

Österreichische (forstbasierte) Bioökonomie-Initiativen

WoodPop und Country- and Organization-Led Initiative

Dr. Georg Rappold

Abteilungsleiter

III/5 Holzpolitik, Bioökonomie und Innovation

Bundesministerium für Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Klima-
und Umweltschutz, Regionen und Wasserwirtschaft

georg.rappold@bmluk.gv.at

Österreichischer Waldfonds

www.waldfonds.at

Gesamtvolumen von 430 Millionen Euro

- Größtes Investitionspaket für die Österreichische Forst- und Holzwirtschaft (1. Februar 2021)

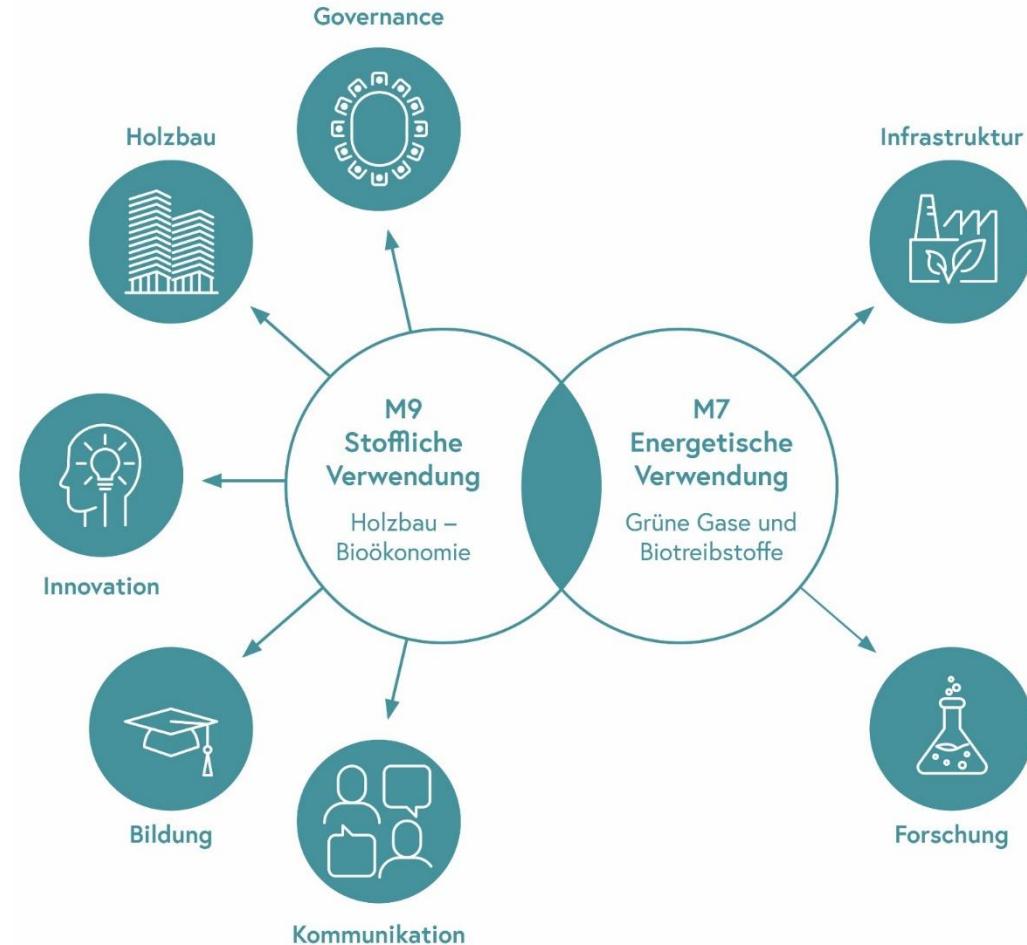
Ziele des Waldfonds

- Abgeltung von durch Borkenkäferschäden verursachtem Wertverlust
- Reduzierung des Borkenkäferbefalls
- Entwicklung klimafitter Wälder und Stärkung der Biodiversität im Wald
- **Stärkung der Verwendung des Rohstoffes Holz im Sinne der Bioökonomie als aktiver Beitrag zum Klimaschutz**



Österreichische Holzinitiative (Waldfonds)

Die Österreichische Holzinitiative umfasst zahlreiche Maßnahmen, Initiativen und Aktivitäten bezüglich effizienter und innovativer Verwendung von Holz im Sinne der kreislaufbasierten Bioökonomie!



