

# Chapter 22

## Report on Global Environment

### Competitiveness of Austria

Austria is located in Central Europe. It covers 82.4 thousand of square kilometres, bordered by the Czech Republic and Germany to the north, Hungary and Slovakia to the east, Slovenia and Italy to the south, and Switzerland and Liechtenstein to the west. Most of Austria is in tropical region. And natural resources is rich. As of late 2011, the gross population was 8.42 million, with GDP reaching USD 417.66 billion. Through the evaluation of global environment competitiveness, we can know that the environment competitiveness index of Austria ranks at 8 among 133 countries.

<b>Score:</b> 56.65
<b>Rank:</b> 8

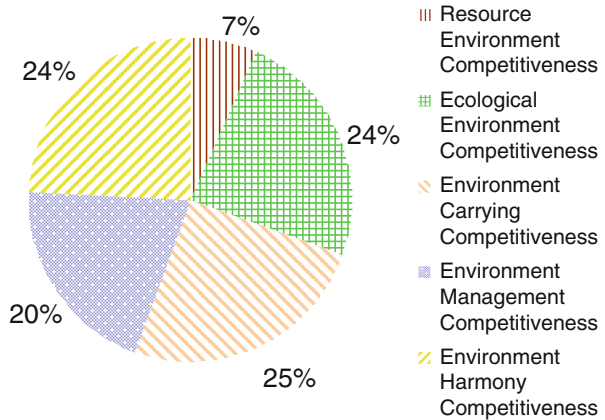


Fig. 22.1 Contribution of sub-index to GEC

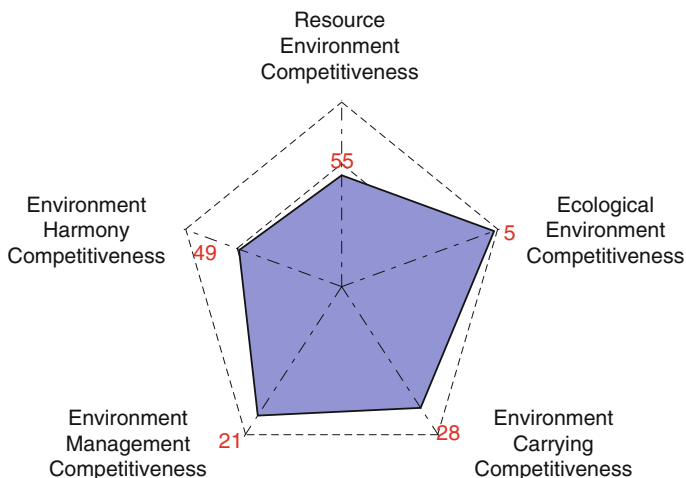


Fig. 22.2 Rank of sub-index of GEC

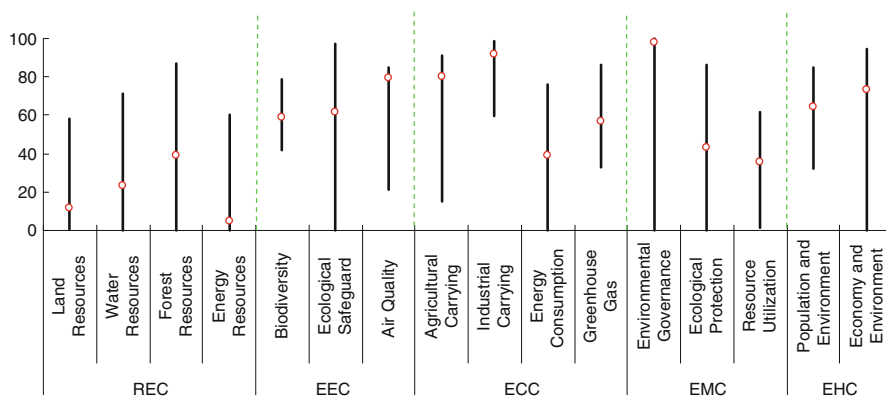


Fig. 22.3 Score and rank of the pillars of GEC

Table 22.1 Score and rank of all indicators of GEC

Indicators	Score	Rank	Indicators	Score	Rank
1 Resource Environment Competitiveness	18.53	55	Groundwater	10.45	64
1.1 Land Resources	11.35	76	Total internal renewable water resources	33.65	35
Land area per capita	1.74	86	1.3 Forest Resources	39.12	29
Percentage of arable land to total land area	27.96	49	Growing stock in forest and other wooded land	53.44	40
Arable land per capita	7.57	73	Proportion of land area covered by forest	55.31	22
1.2 Water Resources	23.14	46	Forest area per capita	3.22	54
Surface water	10.17	32	1.4 Energy Resources	4.96	71
Annual precipitation	38.30	53			

