

# SFM IN AUSTRIA

## BASED ON PEFC CERTIFICATION

# FACTS & FIGURES

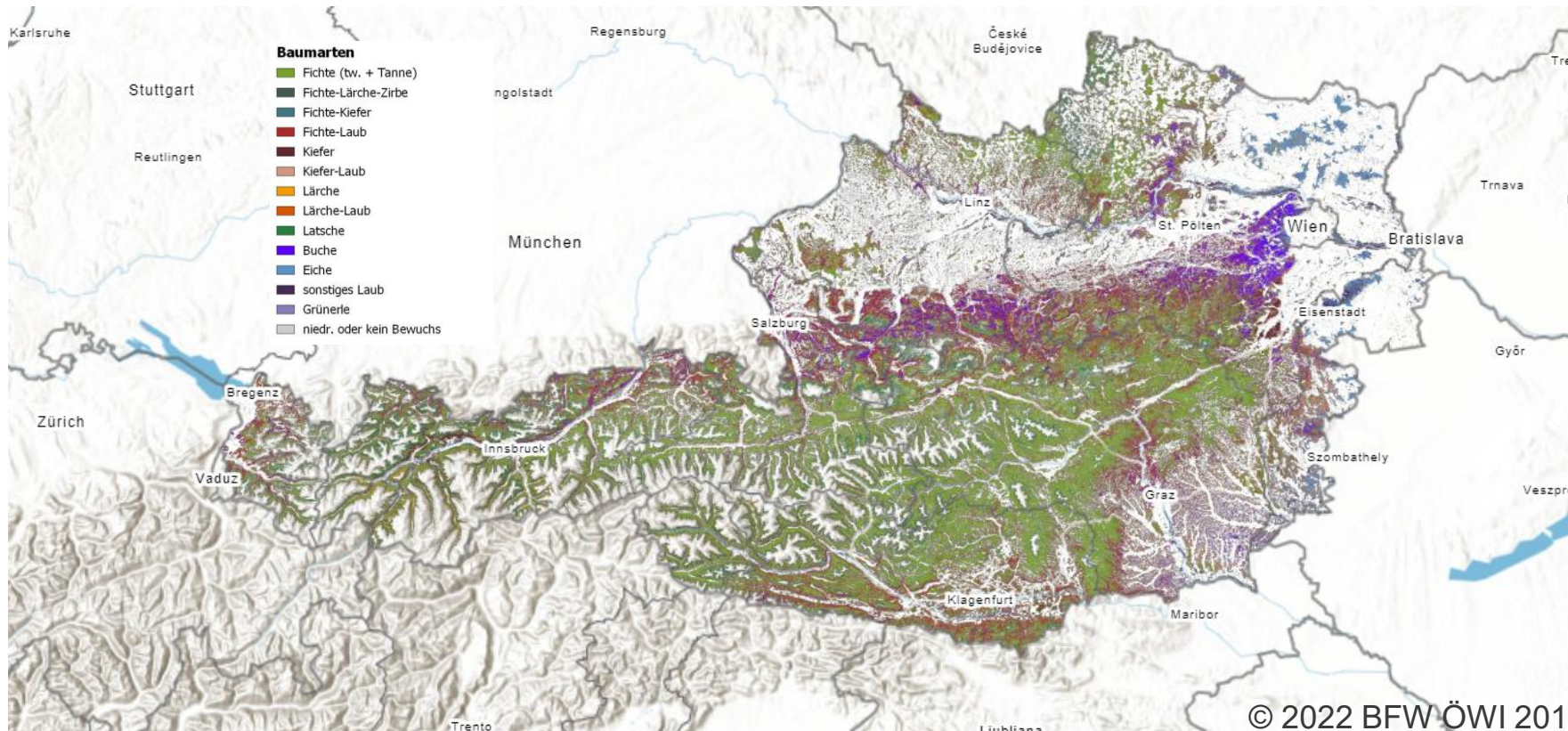
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OUR MISSION:

CERTIFICATION OF SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND TIMBER PRODUCTS

