

My Body, My Human Right!

To the Austrian federal government

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We demand that the right to legal, safe, and affordable abortion be ensured throughout Austria!

Access to safe abortion is a human right that is not adequately guaranteed in Austria. People who decide to have an abortion face numerous barriers. Their decision is systematically obstructed: abortions are not recognised as a standard healthcare service, are not available nationwide, and must be paid for privately. Moreover, **abortion in Austria is still a criminal offence** and is only exempt from punishment under certain conditions. This situation is unacceptable and reinforces the stigmatisation of those affected.

We therefore call on the Austrian federal government to:

Remove financial barriers to accessing safe abortion care and ensure adequate provision in all federal states. Depending on the region, people may have to travel long distances to find a doctor who provides abortion services. The cost of the procedure, combined with travel expenses, can pose major barriers especially for people affected by poverty.

Fully decriminalise abortion. Under the current regulation, abortion remains the only healthcare service still regulated under the Criminal Code. **Section 96 of the Criminal Code generally criminalises abortion**, while the following provision defines the conditions under which it is not punishable. This places both people seeking abortions and the doctors providing them in a legal grey area. **The consequences are stigma and gaps in care.**

The right to decide over one's own body and to end an unwanted pregnancy is part of our reproductive rights. Yet worldwide we are witnessing increasing restrictions on this human right. In Austria, too, the self-determination of people with unwanted pregnancies is limited.

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