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Indicators	Score	Rank	Indicators	Score	Rank
Fossil energy	0.00	64	Energy consumption per unit of land area	99.13	108
Energy production	1.42	51	Ratio of clean energy consumption	20.45	31
Proportion of combustible renewable and waste to total energy consumption	19.09	44	Elasticity of energy consumption	18.04	9
Net energy imports of the energy consumption	4.30	102	Elasticity of electric power consumption	19.62	12
<b>2 Ecological Environment Competitiveness</b>	<b>67.89</b>	<b>5</b>	3.4 Greenhouse Gas Growth rate of CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	56.63	107
2.1 Biodiversity	58.65	45	Growth rate of Methane emissions	39.56	109
Threatened fish species	94.81	28	Growth rate of Methane emissions	59.48	64
Threatened mammal species	98.37	11	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions per unit of land area	99.06	113
Threatened plant species	99.47	60	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions per unit of energy consumption	45.49	58
GEF benefits index for biodiversity	0.30	105	<b>4 Environment Management Competitiveness</b>	<b>57.31</b>	<b>21</b>
2.2 Ecological Safeguard	61.96	10	4.1 Environmental Governance	98.10	24
Terrestrial protected areas	61.96	19	Agricultural chemicals regulation	95.24	20
Marine protected areas	N/A	N/A	Percentage of the rural population with access to an improved water source	100.00	1
2.3 Air Quality	79.27	28	Percentage of the urban population with access to an improved water source	100.00	1
Inhalable particles (PM10)	80.29	58	4.2 Ecological Protection	42.88	29
Particulate matter (PM2.5)	84.32	70	Area of plantation and afforestation	N/A	N/A
Index of indoor air pollution	100.00	1	Biome protect	87.00	30
Nitrogen oxides emission	68.06	56	Overfishing of fishing resources	N/A	N/A
Sulfur dioxide emission	40.92	22	4.3 Resource Utilization	35.77	71
<b>3 Environment Carrying Competitiveness</b>	<b>70.77</b>	<b>28</b>	Utilization rate of water resources	0.19	78
3.1 Agricultural Carrying	80.46	9	Percentage of total internal renewable water resources to total water resources	65.71	63
Cereal yield per unit of arable land	56.28	22	Percentage of agricultural land to total land area	45.43	81
Fertilizer consumption per unit of arable land	93.28	72	Percentage of fossil fuel energy consumption to total energy consumption	31.74	51
Annual freshwater withdrawals for agriculture per unit of arable land	99.89	22			
3.2 Industrial Carrying	91.47	70			
Net exports of goods as a percentage of GDP	74.32	90			
Electric power consumption per unit of value added of industry	94.84	36			
SO <sub>2</sub> emissions per unit of value added of industry	99.99	5			
Annual freshwater withdrawals for industry per value added of industry	96.72	74			
3.3 Energy Consumption	39.31	27			

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Indicators	Score	Rank	Indicators	Score	Rank
5 Environment Harmony Competitiveness	68.76	49	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions per capita	77.68	107
5.1 Population and Environment	64.22	103	Energy consumption per capita	69.25	104
Percentage of population with access to Improved sanitation facilities	100.00	1	5.2 Economy and Environment	73.30	11
Motor vehicles per 1,000 people	30.99	118	Land resource utilization efficiency	1.48	16
Renewable internal freshwater resources per capita	7.90	45	Sulfur dioxide emissions per unit of GDP	99.86	5
SO <sub>2</sub> emissions per capita	98.65	28	Carbon dioxide emissions per unit of GDP	95.28	12
			Energy consumption per unit of GDP	96.60	8

**Table 22.2** Rank distribution of the individual indicators of GEC

Sub-index	Number of the individual indicators	Rank				
		1–10	11–30	31–60	61–100	101–133
Resource Environment Competitiveness	14	0	2	7	5	0
Ecological Environment Competitiveness	11	2	4	4	1	0
Environment Carrying Competitiveness	15	3	2	2	4	4
Environment Management Competitiveness	10	1	4	0	4	0
Environment Harmony Competitiveness	10	2	4	1	0	3
Total	60	8	16	14	14	7

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