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“Carers’ Association”

Working for and with informal carers

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# Background

- Approx. 20% of the concerned families benefit from care and social services
- 42% of the caregivers reported that they can not afford community services (i.e. home care)





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# Background

- Care-giving by informal carers is the strongest pillar of our care system
- Decision makers rely on these “natural” non-budgeted services





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# The situation of informal care-givers

- The care of family members
  - is hard work,
  - is little noticed in the public debate,
  - is little appreciated,
  - is unpaid
  - competes against other demands in life





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# The situation of informal care-givers

If no or to little support is being provided, the heavy physical, mental, social and financial burden of informal care-givers can result in health problems and need for long-term care of their own.





# Care-givers need ...

- ... financial, emotional and practical support.

e.g.:

- education, information, training
- public recognition
- support and relief by day-care-facilities, more flexible services, more and affordable short-term-care facilities





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# Who benefits from the “Carers’ Association”?

- People who care for family members/friends at home
- People who care for and assist family members/friends in residential care facilities
- Others who are involved in care and assistance





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# Who benefits from the “Carers’ Association” ?

- People interested in care issues
- Self-help groups
- Organizations in the field of social services
- Other communities
- Insurance companies, enterprises etc.
- Opinion leaders and decision makers







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# What does the Carers' Association stand for?

- Give informal caregivers a voice
- Annual valorisation of care allowances
- Harmonization of services and service fees
- Structured information on all services
- Better compatibility between informal care and career
- Improved support through networking and counselling

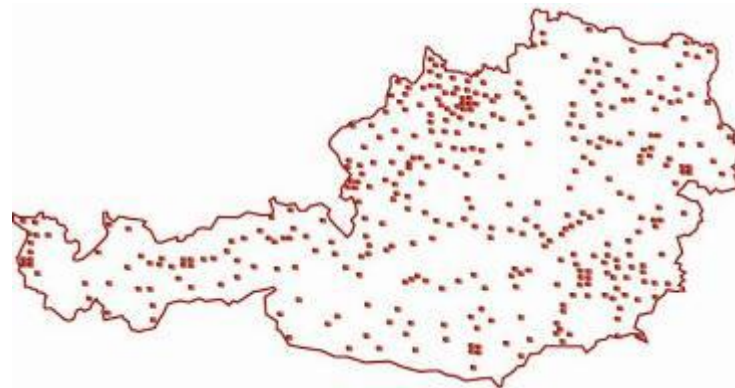


# The role of the Austrian Red Cross



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- Support an Austrian-wide and working community structure
- Give support in public relations with the aim of raising awareness on the situation of informal caregivers as well as gaining members



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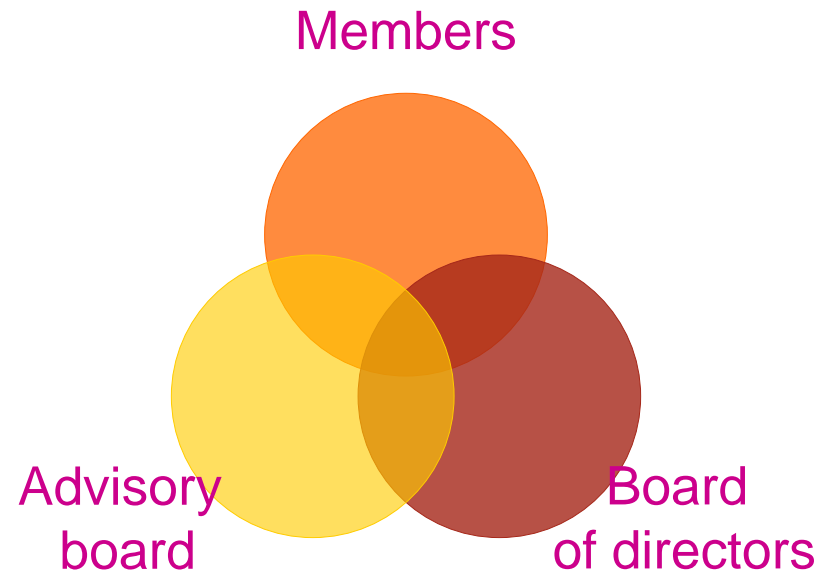
- Providing essential infrastructure (conference rooms etc.)
- Provide targeted information and exchange opportunities concerning existing services





# Organization of the association

- Members
- Board of directors
- Advisory board



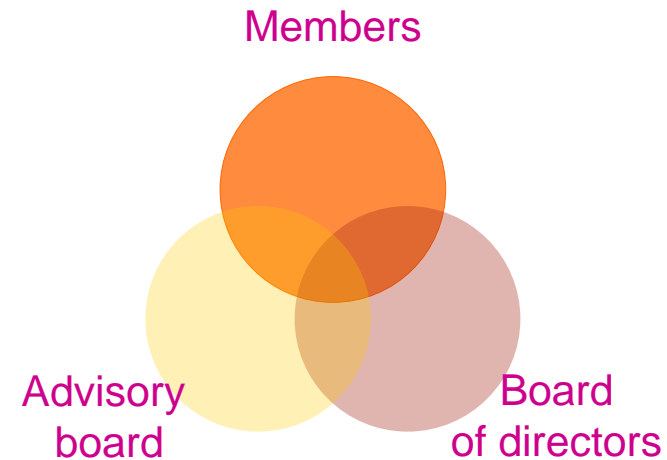


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# Members

Members of the association are:

- Natural persons:
  - Full and supporting members
  - Honorary members
- Legal persons:
  - Small association/big association
  - Full and supporting members
- Each member has 1 vote





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