# AUSTRIA IS A FOREST COUNTRY



# FOREST IN AUSTRIA

- **48 %** of the national territory is **forest**, about **4 million ha**
- **Timber stock is constantly increasing** and currently amounts to **1.18 billion m<sup>3</sup>**
- Only **89 %** of the timber stock increase is **harvested**
- **81 % private forests** → 137,000 owners (farm and family forests)
  - *Private forests < 200 ha: 49 % (Small-scale forest owners)*
  - *Private forests > 200 ha: 22 % (Large-scale forest owners)*
  - *Joint forests: 10 % (e.g. agricultural community)*
- **19 % public forests** → Austrian Federal Forests (15 %), Federal states (1 %) & Municipalities (3 %)

# WHAT IS PEFC?

- **PEFC = Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes**
- Leading global institution for promoting and **ensuring sustainable forest management**:
  - ✓ economical
  - ✓ ecological
  - ✓ social
- **Primary goal:** to preserve forests - with their important functions for humans - for future generations
- **Implemented worldwide**, adapted to the conditions in the respective country

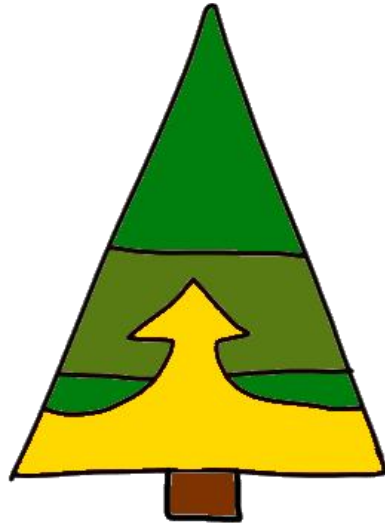
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# ORIGIN OF PEFC

- **90s:** Concern about tropical rainforests the "lungs of the world" was great
- **1/3 already destroyed:** Timber used and forests converted to pasture without planting new trees
- **The idea of forest management certification** according to sustainability criteria for the protection of forests **germinated**
- **PEFC** founded in **1999**, then called "**Pan European Forest Certification**"
- **Certification** of sustainable management should **improve the fate of forests**

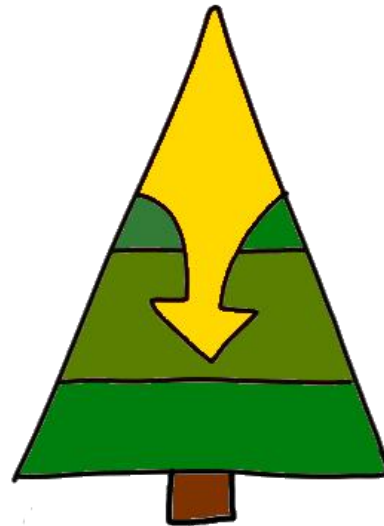
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# WHO DETERMINES THE CRITERIA?



**Bottom-Up**

vs.



**Top-Down**

# HISTORY PEFC AUSTRIA

- Founded in **June 1999**
- One of the **12 founding members** of **PEFC International**: Austria, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Belgium, France, Spain, Ireland, Portugal, Switzerland and Denmark
- **System endorsed**: 27.07.2000
- **Revised system endorsed**: 19.10.2006, 03.11.2011 & 29.03.2018
- **Latest revised system endorsed**: 12.02.2025
- **Review date**: 27.05.2029

# MEMBERS OF PEFC AUSTRIA



- Austrian Forest Association
- Austrian Chamber of Agriculture
- Association of the Austrian Land- and Forest Owners



- Association of the Austrian Paper Industry
- Association of the Austrian Wood Industry



- Federal Committee of building material-, iron-, and wood-trade



- Labour Union of the Production Sector
- Association of Woman in Forestry



- BIOSA - Biosphere Austria
- Austrian Environmental Umbrella Organisation (35 NGOs)

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# PEFC AUSTRIA TEAM



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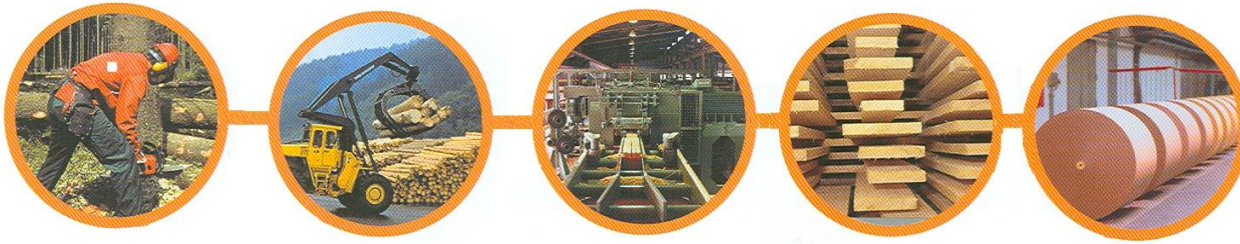


