

Austria / A1 Telekom Austria

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Telekom Austria is the incumbent telecommunications operator in Austria. It has four main business areas: fixed line, mobile communications, data communications and Internet services. Telekom Austria's subsidiary A1 Telekom Austria offers Internet services to business and residential customers. IPTV residential services were added to the offering in 2006. In 2010, the company streamlined its operations and merged their fixed line and mobile communication companies to form A1. On 3 January 2013, A1 Telekom acquired Yesss! Telecommunications Ltd. which has enabled A1 to expand its market leadership with 45 per cent of the market share in Austria.

The operator continues to expand its operations further into Eastern Europe. By late 2007, the mobile segment of the Telekom Austria Group had operations in seven countries (Croatia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Macedonia, Liechtenstein and Austria).

By early 2014, A1 Telekom Austria migrated its fixed line voice service entirely to VoIP.

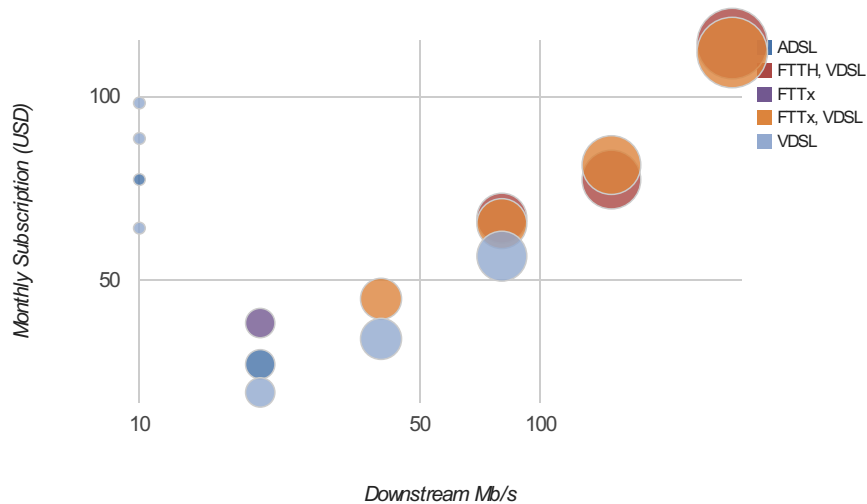
As of October 2014, America Movil (AM) owns a 59.7 per cent stake in Telekom Austria Group.

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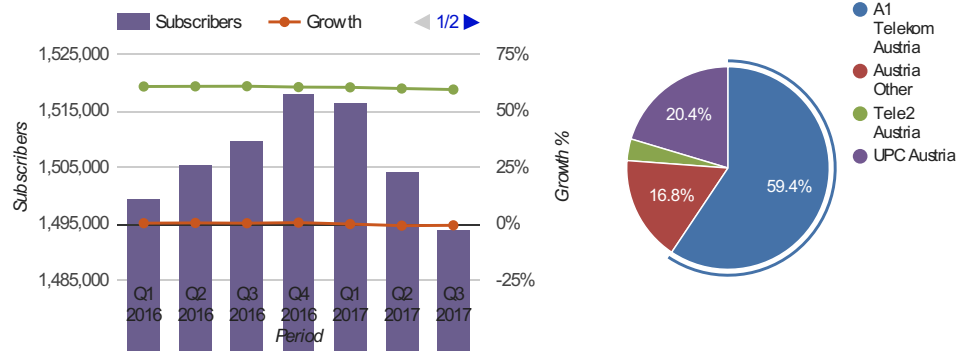
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Financials

