theologischen Fakultäten, der bildenden Künste, insoweit sie mit der Inneneinrichtung kirchlicher Baulichkeiten zusammenhängen, der kirchenmusikalischen Abteilung der Staatsakademie für Musik und darstellende Kunst, sowie in Personalangelegenheiten, ~~welche die~~ von Religionslehrer ~~betreffen~~, fallweise das Einvernehmen mit dem Kultusamte pflegen.

In Angelegenheiten der evangelisch-theologischen Fakultät und in den Agenden kirchlicher Bauten vom Gesichtspunkte der Kunst und Denkmalpflege ist hinwieder vom Kultusamte mit dem Unterrichtsamte das Einvernehmen zu pflegen.

Die Konzeptsbeamten des Kultus-Amtes sowie die ihm nachgeordneten Stellen sind somit samt ihrem Personal an mich als Leiter des Kultusamtes gewiesen.

Die im Kultusamte in Verwendung stehenden Konzeptskräfte bilden bis auf weiteres mit den Konzeptsbeamten des Unterrichtsamtes einen

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einheitlichen Personalstand.

Die zur Besorgung des Präsidial-, Bibliotheks, Archivs- und Hilfsaemterdienstes erforderlichen Organe und Einrichtungen werden dem Kultusamte vom Unterrichtsamte nach Bedarf beigestellt, doch bleiben diese Organe in dienstrechlicher Beziehung dem Leiter des Unterrichtsamtes unterstellt.

Die bisherigen Abteilungen 4 u. 5 werden zu einer Abteilung IV zusammengezogen, zu deren Vorstand Ministerialrat Dr. Glotz bestellt u. welcher Sektionsrat Dr. Schultes zugewiesen wird.

Die Abteilungen des Kultusamtes erhalten nunmehr folgende Bezeichnungen:

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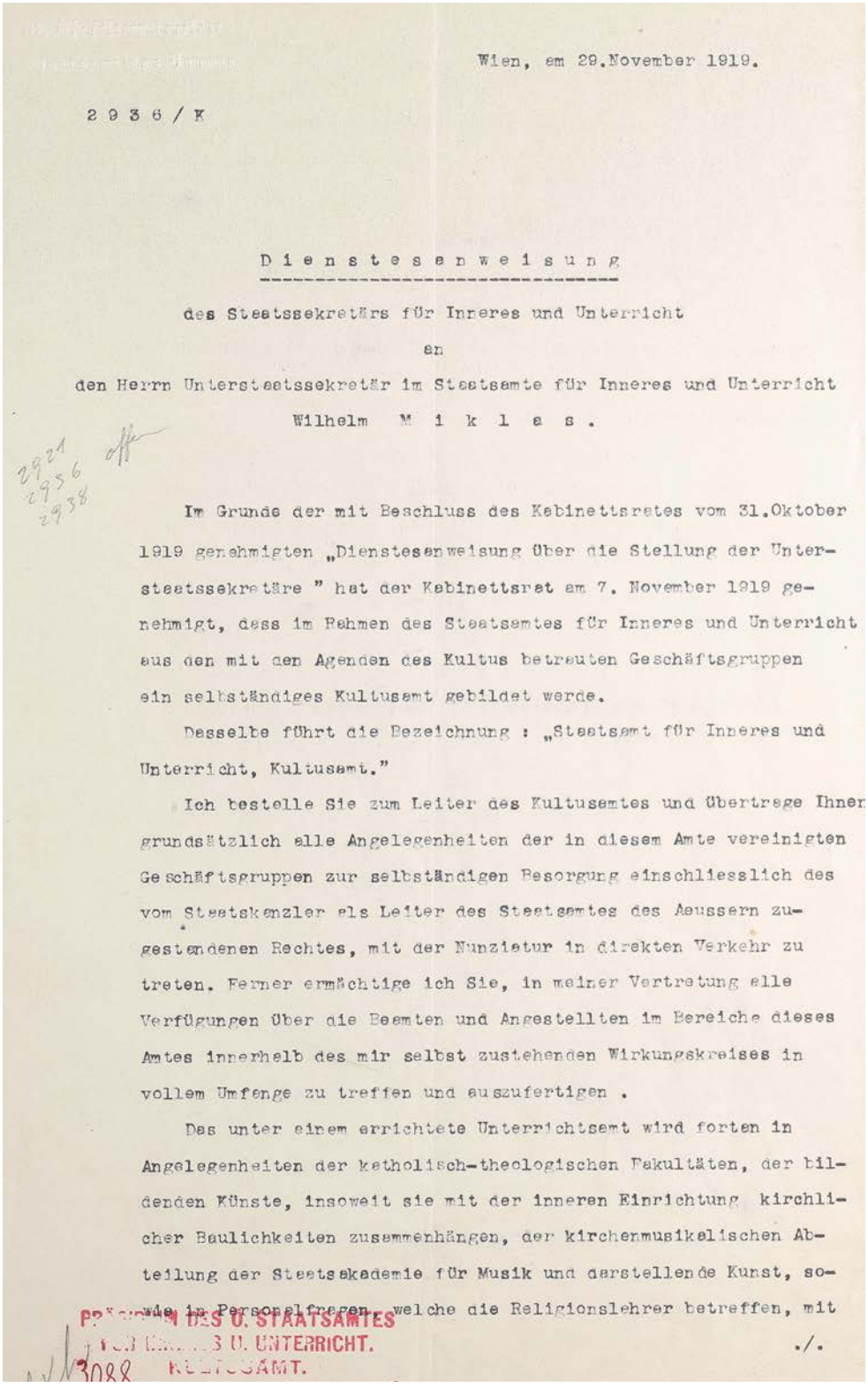
Mit 1. Jänner 1920 wird die selbständige Kanzlei des Kultusamtes aktiviert.

