

## About us

### *Our concept*

#### **Competence**

The Forest Association of Burgenland has high expertise in forestry and assumes social responsibility. It is the contact for both: its diverse members and the public.

#### **Network**

The Forest Association of Burgenland is THE platform for all those interested in forests. Current forest-related issues are addressed and made accessible, integrating experts, opinion leaders and decision-makers.

#### **Independence**

The Forest Association of Burgenland is THE independent voice of Burgenland's forests.

#### **Nature**

The Forest Association of Burgenland is committed to sustainable and natural cultivation and promotes the understanding of the importance of forests.

#### **Community**

The Forest Association of Burgenland hosts professional and social gatherings – regionally as well as nationally and internationally.

### *Our team*



## *Our target groups and members*

- forestry staff
- Austrian "Urbarialgemeinden"
- forestry companies
- forest owners
- forestry students
- forest educators
- others interested in the forest

## *Our history*

The Forest Association of Burgenland (Burgenländischer Forstverein) was founded in 1927. The difficult conditions of forestry required dedicated foresters to establish our association. In 1931 the annual meeting of the Austrian Forest Association was first organized in cooperation with the Forest Association of Burgenland in Eisenstadt. In 1938 the Austrian Forest Association and its regional associations were integrated in the German Forest Association. The regional associations thereby ceased to exist. From 1950 onwards real efforts were made to bring the Forest Association of Burgenland back to life. As a first step, the "Forest Association for Lower Austria and Vienna" was extended to the "Forest Association for Lower Austria, Vienna and Burgenland". A very important step was taken in 1959: a regional section for Burgenland was formed within the Forest Association of Lower Austria, Vienna and Burgenland. This was the beginning of independent and lively activities of the association which was able and willing to deal with the specific concerns of the forest owners of Burgenland. As the number of members was steadily increasing, an own regional forest association was created for Burgenland in 1978. In 1984, 1992, 1998, 2006 and 2012 the Austrian Forest Association held meetings in cooperation with the Forest Association of Burgenland, which made an impact beyond the regional borders. Over the years the association has developed an intensive exchange with forestry associations of the neighboring countries Hungary and Slovenia – resulting in the annual Pannonia meetings, which have been taking place since 1972.