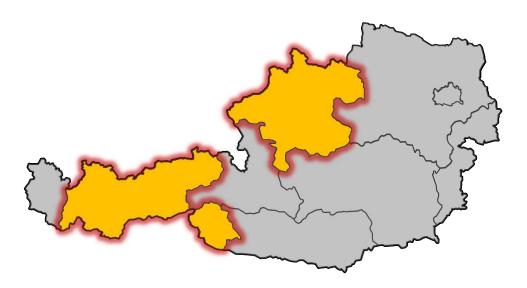




### e-government



# Challenge for financial audit



#### **Upper Austria**







- Population: 1,47 Mio.
- Area: 12.000 km²
  - 57% area of permanent settlement
- District administrations: 18
- Municipalities: 442
- GRP: 58 billions €
- Budget:
  - Revenue: 5,8 billions €
  - Expenditure: 5,9 billions €
  - ~800 IT-applications
- LRH-OÖ: 25 employees (20 auditors)



#### **Tyrol**







- Population: 750.000
- Area: 12.700 km²
  - 12 % area of permanent settlement
- District administrations: 9
- Municipalities: 279
- GRP: 31 billions €
- Budget:
  - Revenue: 3,7 billions €
  - Expenditure: 3,7 billions €

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- ~400 IT-applications
- LRH-Tirol: 14 employees (11 auditors)



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#### **Agenda**



- History of file management
- Digitalization of the administration
- Impact on the audit
- Challenges

- NOT: Audit of IT-Systems
  - COBIT, ITIL, ISO certification



# File management history

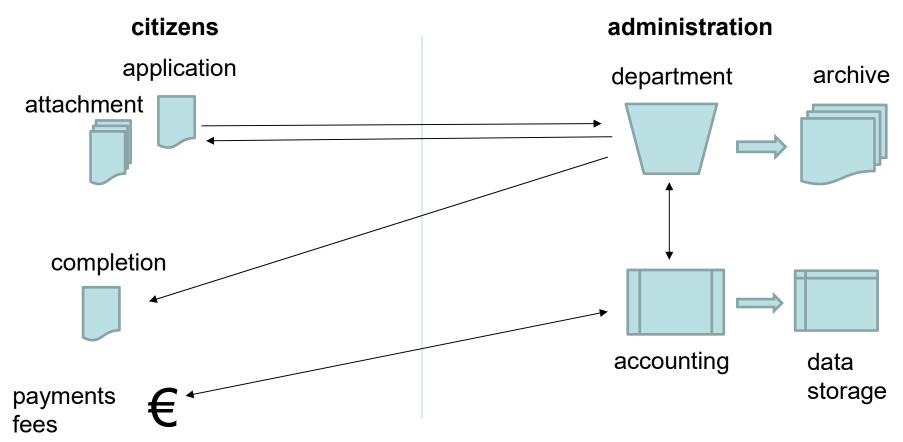


- 1528: first rules for file management in Austria
- approx. 1750 to 1973: rules for file management (Maria Theresia)
- from 1985: electronic information systems
- from 2000: development of e-government
- from 2005: electronic file management in Upper Austria
- from 2008: electronic file management in Tyrol



#### **Classical process**





All information provided by citizen (applicant)



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### e-government in Austria



- Important initiatives
  - Electronic signature
  - Electronic financial data
  - Electronic legislation
- Central register
  - Registration registers and citizenship registers
  - Company registers, association registers, trade registers
  - Land register, building and accommodation register
  - Geographic Information Systems



### **Examples of applications**

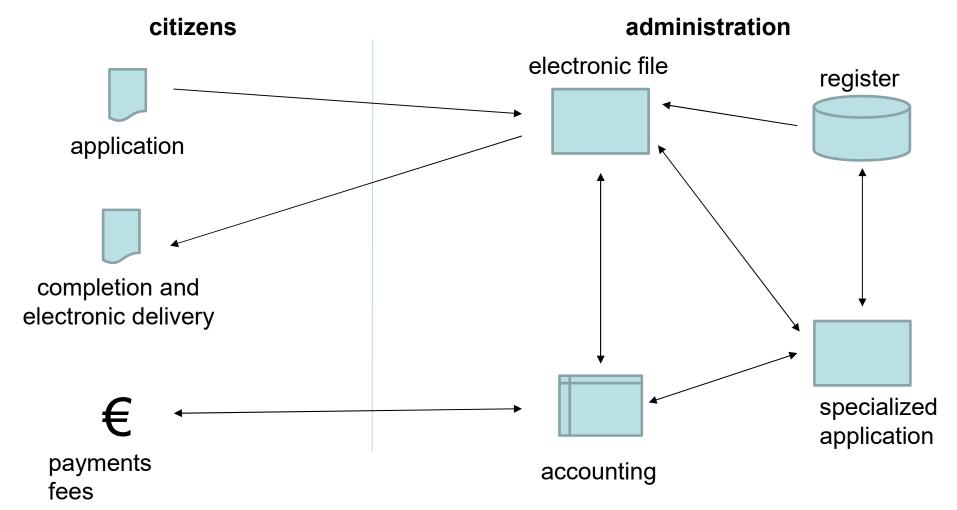


- FinanzOnline
  - Digital tax declaration and electronic delivery
  - One- or No-Stop Government
  - Connect to registers and databases
  - Citizen must archive receipts for 7 years
  - Donations are reported to the tax office by the recipient
  - Automatic tax declaration for certain groups
- Exceptions for weekend driving ban for vehicles > 7.5 tons
  - One application for all states in Austria
  - Applicant does not need to know the responsible authority (internet form)
  - Parallel referral to all authorities involved
  - Short lead times with electronic notification
  - Executive can check the notification in the system