Date	Revenue	EBITDA	Net profit	ARPU	Currency	
31-Mar-2015	956,000,000	338,000,000	92,700,000	30	EUR	Quarter
30-Sep-2014	2,987,700,000	1,034,000,000	-,190,000,000	30	EUR	9 Month
30-Jun-2014	963,000,000	299,400,000	-,358,600,000	30	EUR	Quarter
31-Mar-2014	975,900,000	319,900,000	97,400,000	31	EUR	Quarter
31-Dec-2013	1,055,700,000	262,300,000	32,800,000	31	EUR	Quarter
30-Sep-2013	1,036,000,000	357,900,000	121,500,000	31	EUR	Quarter
30-Jun-2013	1,043,200,000	330,300,000	52,500,000		EUR	Quarter
31-Mar-2013	1,049,000,000	336,900,000	55,500,000		EUR	Quarter
31-Dec-2012	1,117,800,000	318,800,000	68,700,000		EUR	Quarter
30-Sep-2012	1,093,700,000	410,400,000	177,000,000		EUR	Quarter
30-Jun-2012	1,063,200,000	364,800,000	34,000,000		EUR	Quarter
31-Mar-2012	1,055,000,000	361,400,000	112,000,000		EUR	Quarter
31-Dec-2011	1,115,900,000	336,900,000	-,216,400,000		EUR	
30-Sep-2011	1,111,400,000	412,900,000	166,100,000			
30-Jun-2011	1,109,300,000	380,800,000	20,000,000			
31-Mar-2011	1,118,000,000	396,700,000	-,79,200,000			
31-Dec-2010	4,650,800,000	1,645,900,000	437,900,000			
30-Jun-2010	1,168,000,000	403,800,000				
31-Mar-2010	1,126,000,000	425,900,000	91,200,000			
31-Dec-2009	4,801,983,000	1,794,000,000	343,900,000			
30-Sep-2009	1,231,700,000	489,800,000				
30-Jun-2009	2,388,800,000	904,800,000	167,600,000			
31-Mar-2009	1,197,100,000	454,800,000				
31-Dec-2008	5,170,300,000	1,295,600,000	135,500,000			
30-Jun-2008	2,535,800,000	954,200,000	226,000,000			
31-Mar-2008	1,197,100,000	454,800,000				
31-Dec-2007	4,919,000,000	1,854,900,000		25		
30-Sep-2007	1,277,100,000	521,200,000	173,700,000			
30-Jun-2007	1,208,000,000	464,700,000	130,600,000	26		
31-Dec-2006	4,759,600,000	1,906,800,000				
30-Jun-2006	1,169,400,000	477,500,000	130,900,000	28		
31-Dec-2005	4,365,200,000	1,758,500,000				

Statistics



2017

January – **500,000 households added to fibre network** . More than 500,000 households in Austria were added to the Telekom Austria's fibre broadband network in 2016. [102183]

2016

July – **America Movil reduces shares in Telekom Austria**. America Movil announced it will reduce its shares by 7.8 percentage points to just over 50 percent. [100172]

April – **Broadband coverage strategy**. Telekom Austria aims to provide 70% of households with internet speed of at least 50mbit/s by 2017. [99267]

2015

December – **Telekom Austria commissions Alcatel-Lucent for VPlus and G.Fast technologies**. Telekom Austria has signed a contract with Alcatel-Lucent which will deploy Vplus and G.fast access technologies. This will enable Telekom Austria to provide ultra-fast broadband services to its more than 1.51 million broadband subscribers. [98510]

November – **Broadband coverage in Upper Austria**. More than 60,000 new households in Upper Austria have been added to the LTE network of Telekom Austria. In total, more than 400,000 households in the region have access to Telekom Austria's broadband network which equals a coverage of 63%. [97642]

February – **Satellite broadband launch**. A1 Telekom Austria and Eutelsat have launched a satellite broadband solution in remote locations that are otherwise difficult to reach. The new service offers speeds of up to 22Mbps/6Mbps. [95522]

2014

November – **LTE-A launch**. A1 Telekom Austria has launched its Long Term Evolution-Advanced (LTE-A) network in Graz using carrier aggregation (CA) technology.

January – **LTE expansion**. A1 announced the expansion of its 800MHz LTE network to 200 new locations. [92100]

2013

December – **NGA coverage**. As of end-2013, FTTEEx (Completed in 2012) covers 44 per cent of households;

FTTC,FTTB & FTTH covers 13 per cent of households (thereof Vectoring technology is available to 3 per cent of households). Total NGA coverage is 56 per cent of households. The projected coverage figures for end-2014 are 44 per cent, 18 per cent, 12 per cent and 62 per cent respectively. [92138]

June – **LTE-A demonstration in Vienna.** On 6 June 2013, A1 Telekom Austria and Nokia Siemens Networks conducted a successful demonstration of LTE-A technology in Vienna, during which broadband internet speeds of up to 580Mbps were achieved. [88233]

