Christian Doppler Laboratories — Austria's 50/50 State–Industry Labs for Application-Oriented Basic Research

City Innovation Library · Good practice · Austria

Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Austria's CDG co-funds 7-year university labs, half public and half from company partners, with external reviews at years 2 and 5. In 2024 it ran 103 CD Labs and 18 Josef Ressel Centres. A 2025 evaluation backs continuing, but patents came mostly from a few labs.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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