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EU Erasmus+ VET structured training course

'Forests, Timber and the Future – Experience forestry and timber expertise and training practices in Austria' 12–16 October 2026

Receiving organisation:

Educational Centre Schloss St. Martin

Cooperation partners:

Styrian schools specialising in timber and forestry

Styrian forestry and timber-processing businesses

The agricultural education sector in Styria

Team

School authority

LSI Ing. Johannes Hütter

Continuing teacher training:

Dipl. Päd Ing. Claudia Drexler

Programme coordination:

DI Freydl Peter

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Date of the training course

Arrival: Sunday 11 October 2026

Training course: Monday 12 October to Friday 16 October 2026 inclusive

Departure: 17 October 2026

Participants: The training course is organised as a joint programme for Austrian and French professionals and is also open to other European participants.

Working language: English

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Registration: until Tuesday, 15 September 2026 via the following link

[Forests, timber and the future](#)

The registration form requires the following login details:

Registration: **Agrar**

Password: **2023**

Course fee : 400 Euro (for local transport, material etc)

Please transfer the course fee to the following account, until 1 September 2026.

Verein Fachschulen International: IBAN AT78 3843 9000 0087 9254

Cancellation policy:

Cancellation – Seminar Fee Cancellations will only be accepted in writing. No cancellation fee will be charged for cancellations made by the registration deadline. For cancellations made after this deadline and for no-shows, we will charge a cancellation fee of 100% of the course fee. In the event of a no-show for free events, we reserve the right to charge a service fee of €15. The cancellation fee will be waived if you nominate a confirmed replacement

Accommodation : Hotel Drei Raben

Rooms have been pre-booked at a rate of **€70 per night, including breakfast, in a single room, until 31 August 2026.**

Please book your room by email, quoting the reference 'Erasmus' dreiraben@vivat.at

Contact us if you have any questions

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PROGRAMME - DRAFT

- Sunday:** Arrival in Graz, check-in at the accommodation (Hotel Drei Raben).
- Monday:** Morning: Visit to the Bruck an der Mur Forestry School – forest education, sustainable forest management, training programmes.
Afternoon: Mayr Melnhof sawmill (possibly: Merkscha veneer mill)
Evening: Official welcome reception at the Bildungshaus St. Martin with representatives from the Timber Construction Guild, the education authority and the host schools
- Tuesday:** Morning: Konrad Forsttechnik – solutions for modern timber harvesting
KLH Massivholz GmbH, a pioneer in the manufacture of cross-laminated timber
Afternoon: HTL-Ortwein – interior architecture and design
- Wednesday:** Morning: Murau Vocational School for Apprentices, training programmes in carpentry and carpentry technology. Possibly the Timber Museum; Lunch at the brewery with a short brewery tour
Afternoon: Hansmann Timber Construction, Oberwölz – timber construction, modern teaching methods, collaboration between school and business; Higher Technical College Zeltweg, sustainable timber construction, reuse of materials and modern green building concepts.
- Thursday:** Morning: Visit to Regional agricultural college Stainz – introduction to the school, tour of the forestry and woodworking departments, discussion of teaching methods and projects.
Afternoon: Meran Forestry Direction; reception at Stainz Castle; optional hike through the Bründlwald
Evening: Cultural exchange with school presentations
- Friday:** Morning: Graz University of Technology, Lignum: Institute of Timber Construction and Wood Technology, followed by a joint debriefing and feedback session.
Afternoon: guided tour of Graz
- Saturday:** Journey home

We reserve the right to make changes to the programme

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PROGRAMME BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The Erasmus+ training course 'Forest, Timber and Future' is aimed at European teachers at vocational schools specialising in forestry, wood technology and sustainable timber construction, as well as stakeholders from school supervisory authorities, training companies, interest groups and other institutions within the timber and forestry sectors.

The aim of the training course is to provide participants with insights into the Austrian forestry and timber industry, to familiarise them with innovative training concepts and to establish European networks between technical colleges and businesses. The training course strengthens teachers' professional competence, promotes intercultural exchange and contributes to the modernisation of vocational education and training.

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS AUSTRIA

Schools:

- **Stainz Agricultural College (LFS Stainz)** – specialising in forestry and sustainable land use
- **Murau Vocational School for apprentices** – specialising in wood technology & sawmill mechanics
- **Bruck an der Mur Higher College for Forestry** – forestry training
- **Higher Technical College Ortweinschule Graz** – Department of timber construction and design
- **Higher Technical College Zeltweg** – sustainable timber construction, reuse of materials and modern green building concepts.

Business partners, companies

- **Hansmann Timber Construction, Oberwölz** – An innovative carpentry firm and training centre
- **Mayr Melnhof Sawmill, Frohnleiten** – An example of modern, sustainable timber processing
- **University of Technology, Lignum: Institute of Timber Construction and Wood Technology**
- **Meran Forestry Administration**
- **Konrad Forestry Technology**
- **KLH Massivholz GmbH**
- **Pro Holz Steiermark** - proHolz Steiermark is the go-to point of contact for architects, planners, construction managers, local authorities, consumers, educators and teaching staff on all matters relating to wood

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

- **Specialist insights** into the entire timber value chain (from the forest to the finished product)
- **Ideas** for project-based learning and the use of digital technology in the classroom
- **European contacts** for future student exchange or work placement projects
- **Impulses for sustainable vocational training** in agriculture and forestry

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