### **Electronic process**





Access to stored information in register

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### Audit classical files



- Optical appearance gives first impression paper file lives!
- Completion check All sub-numbers available?
- Unstructured information valuable information
  - Handwritten notes on documents
  - Post-its
- Process analysis (comparison with guideline)
- Files at the auditee
- Preservation of evidence by copying or scanning
- Also with paper file Information in IT applications
  - Accountancy
  - Conveying processing

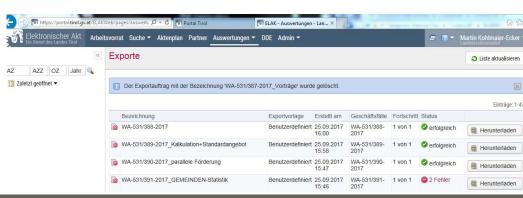




### Audit - electronic files



- Much is also true for electronic files
- Advantages
  - Access from anywhere possible No intervention in ongoing operation
  - Traceability of process is easy
  - Digital documents (eg calculate in Excel)
  - Fast search
- Problems
  - Access rights for auditors
  - No optical impression
  - Media breaks (scanning from the paper as a source of error)
  - Search function (risk of gaps)
  - Technical inadequacies (eg export of files)





### Audit - electronic files



#### Result

- Chronological and complete view of all documents still necessary → slower than in paper files
- Personal workings of the auditors will change (eg print of certain / all documents)
- The design of the workplace for auditors is changing

#### Challenges

- Organizational: dealing with electronic file at the auditee (structure and keywords)
- Preservation of evidence: Print or save or save only path
- Make electronic files audit-friendly (eg access, reports)



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# Specialized applications



- Specialized applications = special IT-applications
  (eg calculation for government aid)
- with interfaces to
  - electronic files,
  - registers,
  - accountancy.
- Types
  - Customized individual software
  - Standard software



### Audit - specialized applications



- Access for auditors
  - Evaluations and queries depend on the existing functions of the application
  - Auditor needs knowledge of the application
- Reports by auditee (overview)
  - Evaluations and queries depend on the existing functions of the application
- Data export (single data record)
  - Export from specialized application database

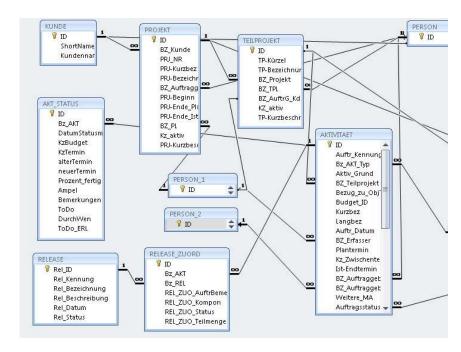




### Audit - specialized applications



- Data export from specialized applications
  - Request "relevant" data (data available?)
  - More data available?
    - Data model
    - Documentation or user manual
    - "Screen" (Input mask)
  - Data export by auditee
    - Single data records (no summation)
  - Check of data export
    - Plausibility
    - Sampling
  - Interpretation
    - Filter/pivot/stratification
    - Statistics



Datenbankschema (Quelle: https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Datenmodellierung



#### challenges



- Privacy policy (EU General Data Protection Regulation)
- Data security (EU-directive concerning security of network and information systems)
  - Are solutions secured against unauthorized access?
  - Backup concept archiving
  - Security against manipulation
- Equipment of workstations
  - Hardware
  - Software licenses







#### **Challenges**

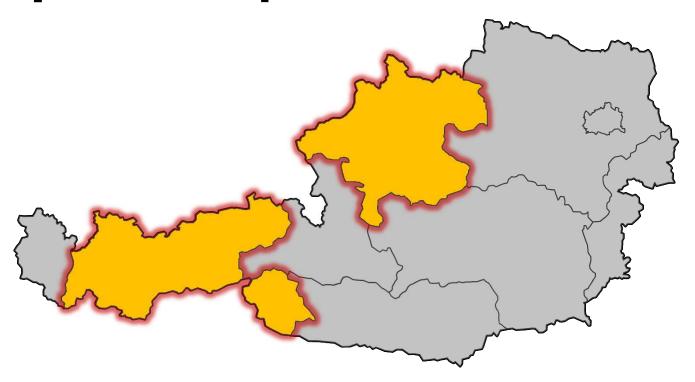


- Auditors need to bring in know-how, as well as mastering and constantly developing techniques and methods
- Audit organization must promote knowledge building or provide knowledge
- Auditors must have basic digital competences





### ¡Gracias por la atención!



Thanks for the attention!