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Abstract

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Like all modern societies Austria is faced with the process of demographic ageing. This paper concentrates on the question of how current policies in the field of old-age provision are being viewed and how Austrians envisage this issue for the future. Departing from an assessment of population ageing, results will be presented for the following topics:

- Attitudes towards the state's obligations and responsibilities in the field of social policies;
- Attitudes towards the future design of the pension system;
- Attitudes towards the transition into retirement and
- Preferences concerning the retirement age.

The findings ultimately raise the central question of how, in view of the known economic and demographic conditions, employment and social policy can be better integrated in order to allow older employees to remain part of the workforce for a longer time.

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