DI Thomas Schenker  
Board Member  
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# FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

1. Certification of sustainable forest management  
→ PEFC AT Sustainable Forest Management Standard
2. Certification of the wood supply chain up to the finished product  
→ PEFC Chain of Custody Standard
3. Project certification of timber buildings  
→ PEFC COC Standard & PEFC GD 2001:2014 Appendix 1
4. PEFC RED II/III Certification  
→ PEFC RED II/III Standards



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# PEFC CERTIFICATION AUSTRIA

- > **100,000** forest owners participate in PEFC certification
- > **3.39 Mio. ha** forest managed according to the PEFC standard
- > **650** companies PEFC COC certified

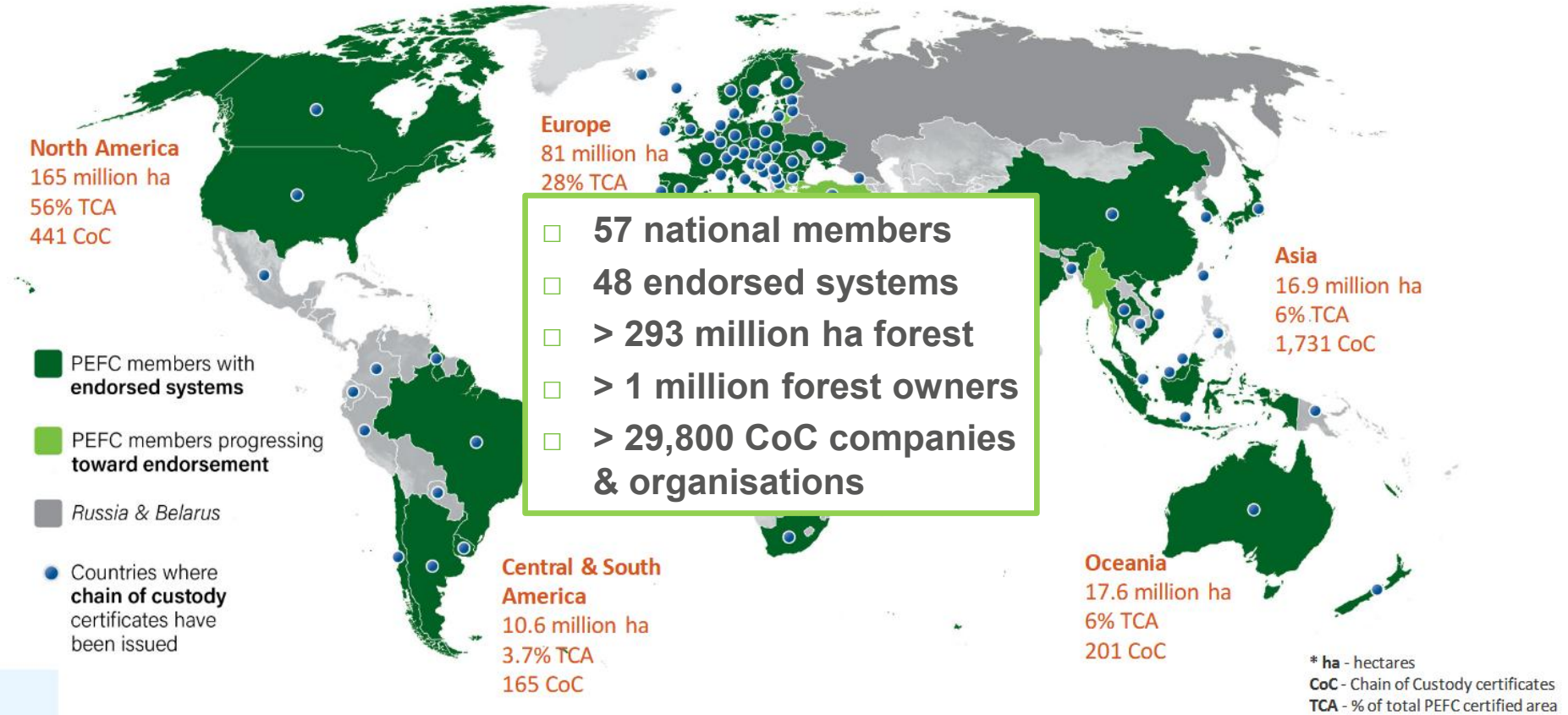


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# PEFC GLOBAL DATA



# PEFC CERTIFIED FOREST OWNERS



Forstverwaltung Waidhofen an der Thaya  
Baufond der Kath. Pfarre  
Österreichs



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Thousands of peasant forest owners

