

AUSTRIAN MOUNTAIN RESCUE SERVICE



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About the organization

The Austrian Mountain Rescue Service (Österreichischer Bergrettungsdienst "ÖBRD") is the world's largest mountain rescue organization, structured into seven regional branches and a federal association. The federal association's primary task is to foster collaboration among the branches. Within the seven regional branches rescue missions and training across all alpine environments and disciplines are managed.

Together, we are proud to host ICAR 2026 and to welcome you in Austria.

Key figures



1 federal association
7 regional branches
289 local stations across Austria
13,000 volunteers
230 search & rescue dogs
10,000+ missions per year

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Welcome to Innsbruck - the Heart of the Alps

Innsbruck combines alpine tradition with modern urban life, offering a truly unique setting for ICAR Conference 2026. The city's location in the heart of the Alps, its role as a hub for alpine sports and the spectacular Nordkette mountain range make the city the perfect host to bring the global mountain rescue community together.



Mountain Backdrop

The Nordkette offers a spectacular setting right above the city, with the Seegrube providing ideal conditions for the Practical Day.



Easy Access

Innsbruck is well connected internationally, with direct links by air, rail, and road.



Congress Venue

The Congress Messe Innsbruck (CMI), a modern conference center just a short walk from the historic old town.





City Experience

Innsbruck offers a vibrant mix of alpine tradition and urban culture – from historic sights and local cuisine to a lively outdoor and sports scene.



Alpine Spirit

The city lives and breathes alpine culture and, not least as an Olympic city, has repeatedly show-cased this to the world – making it a worthy host for ICAR 2026.





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