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Austria

In Austrian family law cases, the court does its best to reach an amicable settlement. To this end, it can also order an initial briefing on mediation or recommend mediation (Section 107(3), No 2 of the Non-Contentious Proceedings Act, *Außerstreitgesetz*). Although binational mediator teams satisfy the requirements of family mediation in Austria, they must be put together on an ad-hoc basis via the Federal Ministry of Justice (*Bundesministerium für Justiz*), as the central authority, and private mediation associations.

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