May – **100 Gbps transport network.** On 3 May 2013, the Telekom Austria Group launched a commercial 100Gbps transport network covering central and eastern Europe. The first section of the network, which passes the Croatian cities of Zagreb, Osijek and Ilok, was immediately operational. The group said it anticipated the network would connect Frankfurt to Sofia by the end of June 2013, while throughout the course of the year all major points of presence including Vienna, Sofia, Belgrade, Zagreb, Bucharest, Budapest, Ivancice, Salzburg and Frankfurt should also be connected. [88233]

May – **ZTE.** on 3 May 2013, Telekom Austria announced that ZTE Corporation would provide a Circuit Switched soft-switch and centralised IP multimedia subsystem in Austria, Slovenia and Liechtenstein. The new IMS network was designed to support a wide range of future developments including the move towards Rich Communication Suite-enhanced functionality and Voice-over-Long Term Evolution reducing Telekom Austria Group's physical footprint, enhancing service quality and reducing CAPEX. [88233]

January – **Acquisition of Yesss! Strengthens A1 Brand Portfolio.** 3 January 2013: A1 acquired Yesss! Telecommunications Ltd. The acquisition gave A1 45 per cent of the market share, expanding its market leadership. With the completion of the acquisition A1 became the leading pre-paid mobile segment operator in Austria. [87503]

2012

December – **Giga-Network.** 2.25 million Austrian households are connected to A1 Telekom Giga-network. [86830]

October – **Maria Ellend provided with Gigaspeed.** On 12 October 2012, A1 Telekom connected 850 households in the rural community of Maria Ellend to its GigaNetwork. [85775]

October – **FTTC rollout.** On 5 October, A1 Telekom finished FTTC network deployments and connected to its fibre network 4,500 households in Hall in Tiral. [85776]

October – **Network upgrade.** In Q4 2012, A1 Telekom upgraded its network and deployed FTTC (Fiber-to-the-Curb) technology in Ebergassing, Irdning, Weinviertel, Schladming, Perchtoldsdorf, Guntramsdorf and Gratkorn. [86830] [86832]

March – **Fibre rollout.** 28 March 2012: A1 Telekom expanded its GigaNetwork fibre network to Vorarlberg and connected 9000 households in Nenzing, Frastanz, Alberschwende, Bezau, Gaißau, Mellau and Gaschurn.

January – **Fibre rollout.** 25 January 2012: A1 Telekom expanded its GigaNetwork fibre network to Bisamberg and connected 2000 households.

2011

November – **Fibre roll-out.** 10 November 2011: A1 Telekom expanded its GigaNetwork to Gießhuebl and connected 1500 households. Later in December, A1 connected a further 8000 households in Gmunden and offers broadband services with download speeds up to 30Mbps.

March – **GigaNetwork .** 1 March 2011: A1 Telekom extended its GigaNetwork coverage in regional towns by 120,000 households and has connected 1.75 million households so far.

2010

September – **FTTC**. 22 September 2010: A1 Telekom Austria launched a FTTC pilot project in Siegenfeld. During the pilot phase around 200 households were connected to high-speed Internet services with maximum download speeds of up to 30Mbps. A1 Telekom Austria partnered with the municipality of Siegenfeld to deploy the fibre network using Nano Trench technology.

July – **IBM**. 5 July 2010: Telekom Austria formed a joint partnership with IBM to offer cloud computing and managed services to Austrian small and medium-sized businesses.

2009

November – **GigaNetwork**. 17 November 2009: Telekom Austria expanded its GigaNetwork in rural regions based on VDSL2 technology and reached 275,000 customers. At the beginning of 2010 the GigaNetwork was available to approximately 365,000 customers. Telekom Austria also announced plans to expand the GigaNetwork to 750,000 customers in rural regions. GigaNetwork's advantages can be experienced with the supplementary option GigaSpeed 30 with download speed of up to 30Mbps and uploads of up to 3Mbps. GigaSpeed 30 can be ordered additionally for almost all kinds of Telekom Austria broadband access lines.