Die näheren Anordnungen in Durchführung des Rundschreibens trifft der Präsidialvorstand.

Wien, am 3. Dezember 1919.

Sektionschef führt die dienstliche Bezeichnung Präsidialvorstand.

Service instructions on the position of Undersecretary Wilhelm Miklas dated november 29th 1919



Wien, am 29.November 1919.

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Dienstesanweisung

des Staatssekretärs für Inneres und Unterricht

an

den Herrn Unterstaatssekretär im Staatsamte für Inneres und Unterricht

Wilhelm Miklas.

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Dasselbe führt die Bezeichnung: „Staatsamt für Inneres und Unterricht, Kultusamt."

Ich bestelle Sie zum Leiter des Kultusamtes und übertrage Ihnen grundsätzlich alle Angelegenheiten der in diesem Amte vereinigten Geschäftsgruppen zur selbständigen Besorgung einschliesslich des vom Staatskanzler als Leiter des Staatsamtes des Aeussern zugestandenen Rechtes, mit der Nunziatur in direkten Verkehr zu treten. Ferner ermächtige ich Sie, in meiner Vertretung alle Verfügungen über die Beamten und Angestellten im Bereiche dieses Amtes innerhalb des mir selbst zustehenden Wirkungskreises in vollem Umfange zu treffen und auszufertigen.

Das unter einem errichtete Unterrichtsamt wird forten in Angelegenheiten der katholisch-theologischen Fakultäten, der bildenden Künste, insoweit sie mit der inneren Einrichtung kirchlicher Baulichkeiten zusammenhängen, der kirchenmusikalischen Abteilung der Staatsakademie für Musik und darstellende Kunst, sowie in Personalfragen, welche die Religionslehrer betreffen, mit

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PRÄSIDIUM DES U. STAATSAMTES
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dem Kultusamte, dessen Abteilungen den bisherigen Wirkungskreis beibehalten, fallweise des Einvernehmen zu pflegen haben.

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Als Unterstaatssekretär und Leiter des Kultusamtes steht Ihnen in Angelegenheiten dieses Ressorts der Vortrag im Kabinette und die parlamentarische Vertretung der einschlägigen Vorlagen zu.

In Angelegenheiten von besonderer politischer und prinzipieller Bedeutung ist meine Genehmigung jeweils einzuholen .

Der Staatssekretär für Inneres und Unterricht :

Hawerda