Governance

- **Holzfachberatungsnetzwerk**
 - Aufbau und **Weiterführung (2. Call 2025)** eines österreichweiten Netzwerkes von Holzfachberaterinnen und Holzfachberatern
- **Bioökonomiecluster – „Bioeconomy Austria“**
 - Etablierung einer nationalen Koordinierungsstelle zur Vernetzung bioökonomie-relevanter Cluster&Initiativen
- **Koordinierungsstelle Normung**
 - Errichtung eines Büros für Normungsangelegenheiten und Normenentwicklung im Bereich Holz und Holzbau

- **Holzpolitikplattform (woodPoP)**
 - Pan-Europäisches Holzpolitik Plattform woodPoP (Sekretariat)
- **Country & Organization-Led Initiative on Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches (COLI)**
 - Highlight: COLI Summit „Advancing Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches“ vom 23.-25. Februar 2026 in Wien
- **Governance-Call**
 - Normativ-rechtliche, technische, ökologisch-finanzielle, sozioökonomisch-strukturelle Rahmenbedingungen
- **woodCircles**
 - informieren - vernetzen - kooperieren

pan-European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP)

Paneuropäische Plattform für Holzpolitik (WoodPoP)



Sekretariat bei IUFRO



- Initiiert von **Österreich und Finnland** im Jahr 2021
- Etablierung einer **“europäischen Holzpolitik”**
- Austausch und Zusammenarbeit** zwischen Verwaltung, Industrie und Forschung
- Verwendung von Holz** als erneuerbare Ressource im Sinne der Bioökonomie stärken



WoodPoP Struktur

High Level Meeting (HLM)

Expert Group Meeting (EGM)

Technical Working Groups (TWGs)

Main **decision-making** body
political level

Main **forum of exchange**
operational level

Governance
(AT)

Holzbau
(DE/FI)

Innovation und Forschung
(CH/LU)

Aus- und Weiterbildung
(SI)

Kommunikation
(CZ/IR)

A wood-based circular bioeconomy for a sustainable Europe

“Eine holzbasierte zirkuläre Bioökonomie für ein nachhaltiges Europa“



Europäische Holzpolitikplattform | Strategiepapier

EINE HOLZBASIERTE ZIRKULÄRE BIOÖKONOMIE FÜR EIN NACHHALTIGES EUROPA

GRÜNES BAUEN UND INNOVATIVE LÖSUNGEN
MIT HOLZ

- 1 **Beschaffung und Lieferkettenmanagement**
- 2 **Kreislaufwirtschaft**
- 3 **Holzverarbeitung und Produktion**
- 4 **Holzbau**
- 5 **Entwicklung von innovativen Holzanwendungen**
- 6 **Aus- und Weiterbildung**
- 7 **Kommunikation und Bewusstseinsbildung**
- 8 **Rahmenbedingungen: Regelwerke und Harmonisierung**



WoodPoP – 4th High Level Meeting



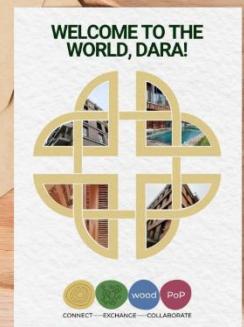
- Slowenien, 15. Oktober 2025
- Ergebnisse:
 - **HLM Outcome Statement** „The Role of Wood in Europe’s clean, just and competitive transformation“
 - **Technical Brief** „Public Procurement for Wooden Buildings“
 - **Policy Brief** „Education & skilled Workforce“



WoodPoP Dara Award



Dara Award Webpage



European Wood Policy Platform ... 1,289 followers 1mo • Edited • 66 1 comment • 17 reposts

To all who voted and helped choose this wonderful name: thank you for being part of Dara's birth ...more

Like Comment Repost

Comment as European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP)...

Most relevant

Clive Pinnington 1st Company Director and Consultant, Public... 1mo ...

another great initiative from WoodPoP.

Like 3 Reply

DARA AWARD 2026 Celebrating Sustainable Timber Construction

The name Dara comes from a Celtic knot inspired by the oak tree, representing strength, wisdom, and endurance.

European Wood Policy Platform ... 1,289 followers 1mo • Edited • 6 6 reposts

Have you wondered what Dara means and why it was chosen for the new WoodPoP award?

Here's the story: Dara comes from the Celtic Dara Knot, an ancient symbol inspired by the oak tree, representing strength, wisdom, and endurance. The knot has no beginning or end. A reminder of interconnectedness, resilience, and continuity.

For us, Dara perfectly captures what timber construction brings to Europe:

- Sustainability and circularity in the built environment
- Cultural heritage rooted in traditions
- Innovation and beauty shaping the ...more

You and 39 others

Love Comment Repost

European Wood Policy Platform ... 1,289 followers 1mo • Edited • 6 10 reposts

Dara is getting ready for its first big steps.

In just a few days, it will be time for Dara's first public appearance at the 4th High-Level Meeting of the European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP) in Izola, Slovenia.

We can't wait to share this new chapter for timber architecture and sustainability with you 🌱

Stay tuned: <https://lnkd.in/dPeFt-St>

Bundesministerium für Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Regionen und Wasserwirtschaft; Ministerstvo zemědělství České republiky ...more

You and 32 others

Celebrate Comment Repost

New "fancy" materials, replaced its use for a time. Timber is living a "Renaissance"

Climate change

Increase in wood fibre supply

- Need to diversify construction
- Retention of traditional construction skillsets and

The ...

European Wood Policy Platform ... 1,289 followers 1mo • Edited • 8 8 reposts

The Dara Award was officially launched

We unveiled during the 4th High-Level Meeting of the European Wood Policy Platform (WoodPoP) in Izola, Slovenia. This new European distinction will celebrate outstanding achievements in timber architecture and engineering.