# PEFC CERTIFIED COC COMPANIES



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Hundreds of small and medium-sized companies

# NOTIFIED CERTIFICATION BODIES

26 independent & state accredited  
certification bodies



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# PEFC AUSTRIA SYSTEM DOCUMENTS

## SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

### System Description

PEFC AT 0001:2024      System Description of the PEFC Forest Management Certification Scheme in Austria

### Standards

PEFC AT ST 1001:2024      PEFC-Standard for Sustainable Forest Management in Austria  
PEFC AT ST 1002:2024      Criteria and Indicators for the Determination of Sustainable Forestry in Austria  
PEFC AT ST 1003:2024      Group Forest Management Certifications according to the PEFC-System in Austria – Requirements  
PEFC AT ST 1004:2024      Requirements for Certification Bodies for Forest Management Certification

### Guidelines

PEFC AT RL 3001:2024      PEFC Declaration of Participation for Forest Owners and Forest Cooperatives  
PEFC AT RL 3002:2024      PEFC Confirmation of Participation for Forest Owners and Forest Cooperatives  
PEFC AT RL 3003:2024      Checklist for Internal Audits  
PEFC AT RL 3004:2024      Complaint Procedure and Rules of Arbitration for Group Organisations

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# PEFC AUSTRIA SYSTEM DOCUMENTS

## SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

### Process descriptions

PEFC AT PB 4001:2024	Standard Setting – Requirements
PEFC AT PB 4002:2024	Issuance of PEFC Trademarks Usage Licenses
PEFC AT PB 4003:2024	Notification of Certification Bodies
PEFC AT PB 4004:2024	Complaint Procedure and Rules of Arbitration
PEFC AT PB 4005:2024	Schedule of Fees
PEFC AT PB 4006:2024	Endorsement of Control Systems for Forest Entrepreneurs
PEFC AT PB 4007:2024	Transition to the revised PEFC Austria scheme 2024

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# PEFC AUSTRIA SFM SYSTEM DOCUMENTS

## CONTENTS

- Rules specific requirements for sustainable forest management
- 6 Helsinki criteria: **C1** Forest Resources & Carbon Cycles
  - C2** Health & Vitality
  - C3** Productive Functions
  - C4** Biodiversity
  - C5** Protective Functions
  - C6** Socio-economic Functions
- Compliance with legal requirements anchored
- Criteria and indicators for measuring sustainable forest management defined
- Requirements for the use of forestry machinery defined



