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Since 1990 for Austria's cultural radio O1 she produces more than 200 programs on music a year, mostly live broadcasts, and also radio features on history, peace work and political topics. She lectures musicology, radio and cultural management and publishes books and articles on Japanese music history, on Austrian music history – Zykan, Gulda, youth music festivals, on NS exiled music and on NS- concentration camp Strasshof an der Nordbahn, she writes books on gesture in music and on humor as a strategy in postwar Austrian arts. She publishes poetry and writes opera libretti. Her scientific work is always connected to commissions of new music, to opera performances, to a transformation into an arts project.

Irene Suchy was awarded a Golden medal of merits by the republic of Austria, Bank Austria arts award for cultural journalism, Karl Renner award by the city of Vienna and the title cultural journalist 2017. Her work was supported by national and international scholarships and fundings. In 2018 her foundation maezenatentum.at was awarded an EU Creative Culture Project „MusicaFemina – women made music“ to be the lead partner for two years in a cooperation with Hungary, Germany and Slovenia.

In 2020 she co-founded the vocal instrumental ensemble Reihe Zykan+ www.reihezykanplus.org working on a musical profile of contemporary music of Otto M. Zykan, Michael Mautner, Kurt Schwitters etc. based on poetry of Wolfgang Bauer, H.C. Artmann or Franzobel.