November – **Christmas Offer**. 2 November 2009: Telekom Austria launched three combination packages at reduced prices in the pre-Christmas season. From 2 November 2009 to 2 February 2010, aonKombi and aonBreitband Duo were offered at the reduced price of EUR 19.90 per month. AonSuperKombi, which additionally contains aonTV, was offered for EUR 24.90 per month.

July – **Fibre Cities Project**. On 6 July 2009, Telekom Austria announced plans to spend EUR 1.5 billion over the next four years on its 'Fibre Cities' Project. The operator said it planned to deploy fibre-based next generation networks (NGN) in three cities initially. In addition, Telekom Austria planned to start rolling out VDSL2 in selected rural areas towards the end of 2009 using existing fibre backbone infrastructure to support the network.

June – **New Business service**. 2 June 2009: Telekom Austria launched 'BusinessKombi', its first bundled service for business customers, including unlimited data transfer, mobile telephony, fixed telephony and offered with 8192/768 Kbps download/upload speeds for EUR 45.00 per month.

April – **aonBreitband Duo**. 17 April 2009: Telekom Austria launched a new residential service offering high-speed Internet at home and mobile broadband. AonBreitband Duo was initially offered with 8192/768 Kbps download/upload speeds for EUR 29.90 per month and an additional EUR 5.90 per GB mobile broadband data volume.

March – **Nortel, Kapsch CarrierCom**. On 2 March 2009, Telekom Austria selected Nortel and Kapsch CarrierCom to evolve its network to support VoIP technologies. The new partnership was planned to enable Telekom Austria to offer SIP communications services to its customers.

January – **CableRunner Austria GmbH**. 22 January 2009: Telekom Austria acquired a 76 per cent stake in the Viennese company CableRunner Austria GmbH. In order to implement infrastructure roll-out as economically and quickly as possible, Telekom Austria entered into cooperation projects and acquired stakes in existing infrastructure providers.

2008

October – **aonKombi, aonSuperKombi**. 20 October 2008: Telekom Austria reduced the monthly charges of its main packages aonkombi from EUR 34.90 to EUR 19.90 per month and aonSuperkombi from EUR 39.90 to EUR 29.90 per month. In addition, as promotional offer, the installation charge was waived for new Telekom Austria customers until 31 December 2008.

July – **Admiral Sportwetten GmbH**. 9 July 2008: Telekom Austria announced that it will install an all-IP

infrastructure for Admiral Sportwetten GmbH. 50 branch offices of Admiral Sportwetten GmbH would be connected by means of SDSL. An additional 24 branch offices would have access to the Telekom Austria IP backbone with ADSL profiling when needed.

May – **Additional options for bundled services.** 2 May 2008: Telekom Austria added additional options to its bundled services. 'Internet Booster': upgraded download speed for aonKombi to 16Mbps for an additional EUR 9.90 per month, '100 SMS': 100 free SMS for aonMobil customers (included in aonSuperKombi and aonKombi packages) for an additional EUR 4.90 per month.

April – **aonFlex - mobile broadband.** 17 April 2008: Telekom Austria launched aonFlex, a mobile broadband service via UMTS/HSPA for EUR 14.90 per month. This optional service is available for aonPur, aonSpeed, KombiPaket, aonSuperKombi and aonKombi customers.

April – **UEFA EURO 2008.** In April 2008, Telekom Austria, official partner for telecommunication of the UEFA EURO 2008T in Austria, announced that it had largely completed the extensive technical preparations for the technical binding and supply of the stadium Salzburg.

April – **BusinessSpeed portfolio.** In April 2008, Telekom Austria simplified its BusinessSpeed portfolio. Three BusinessSpeed variations with up to 8Mbps download speeds were made available: BusinessSpeedBasic for EUR 25.00 per month, BusinessSpeedSecure for EUR 34.00 per month (includes Firewall and Spam protection) and BusinessSpeedPremium for EUR 49.00 per month (includes firewall, spam protection, web assistant and additional top-service).

2007

November – **Ruling over Telekom Austria's aonTV commercial.** 27 November 2007: UPC managed a legal draw with Telekom Austria over aonTV. On purchasing this product, a monthly charge of EUR 4.90 as well as EUR 15.98 per month for a fixed line connection were required. Telekom Austria had placed a commercial that omitted the monthly fixed line charge and, which UPC claimed could potentially confuse consumers. Handelsgericht Wien consequently asked Telekom Austria to withdraw the commercial.

