

## *Our Mission Statement*

*We are the independent auditor of the Lower Austrian state parliament.*

### *Vision*

*Lower Austria is proud of its Court of Audit! We are seen as the first port of call in public-sector auditing in the state.*

### *Tasks*

*Through our work, we ensure that state funds are being spent properly, economically, efficiently and effectively in the interest of citizens.*

*Following international standards, our work is directed towards increasing benefits and reducing costs. In this way, we contribute to a sound development of the state.*

### *Goals*

*Our main goals are to ensure, within the scope of the law, the best use of public money and sustainable impact of state funds in Lower Austria.*

### *Strategies*

*We attain our goals through implementing our strategies in a cooperative effort between the state parliament, the state government, our auditees and the public. Their trust is important to us. We recognise achievements. We identify shortcomings and ask for their redress.*

*We rely on persuasive arguments and professional competence. Our expertise is based on dedicated knowledge and quality management. We evaluate our own performance and outcomes.*

### *State parliament*

*We support the state parliament in exercising its appropriations and audit prerogative. Our task in this process is to audit the financial management of the state on an ongoing basis.*

*Our reports offer a factual basis for political debates and decisions.*

### *State government and auditees*

*We direct our audit findings to the state government and to the auditees. In our findings, we assess the way in which they deliver their tasks and identify potentials for improvement.*

*We engage in a respect-based dialogue. We heed comments and include them in our reports. We follow up on the implementation of our recommendations.*

### *Publicity*

*Our reports are public and accessible at [www.lrh-noe.at](http://www.lrh-noe.at). We consider the media as an important link between our work and the public.*

### *Self-perception*

*We form a team and manage by objectives.*

*Every staff member contributes to our success and is aware of this responsibility. We see permanent further education and training as a matter of course. We are open to change.*

*We are committed to objectivity and integrity. Our actions are guided by our values.*