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### **P3 MF – Stadtgemeinde Feldbach / Municipality Feldbach, Austria**

The municipality of Feldbach, with a population of more than 13,000 inhabitants, is located 50 km south-east of Graz, in the heart of Steirisches Vulkanland, Austria. It is the district capital of "Südoststeiermark" and situated on the river Raab, near the Slovenian and Hungarian border.

Feldbach is an important regional educational location. The name "Feldbach" was first mentioned in 1188 as "Velwinbach" and became a town in 1884. Feldbach experienced a major economic upswing after the Hungarian Western railroad was opened in 1873. Today it is an important traffic junction of three major roads in the south-east of Styria (B57, B66, B68).

There is just little industry in Feldbach. Typical in this part of Austria is the gentle, hilly volcanic landscape, thermal spas, the small structured agriculture, a high craftsmen density, rich immaterial and cultural heritage and the variety of local products. Feldbach is a popular starting point for agrotourism.

In 1972 the city of Feldbach was awarded the Flag of Honour of the Council of Europe for its activities and commitment to Europe and since the same year it is bearing the name "European City". Feldbach has a town twinning with Siklós/Hungary (since 1991) and Adelsdorf/Germany (since 2007).

[www.feldbach.gv.at](http://www.feldbach.gv.at)



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