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Austrian experiences with the new Parliamentary Budget Office

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Need for a Parliamentary Budget Office

- **Strengthening of the parliamentary budgetary control**
 - **Additional reporting requirements for the Minister of Finance**
 - **Comprehensive budget reform**
 - **Whole new system, new key-elements, New design of the budget documents, new information**
- Establishment of the new independent Parliamentary Budget Office**

Establishment proceedings

- **PBO shall**
 - **Work independently and ensure high-quality expertise**
 - **Submit analysis to all political parties**
 - **Ensure transparency and publish results on parliament's homepage**
- **unit of the Parliamentary Administration, within the Department of Legal, Legislative and Research Services, however the PBO has a specific mandate to support and consult Parliamentarians and especially the Budget Committee directly**
- **Main objectives:**
 - **To provide government-independent and objective analysis**
 - **To support Parliament, in particular the Budget Committee in budgetary matters**

First experiences

- **Good Relationship between PBO and MoF**
- **parliamentarians use the expertise intensively**
- **Provides great support**
- **Customer focus**
- **Direct access to MPs**
- **High quality performance, analysis are also useful for ministries**
- **Large interest**
- **Gives input for improvements and further development**
- **Equal treatment and equal distance to all political parties**

- **Parliamentary Budget Office left its start-up phase**
- **Very well established**
- **Ensuring independence**
- **Good reputation**
- **Vague ideas for further expanding**

Thank you for your attention!

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