

## **Development of Effective Micro-organisms in Austria**

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***Abstract:** Agriculture in Austria is facing grave problems due to reduced prices of produce. Thus farmers need low cost technologies to reduce costs of production, in order to derive profits from their enterprises. Thus, Austria initiated a program on EM in 1997, including composting, sludge management, spraying onto corn straw, in animal production and treatment of both on farm and household wastes. The results are very promising and the benefits of EM from all these projects developed with time. The longer the use of EM and bokashi, the better were the results. This success led to the development of EM related programs in the Czech Republic as well. The potential of EM in Austria and its neighbouring countries are good and the program currently being undertaken is presented.*

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