

## Viktor Yanukovich / Austria

**Case ID:**

ARW-229

**Jurisdiction of Origin of Public Official or Entity Allegedly Involved:**

Ukraine

**Position of Public Official(s) (yrs in office):**

President (2010-2014)

**Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery:**

Austria

**Jurisdiction of Asset Recovery ? Description:**

Location of Recovery Effort

**Asset Recovery Start:**

2014

**Asset Recovery End:**

Ongoing

**UNCAC Offenses Implicated:**

Art.17

Art.23

**Intl.Cooperation: MLAT/Letter of Request?:**

Unknown

**Contributing Factors in Asset Recovery:**

Ongoing case

**Status of Asset Recovery :**

Ongoing

**Stage in Asset Recovery Chain:**

Investigation/Asset Tracing/Asset Restraint

**Case Summary:**






According to a February 2014 press statement by the Austrian Federal Ministry, Austria imposed a freeze on accounts of eighteen individuals: Mr. Yanukovich, his son and top members of his government. The statement noted that Austria had taken the step at the request of the Ukrainian government as the EU was considering sanctions against these individuals, so as to prevent the assets from being withdrawn from the country. (Source: Austrian Federal Ministry, "APA: Österreich friert heimische Konten von 18 Ukrainern ein / Auf Ersuchen der neuen Regierung in Kiew - Hintergrund sind mögliche Menschenrechtsverletzungen und Korruptionsverdacht," February 28, 2014; See also "Statement on Ukraine by Federal Minister Sebastian Kurz at the plenary session of the Austrian Parliament, 24.2.2014," and Austrian Financial Market Authority Press Release, "FMA draws attention to enhanced customer due diligence in the context of business relationships with politically exposed persons from Ukraine," February 21, 2014.). The National Bank of Austria Regulation DevG 1/2014 lists the individuals. (Source: Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative, Asset Recovery Actions for Ukraine, at [http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/verordnung\\_devg\\_1-2014fi...](http://star.worldbank.org/star/sites/star/files/verordnung_devg_1-2014fi...))

**Disposition of Criminal Case(s):**

According to the INTERPOL wanted list, Mr. Yanukovich is "Wanted by the Judicial Authorities

of Ukraine for Prosecution / to serve a sentence" with the following charges listed: "Misappropriation, embezzlement or conversion of property by malversation, if committed in respect of an especially gross amount, or by an organized group." (Source: INTERPOL, "Viktor Yanukovych," at <http://www.interpol.int/notice/search/wanted/2014-13031> (last accessed January 21, 2015)).

**Documents:**

<b>Attachment</b>	<b>Size</b>
 Yanukovych_Interpol_Wanted_List_Jan_21_2015.pdf	310.26 KB
 Yanukovych_Austria_Asset_Freeze_Fed_Min_Speech_Feb_24_2014.pdf	137.17 KB
 Yanukovych_Austria_Natl_Bank_Sanctions_2014.pdf	193.43 KB
 Yanukovych_Austria_FMA_EDD_Notice_Feb_21_2014.pdf	23.64 KB
 Yanukovych_Austria_Asset_Freeze_Fed_Min_PR_Feb_28_2014.pdf	83.71 KB

**Other Sources:**

Austrian Federal Ministry, "APA: Österreich friert heimische Konten von 18 Ukrainern ein / Auf Ersuchen der neuen Regierung in Kiew - Hintergrund sind mögliche Menschenrechtsverletzungen und Korruptionsverdacht," February 28, 2014, at <http://www.bmeia.gv.at/das-ministerium/presse/aussendungen/2014/apa-oest...> and "Statement on Ukraine by Federal Minister Sebastian Kurz at the plenary session of the Austrian Parliament, 24.2.2014," at <http://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/the-ministry/press/speeches-and-interviews/201...>

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