### AUSTRIA: Main types of Early Childhood Education & Care services for children below school age

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**Name of Provision**: Original name of main institutional arrangements providing early childhood education and care within the country

**Type of Arrangement**: Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care services

**Ages Served**: <3 years = 0 to 35 months old; 1-<13 years = 12 months to 12 years & 11 months old; <4 years = 0 to 47 months old; 3-<6 years = 36 to 71 months old; 1-<6 years = 12 to 71 months old

**Sector of Provision**: According to the provider of care, PB when = the government (local/regional or national/federal); 1/2 PR when = the non profit private sector; PR when = the for profit private sector

**Opening Hours**: Regular (average) opening hours of the arrangement during the year:
- **within a day** = number of hours (h) covered during the day;
- **within a week** = number of days (d) covered during the week;
- **within a year** = number of months (m) covered during the year

**Registration Criteria**: Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in that type of arrangement:
- UNIV = there are no criteria restricting the admission;
- PRIOR = see "priority criteria"

**Priority Criteria**: Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in priority in that type of arrangement:
- WRK = working parent(s);
- SP = special needs of the child or family;
- ECO = financial situation of the family;
- NO = no priority criteria of access to registration

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