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Antara was established in 2007 by Michael Fembek as an Austrian research institution focusing on education, education entrepreneurs, 'education franchising' and the growth potential of for-profit and non-profit education providers worldwide. Michael Fembek has a background of more than 20 years in education media and has together with his wife initiated diverse childhood development projects in Austria and in developing countries.

Antara is founded on the belief that education and child development is the most sustainable support for democracy, poverty relief and the integration of deprived people on a local and a global scale. Antara supports education entrepreneurs who can make a difference to their region or internationally, starting from the upbringing of small children, schooling and financing, distance learning and e-learning tools, and who can bring vocational training to deprived regions and people. Antara researches and evaluates education entrepreneurs, methods and organisations. The involvement of businesses, philanthropy and sustainable investment products in support of the strategies of education entrepreneurs, either non-profit or for-profit, is the second focus of its research. Since Austrian networks cover Central and Eastern Europe better than any other area, Austria itself and CEE countries are at the heart of Antara's activities.