The call for entries is now open for residential, non-residential, infrastructure, and renovation projects completed by March 2026. The first awardees will be honoured in Prague in November 2026, alongside the 5th High-Level WoodPoP Meeting. ...more

Like Comment Repost

Comment as European Wood Policy Platform

Country- and Organization Led Initiative (COLI)

Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches 2024-2026

Österreichs Initiativen auf internationaler Ebene

- **Ministerieller Aufruf zur nachhaltigen Nutzung von Holz (2022),** unterzeichnet von Österreich, Kamerun, Gabun, Korea, Japan und Peru während des FAO-Weltforstkongresses in Seoul, Korea
- **Wood for Globe Project (2023-2024):** Leading Pathways to Carbon Neutrality and Resilience", COFO 27, World Forest Week 2024, Rom





- Country & Organisation-Led Initiative (COLI) on Sustainable forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches
- **COLI Summit von 23. - 25. Februar 2026 in Wien:**
"Global Leadership on Sustainable forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches"

Country & Organization-Led Initiative on Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches (COLI)

Joint leadership of process - Friends of COLI



FAO

- Global webinar series (Webinar series report)
- Outreach to potential partner countries (Regional balance)
- 28th session of the Committee on Forestry (COFO28), 2026



Multilateral process and scientific input

- Bi- and multilateral conferences
- Contribution to other events
- Science-led Think Tank on future scenarios and related policy implementation



UNFF

- Side-event at UNFF20
- Country-led initiative in support of UNFF's work (CLI-ASFBA)
- 21st session of UNFF (UNFF21), 2026

Global Summit "Advancing Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches"
from 23rd to 25th February 2026 in Vienna, Austria

Akteure und Rollen der Staateninitiative (UNFF CLI)

- **Vorsitzender (Chair)**
 - Mr. Georg Rappold (Austria)
- **COLI Sekretariat:**
 - Ms. Raphaela Hellmayr (Head),
Ms. Valerie Minihold, Ms. Sophia Kratz,
Ms. Lisa Lehner
- **Mitveranstalter**
 - Australia, Finland, Japan, Türkiye, FAO,
IUFRO, UNFFS
- **Steuerungskomitee:**
 - Australia, Austria, Botswana, Brazil,
Canada, China, Costa Rica, Czechia,
Finland, Germany, Ghana, India, Japan,
Kenya, New Zealand, Malaysia
(Observer), Republic of Türkiye,
Slovenia, South Africa, Thailand,
United Republic of Tanzania (20 Staaten)
 - BFW (Observer), Business and Industry
(ICFPA), FAO, Farmers and Small Forest
Landowners (IFFA), IIASA, ITTO, IUFRO,
UNFF (8 Organisationen/Major Groups)



COLI - Global Webinar Serie 2025

- Unterstützt von Österreich und Finnland, umgesetzt von der FAO in Zusammenarbeit mit IUFRO
- Beitrag zur Vorbereitung des COLI-Gipfels in Wien im Februar 2026
- Aufzeichnungen vergangener Sitzungen sind online verfügbar

Dates	Webinar titles	Co-Chairs
11 March 2025	From policy to practice: scaling up sustainable forest-based bioeconomy approaches	Austria, Finland
29 April 2025	Financing the future: unlocking investments for a thriving forest-based bioeconomy	Lao PDR, Sweden
26 June 2025	From forest to market: advancing forest-based bioeconomy solutions to ensure resource supply meets growing demand	Australia, New Zealand
30 September 2025	Accelerating inclusive agrifood systems: the sustainable use of forest products beyond wood	Republic of Korea, Gabon
20 October 2025	Building the future: innovative wood solutions for carbon neutrality and sustainable bioeconomy	Canada, Ecuador
10 December 2025	Bioeconomy cooperation: next steps to upscale forest-based bioeconomy	tbc

www.coli-bioeconomy.org



23-25 February 2026

📍 Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna, Austria | hybrid

Austria is hosting a Country-Led Initiative on Advancing Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches, which will be convened as Global Summit. The Global Summit is part of the overarching COLI process.

The outcomes of the Global Summit will be presented at the 21st Session of the United Nations Forum on Forest and 28th Session of FAO's Committee on Forestry.

Programme Highlights

High-Level Session - Business Talk - Science Talk - Field Trips

Policy meets practice	Sourcing wealth and financing opportunities	Building the future with wood
Forest potentials beyond wood	Advancing forest-based value chains	Growing forest-based innovations

Objectives

Assess the current state of sustainable forest-based bioeconomy approaches worldwide |
define key priorities | identify strategic actions and next steps to enhance the forest-based bioeconomy

= Federal Ministry
Agriculture and Forestry, Climate
and Environmental Protection,
Regions and Water Management
Republic of Austria

= Forest Fund
Republic of Austria
As an active, by the Federal Ministry
of Agriculture and Forestry, Climate
and Environmental Protection,
Regions and Water Management
Republic of Austria

In support of:

United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (UNFOS)
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)



MAFF
Ministry of Agriculture,
Forestry and Fisheries

Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry
www.coli-bioeconomy.org



www.coli-bioeconomy.org

