Austrian Forest Owner Cooperative

Forest Area in Austria

- Total area: 8,387,175 ha
- Forest area: > 4,000,000 ha
- Forest share: 48%
- Forest owners: ~ 145,000
- 80% privately owned
Austrian forest owners

Small scaled business – family forestry

Owner category – all types and their quantity

Source: Agrarstrukturerhebung 2016
Source: BOKU

Forest harvesting in Austria

Forest species in Austria

Usage of wood

Source: ÖWI
Harvesting in Austria 1975 - 2018

Source: BMNT

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- 8 regional cooperatives
- Members: > 70,000
- Represented forest area: > 1.06 million ha
Joint commercialization (solid m³)

Organisational structure

8 national organisations

Board of Directors
General assembly

Managing Director
Chamber of Agriculture

Forest Committee

WG Forestry President Martin Hieberth

COPA, COGECA

WG Forest Biobased Materials
WG Forest Fire & Logistics
WG Forest Harvesting
WG Forest Information
WG Forest Management
WG Forest Research
WG Forest Standardization
WG Forest Technology
WG Forest Communication

Federal Institute for Rural Education and Training
Forest Dialogue
Austrian Biomass Association
IFP
PEFC
CEPF

Continuing education
Informative literature
Public relation
Our Goals

- Increase income of members
- Sustainable forestry, silviculture and logging
- Customer oriented and market suited continuous wood supply
- Reduction of imports → increase added value
- Force PEFC – Certification

Benefits for

**Members**

- Full service from consulting, forestation to harvest and marketing
- Continuous market information
- Management plans
- Cost efficiency and gaining higher prices
- Control of round wood measurement

**Industry**

- Large quantity of wood from one hand
- "just-in-time" delivery
- Reliable business partner
- Continuous wood supply
Members gaining added value through innovation

- submission of primary timber

- wider range of products
  - Wood chips, fuel wood
  - Christmas tree production

- youth work “Holzklopfen”

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