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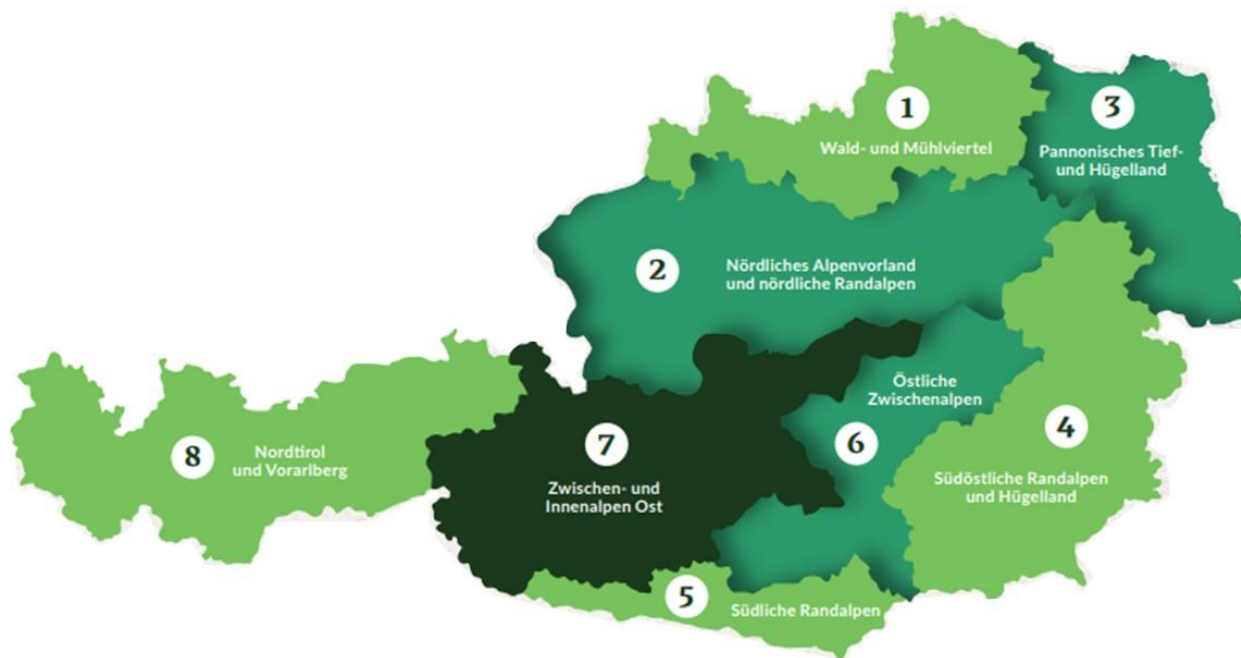
# PEFC AUSTRIA SFM SYSTEM DOCUMENTS

## CONTENTS

- Consideration of **legal bases** (Forestry Act, Federal State Nature Conservation Acts, Federal State Hunting Acts, Water Rights Act,...)
- Use of **reference catalogues** (WWF Score Cards 1998, UK Woodland Assurance Scheme 1999, CIFOR Special Volume 1996 A-1,...)
- **Official data sources** (ÖWI, WEP, GZP, Hemeroby Study,...)
- **Requirements for group certification**
- **Requirements for certification bodies**

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# PEFC REGIONS IN AUSTRIA



# PEFC CERTIFICATION

## SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT



- ✓ **Declaration** of participation by the forest owner
- ✓ **Internal audits** (about 250/year) by employees of the chambers of agriculture
- ✓ Preparation of **reports** (regions & group level)
- ✓ **External audits** (40/year) by certification body (SGS Hamburg)
- ✓ **Audit report** by CB
- ✓ In case of **deviations, improvement measures** have to be taken
- ✓ **Positive result: issue or continuation** of the regions certificate
- ✓ **One group certificate for all 8 regions** in Austria
- ✓ The whole process is **repeated annually**



# PEFC SYSTEM DOCUMENTS

## CHAIN OF CUSTODY

### Standards

PEFC ST 2001:2020	PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements
PEFC ST 2002:2020	Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements
PEFC ST 2003:2020	Requirements for Certification Bodies operating Certification against the PEFC International Chain of Custody Standard

### Guidance

PEFC GD 2001:2025	Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products and Related Standards – Guidance for Use
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# PEFC CERTIFICATION

## CHAIN OF CUSTODY

- ✓ Decision on **PEFC CoC certification**
- ✓ **Obtain quotes** from certification bodies
- ✓ **Creation of PEFC structures** in the company
- ✓ **Initial audit**
- ✓ **Issue of the PEFC CoC certificate** for 5 years
- ✓ Annual **surveillance audits**
- ✓ After 5 years **re-certification audit**





# PEFC-LABEL

- Indicates that **wood and wood products originate** from **sustainably managed forests**
- Is **independent, reliable and secure**
- Enables customers to **support sustainable forest management**
- **Shopping:** choosing **PEFC-certified products or packaging**
- **Producer** identified through **trademark license number**



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# WHAT IS PEFC PROJECT CERTIFICATION?

