

## THE BUDAPEST COMMITMENTS – project document

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Background information is available on the EAPC website:

(<http://www.eapcnet.org/congresses/Budapest2007/Budapest2007Commitments.htm>)

Country **Austria**

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Organisation **Austrian Society of Palliative Care ([www.palliativ.at](http://www.palliativ.at))**  
**HOSPICE AUSTRIA ([www.hospiz.at](http://www.hospiz.at))**

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If not, give a short description of the organisation

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Short description of the underlying problems that the commitments are aimed at

**There is insufficient integration of the different hospice and palliative care services into the Austrian health care plan and social security system. The responsibilities are not clear enough, financing is not assured and access is not equal.**

**Financing of palliative care services in Austria is heterogenous. While palliative care units are supported nationwide by the National Health System and financed within the framework of the social security system other services such as hospices and mobile palliative care services are not. They rely on variable support of provinces and communities, varying patients co-payments or private institutions and donations**

Description of commitments (if more than one please list, please try to define clear, realistic and measurable goals for each commitment)

**1. Creating public awareness of the deficiencies in public financing of hospice and palliative care services and for their insufficient intergration into the health care and social system.**

**2. Lobbying to give sufficient information to politicians and representatives of the social and health care system concerning these problems.**

3.

Goal, measurement of success and time (please list at least one outcome measurement for each commitment)

**1. Holding a press conference in 2009 during EAPC meeting in Vienna: To inform the public about the current situation and about necessary steps in order to integrate hospice and palliative care into the Austrian health care and social system.**

**2.**

**3.**

Short description of methodology and working process

**Lobbying and media work**

In collaboration or cooperation with other organisations

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Names of other organisations