November – **Acquisition of MDC Belarus.** 20 November 2007: Telekom Austria Group closed the acquisition of a 70 per cent stake in Cypriot SB, the sole owner of the Belarusian mobile operator MDC for a value of EUR 730 million after having received the approval of relevant antitrust authorities. The Telekom Austria Group said it viewed MDC as an excellent asset in a growth market. MDC, which markets its mobile communication services under the brand names "Velcom" for postpaid services and "Privet" for prepaid services, was at November 2007 the number 2 operator in Belarus with a market share of 42 per cent and more than 2.7 million customers in a market that has reached a penetration of 66 per cent as of June 30, 2007. In 2006, MDC generated revenues of EUR 263 million and a net income of EUR 83 million.

October – **Acquisition of Tele2 Austria.** 8 October 2007: the Telekom Austria Group agreed acquired the Austrian mobile operations of Tele2, including the company's entire customer base, for EUR 7 million. At the end of June 2007, Tele2 had approximately 131,000 mainly prepaid customers. Tele2 customers could keep their mobile telephone number and existing prepaid credits. The Telekom Austria Group acquired 100 per cent of the share capital of the Austrian virtual mobile network provider.

September – **Mobile operator in Macedonia launched.** 19 September 2007: the Telekom Austria Group launched its international company Vip operator as the third mobile communications provider in Macedonia, after a six-month trial period. In addition to the license fee of EUR 10 million Telekom Austria later invested a further EUR 50 million in Macedonia towards infrastructure, services, a customer service centre and distribution network.

September – **Burgenland Coverage.** 99 per cent of Burgenland households are now connected to Telekom Austria's network.

July – **ACOnet.** 25 July 2007: Telekom Austria and Universität Wien, a sponsor of ACOnet, signed an agreement on extending the Austrian research network called Austrian Academic Computer Network

(ACOnet). This presented the second phase of expansion that would see ACOnet's capacity rise to meet the challenges of Web 2.0 and provide improved research conditions for scientists throughout Austria. Energy Physics and Telemedicine were two important fields thought to potentially benefit from the improved network, with museums and libraries also part of the network.

March – VoIP Infrastructure. In March 2007, Telekom Austria announced the beginning of the installation of a central VoIP infrastructure for the Austrian Federal Administration. Telekom Austria was awarded the contract in December 2006, with Avaya as a sub-contractor for the installation and maintenance of a uniform telephone infrastructure for all federal authorities.

January – UEFA EURO 2007. In January 2007, Telekom Austria announced that it would sponsor the UEFA EURO 2008 and install a communication network between the four venues in Austria.

2006

October – New speedy services launched. In October 2006, Telekom Austria launched new broadband services with higher bandwidths, more data volume and flat-rate tariffs for business and residential customers.

June – Amino. On 22 June 2006, Telekom Austria signed an agreement with Amino to provide the former with its equipment, 'AmiNET110', for its 'aonDigital TV' customers. This equipment would provide a variety of broadcast and video on-demand (VOD) channels with DSL connectivity.

June – Broadband Investment. In June 2006, the company disclosed its plans to make an investment of EUR 1.2 billion in the next five years to set up and expand its broadband network infrastructure across Austria.

June – Ongoing Expansion plans. In 2006, Telekom Austria expanded its network coverage in Central, South and South Eastern Europe. The operator also announced upcoming plans to expand its broadband network to cover Milan (Italy), Maribor (Slovenia) and Ljubljana (Slovenia).

June – Overview. In 2006, Telekom Austria was confirmed as the incumbent telecommunications operator in Austria with four main business areas, fixed line, mobile communications, data communications and Internet. The operator was also present in the Czech Republic, Croatia and Slovenia.

June – ADSL in Austria. ADSL is now available to approximately 90 per cent of the Austrian population.

June – Broadband services introduced in the Province of Vorarlberg, Buch and Schröcken. .

June – Cisco router. In 2006, Telekom Austria supplied Cisco routers to the business customers of its DSL services.