- Use of **PEFC-certified timber** in the construction project
- Certificate confirms the **sustainable origin of the timber used for the building**
- Verified by **independent & state-accredited** certification bodies:



# THE ADDED VALUE!

- **Assurance** that the timber products used come **from sustainable forestry**
- **Proof** of this sustainability **by means of a certificate**
- **Promotion** of sustainable & active forest management
- **Positive communication** & image building in the construction sector
- **Fulfilment of tender criteria** for sustainable construction
- Points for **Environmental Assessment & Green Building Schemes**



Sydney Metro Northwest

# ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & GREEN BUILDING SCHEMES



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# DISTRICT CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE HALLEIN/SALZBURG





# CLT FACTORY IN LEOBEN/STYRIA

## MAYR-MELNHOF HOLZ





# KINDERGARTEN "MÜHLTAL"

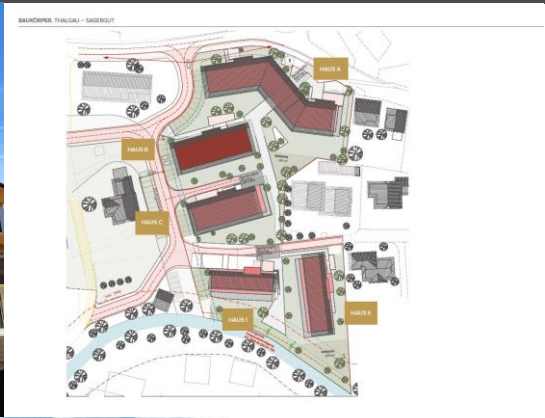
## LEOBEN/STYRIA





# RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN THALGAU/SALZBURG

## SIGES MASSIVHOLZBAU





# WOODEN LOOP AT PAVILION EXPO 2025 OSAKA/JAPAN





# BILLA SUPERMARKET IN VIENNA

## REWE GROUP



The world's first PEFC-certified supermarket!

# PEFC RED III CERTIFICATION



PEFC ST 5002:2025

Additional requirements for  
organisations sourcing forest  
biomass – RED III



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PEFC ST 5003:2025

Additional requirements for certification  
bodies providing certification against  
PEFC ST 5002 – RED III

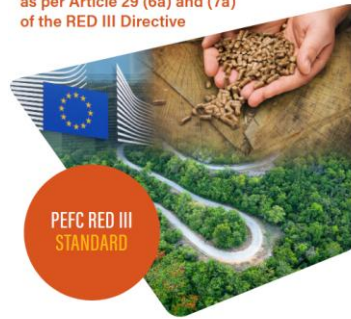


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PEFC ST 5004:2025

Requirements for the Development of Level A  
Risk Assessments and its Recognition by PEFC  
as per Article 29 (6a) and (7a)  
of the RED III Directive



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PEFC RED III GD 5004:2025

Operations of the  
PEFC RED III Scheme



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## Regulates:

- Electricity
- Heat
- Cooling from biomass

## Criteria:

- Sustainability
- Greenhouse gas savings

## Proof of conformity:

EU-recognized  
certification systems



# PEFC EUDR ADJUSTMENTS

## SFM & COC



PEFC ST 1003:2024

### Sustainable Forest Management – Requirements



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PEFC ST 2002-1:2024

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# MARKETING & COMMUNICATION

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# ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF THE PEFC AWARDS

## FHP - WOOD TALKS



### Categories:

- ✓ Forest
- ✓ Chain of Custody
- ✓ Forestry contractor
- ✓ Promotion
- ✓ Personality



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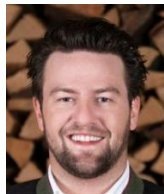
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# KEY ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

## B2B & B2C WORK





# ADVANTAGES FOR FOREST OWNERS

- PEFC offers especially small-scale forest owners the opportunity to obtain certification
- Certification is today usually a criterion for market access
- PEFC is cost-effective
- PEFC creates competitive advantages
- PEFC provides forest owners with information and advice on sustainable forest management (guidance, website, leaflets, etc.)

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# ADVANTAGES FOR COMPANIES

- Market access – PEFC is recognised and often required in procurement
- Risk management through the use of PEFC-certified material
- Increasing market value and gaining competitive advantages with environmentally conscious customers
- Communication of sustainable corporate policy and image building – using the PEFC logo is a clear commitment to sustainability!

# WHY SUPPORT PEFC?

- To further **strengthen sustainable forest management**
- To ensure that timber from Austria is in demand on the market  
→ because **demand for certified timber continues to rise**
- In order that **small scale forest owners can continue to participate in certification**
- To ensure that a system is implemented that stands for **integrative nature conservation** under upright, **multifunctional forest management**



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**Thanks!**