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## History

Niederösterreich's position on the Danube, which has always been of strategic importance, has given the province a chequered history:



### Timeline

25000 BC:

first evidence of settlement (it is roughly from this time that the world-famous statue of the 'Venus of Willendorf' originates)

15 BC:

the Celtic kingdom of Noricum comes under Roman rule

300 AD:

settlement by Germanic tribes and start of stronger Christianisation of the population

600 AD:

Avars settle in the area

795 AD:

destruction of the Avar kingdom under Charlemagne; the western part of Niederösterreich becomes part of the Carolingian marches

907 AD:

victory of the Magyars over the Bavarians at the Battle of Bratislava; Niederösterreich comes under Magyar rule

976 AD:

enfeoffment of the Babenbergs with the eastern marches (after the victory of the German King Otto I the Great over the Magyars at Lechfeld in 955)

996 AD:

first recorded mention of the name 'Österreich = Ostarrichi' (Austria)

1156 AD:

Austria, which comprises more or less the present regions of Ober- and Niederösterreich, gets separated from Bavaria and becomes a duchy

1282 AD:

enfeoffment of the Habsburg Albrecht I with the Austrian areas

1365 AD:

Rudolf IV founds the university of Vienna

1425 AD:

Bohemian Hussits raid the northern part of Niederösterreich

1529 AD:

Osmanic troops besiege Vienna and devastate extensive areas in Niederösterreich

1683 AD:

second Turkish siege of Vienna, however decisive defeat by an Austrian-Polish army

1774 AD:

Empress Maria Theresia implements an educational reform (school attendance becomes obligatory for children aged 6 to 12)

1781 AD:

Emperor Joseph II grants freedom of religious practice to Protestants and Greek Orthodoxies

1805, 1809 AD:

Napoleon in Austria, several victorious battles against Austrian troops

1815 AD::

Congress of Vienna, reshaping of Europe by the "Holy Alliance"

1861 AD:

provincial parliaments are established in Austria due to constitutional reforms

1918 AD:

end of the Habsburg monarchy and proclamation of the First Republic (Niederösterreich becomes a federal province in the modern sense of the term)

1922 AD:

division of the province Niederösterreich-Land into two separate provinces: Niederösterreich and Vienna

1938 AD:

annexation of Austria by Nazi-Germany

1945 AD:

proclamation of the Second Republic after the end of the Second World War and resumption of Niederösterreich's provincial administration

1955 AD:

withdrawal of the Allied and Russian troops from Austria

1986 AD:

St Pölten becomes the new provincial capital

1994 AD:

67.8% of Niederösterreich's population support Austria's accession to the EU

1.1.1995 AD:

Austria joins the European Communities

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