June – Axiom. Telekom Austria used Axiom System's Operations Support Systems (OSS) for DSL service management.

May – Acquisition of Si.mobil. On 29 May 2006, Telekom Austria Group announced the completion of the acquisition process of Si.mobil from Medaljon and Iskratel, worth EUR 12.6 million. The deal was closed on 24 May 2006.

March – ADVA Optical Networking. In March 2006, the company deployed ADVA Optical Networking's Fibre Service Platform (FSP) 2000 over its network. This was designed to enable the operator to offer fibre-based services with speeds of up to 4Gbps to its business subscribers.

February – SaferInternet. In February 2006, Telekom Austria signed an agreement with Safer Internet to enable improvement of its security policy and educate its customers to enjoy a safer browsing experience.

January – Decrease of monthly rental. In Q1 2006, A1 Telekom decreased the monthly rental rates of its 'Business Speed 384/128', 'Business Speed 1024/256', 'Business Speed 2048/512' and 'Business Speed 3072/512' services by up to 35 per cent.

2005

December – **Treibacher Industrie AG.** In December 2005, the operator signed an agreement with Treibacher Industrie AG to offer its security solutions.

November – **Province of Upper Austria.** In November 2005, Telekom Austria, in partnership with Province of Upper Austria, announced plans to work towards expanding its broadband services, thus portraying Austria as a strong business location.

October – **Phasing out of business service.** In Q4 2005, Telekom Austria phased out its 'Business Access 512/512' and 'Business Access1024/256' services and launched 'Business Access' and 'Business Speed', with speeds up to 5952Kbps and 4096Kbps respectively. The operator also reduced the monthly rental prices of its other 'Business Access' services by up to 36 per cent in its business grade.

October – **Speed increase.** In Q4 2005, Telekom Austria increased the speeds (downstream/upstream) of all its residential service by up to 100 per cent. It also reduced the monthly rental prices of its 'AonSpeed 5GB' and 'AonSpeed 10GB' residential services by up to 15.4 per cent.

September – **Axiom Systems Ltd.** In September 2005, Telekom Austria signed an agreement with Axiom Systems Ltd to deploy AXIOSSR's software for its services. This enabled the operator to offer superior broadband services to its subscribers.

June – **High-speed Internet launched in Niederabsdorf.**

June – **High-speed Internet launched in St. Stefan, Gail Valley covering 86 per cent of the households.**

June – **High-speed Internet launched in the province of Styria.**

June – **Broadband services introduced in the Province of Burgenland..**

March – **Alcatel.** In March 2005, Telekom Austria signed an agreement with Alcatel to deploy Alcatel's Open Media Suite for video delivery, and NGN portfolio to provide VoIP using a Fibre-to-the-User (FTTU) solution.. This enabled the operator to provide interactive applications such as Video on Demand or Electronic Program Guides (EPG) and offer Triple Play services via fibre-optic cable to its residential and businesses subscribers.

January – **Triple Play service plans.** On 18 January 2005, Telekom Austria announced its plans to commercially launch 'FutureHome', a triple-play service, during Q1 2005.

2004

December – **780 million EUR since 2000.** In December 2004, Telekom Austria invested over EUR 780 million since 2000 to expand its broadband reach in Austria. At the end of December 2004, the operator covered approximately 86 per cent of Austrian households via ADSL. It also invested EUR 22.6 million in Burgenland and EUR 170.8 million in Styria for infrastructural development.

November – **Cisco Systems.** In November 2004, Telekom Austria signed a two-year agreement with Cisco Systems to deploy Cisco's IP communication solutions over its network. Telekom Austria and Cisco would converge their IP network to enable the operator to offer IP telephony, IP-based video conferencing and an IP Contact Centre services to its business customers.

October – **New SDSL service.** In Q4 2004, Telekom Austria launched 'BusinessAccess', a 4096Kbps SDSL service, with volume based and unlimited usage options. It also launched 'XDSL Office Light' and 'XDSL Office' with speeds up to 768/128Kbps (downstream/upstream) and 2Mbps/512Kbps respectively for its business customers in Q4 2004.

June – **High-speed Internet launched in five communities in the Upper Mur Valley and Pottsching, Burgenland.**

April – **ATV plus.** In April 2004, Telekom Austria expanded its Aon.tv portfolio by offering programs on demand from ATV plus, Austria's first private broadcaster.

