

## **Smart Austria: We are one thousand – and "made in common"**

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The cooperative Smart Austria was founded in May 2015, in order to practically and sustainably improve working conditions for people with frequently changing work situations. We make it possible to be fully employed with all the benefits of social insurance, risk reduction and planning security. We take on a major portion of our users' administrative business, freeing them to focus on the core of their professional activities, whether as musician, actor, journalist, scientist or adult educator.

### **We are proud to introduce our 1000th Smart user: Reaching a new milestone with filmmaker, editor, musician Cordula Thym.**

More and more artists, creatives and new self-employed from a variety of fields are taking advantage of employment by the cooperative while continuing to work independently and self-reliantly. They benefit from all-encompassing insurance coverage. Others remain freelancers but allow Smart to take on their administrative business, sparing themselves a great many work hours. Since Smart was founded, a good 3.000 orders, projects and productions worth approximately 3 million euros have been completed.

We have consciously chosen the cooperative form to develop a growing democratic and self-run structure in which community, solidarity, and individual responsibility are of equal importance. Smart is not-for-profit and offers services at cost. They are priced to maintain structural operations. There is no additional mark-up. Any future profits will be totally reinvested in our palette of offerings.

Smart's goal is to create a common protective umbrella with all those previously lone warriors, regardless of their branch. Together with our European network, we are establishing through practical means sustainable working conditions for our target audience.

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