

# Fact check:

## Guaranteed snow for winter tourism.

The reliable snow cover in Austria's winter sports regions plays a key role in the country's ability to **compete internationally**, and safeguards regional wealth creation and jobs.

**Guaranteed fun for skiers on perfectly groomed slopes!**

**90 %**

of the **power** needed to produce **artificial snow** comes from **renewable energy sources**.

**1-3 kWh**

It takes **1-3 kWh** to produce **1 m<sup>3</sup> of snow**. The latest **snowmaking systems** deliver **ongoing energy optimisation and efficient resource management**, and need only **air and water** to work.

**23,714 hectares of ski slopes**

await **winter sports enthusiasts in Austria**.

**250 ski lift companies**

and **numerous tow lift operators** transport winter sports enthusiasts safely around the skiing areas.

**More than 75 %**

Thanks to the latest snow machines, **more than 75 %** of the slopes are now in **perfect condition for skiing throughout the season**.

**Just 0,07 %**

of all the **water resources available in Austria each year** is used to make artificial snow.

**525.000 kWh**

It takes 525,000 kWh of energy each winter to cover a 30-hectare skiing area with artificial snow. By comparison, it takes around 750,000 kWh a year to run a public swimming pool.

**Reliable snow cover is an important factor in Austria's success as a tourist destination.**

**Modern artificial snowmaking systems use:**  
Water and air – nothing else.  
When the snow melts, **100 %** of the water returns to the natural cycle.