2003

October – **Launch of Aon Music Download Portal.** In October 2003, Telekom Austria launched Aon Music download, a music broadband portal. The portal initially offered over 200,000 songs to Telekom Austria's DSL subscribers, with a starting price starting of EUR 0.99 per song downloaded.

October – **Microsoft.** In October 2003, Telekom Austria and Microsoft signed an agreement to provide Microsoft's XboxLive service in Austria. Xbox Live is a game sharing service offered by Microsoft. The service was launched on Telekom Austria's AonSpeed connectivity package on 30 October 2003.

September – **Aosa.** September 2003: Telekom Austria awarded a ATS 130 million (USD 1 = ATS 12.63, exchange rate correct on 5 September 2003) contract to Aosa (a joint venture between Siemens and Alcatel) for upgrading its network to ADSL.

July – **SDSL launch.** In July 2003, A1 Telecom introduced its SDSL business service.

July – **SDSL services for business users.** In July 2003, Telekom Austria launched SDSL services for medium sized enterprises in Austria. The service is available in four bandwidths from 512Kbps to 2Mbps and three tariffs options: volume on demand, fixed data volume or unlimited volume.

July – **New SDSL service.** In July 2003, Telekom Austria launched SDSL services in four bandwidths from 512Kbps to 2Mbps for medium sized enterprises. The operator had launched new DSL services (4 ADSL grades and 1 SDSL grade) for business customers, called Business Accessx DSL, on 31 October 2002. The company offered the service through flexible tariff models such as volume on demand, fixed volume and unlimited access.

June – **Expansion of its 320 Gbps network.** 25 June 2003: Telekom Austria announced the expansion of its 320Gbps Jet2Web Stream broadband network. Budapest and Bratislava were added to the network which connected Vienna, Brno, Prague, Munich and Frankfurt.

June – **Government broadband subsidy.** 11 June 2003: the Austrian government enacted a law to provide a temporary fiscal subsidy to residential broadband users. The subsidy was up to a EUR 50 installation cost and up to a EUR 40 monthly rental to end-2004. The law was enacted in line with the EU Commission's recommendations as part of the 'eEurope 2005' plan.

April – **Launch of DaMe ADSL.** On 15 April 2003, Telekom Austria launched DaMeADSL, a countrywide network for doctors, laboratories and hospitals. Using the DaMe ADSL network, patient data can be sent or received over DSL network.

April – **Broadband Partner Communities.** In April 2003, Telekom Austria introduced the concept of 'broadband partner communities' for spreading broadband in rural areas. Under the plan, Telekom Austria partnered with rural communities by providing ADSL access. Grafenworth and Perchtoldsdorf were identified as the first two broadband partner communities on 11 April 2003 and 24 April 2003 respectively.

February – **Swisscom.** In 2003, Swisscom announced it was contemplating investing in Telekom Austria and hired UBS Warburg to explore the possibility of an agreement. The deal did not materialise because the increase in Telekom Austria's stock price in early 2003 raised the operator's valuation.

January – **Past ownership.** At end Q1 2003, the major stakeholders in the company were the Republic of Austria (47 per cent) and Telekom Italia (15 per cent).

2002

October – **Launch of new DSL service.** On 31 October 2002, Telekom Austria launched new DSL services (4 ADSL grades and 1 SDSL grade) for business customers, named BusinessAccess XDSL. The company offered the service through flexible tariff models such as volume on demand, fixed volume and unlimited access.

2001

August – **ADSL launch.** In August 2001, A1 Telekom's So-net ADSL service was launched.

June – **Alcatel.** On 30 June 2001, Alcatel announced having supplied 100,000 ADSL lines to Telekom Austria. 50 percent of the lines were deployed using Alcatel's Speed Touch USBTM modem.

April – **Satellite service introduced.** In April 2001, A1 Telekom launched a satellite service offering ADSL-like transmission speeds, aimed at areas beyond the range of ADSL services.

2000

June – **Wholesale ADSL launched.** In June 2000, Telekom Austria made its ADSL products available to other Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

1999

June – **State capitals within Austria (Initial roll-out).**