



Steiermarkhof, Graz, Austria

Date: April 22-23, 2026



Join us at the

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Women in Forestry: Connecting Across Borders and Generations

Agenda - 1st day, Wednesday 22.4.2026

08:30-09.00 Arrival of participants and registration

09:00-09.30 Introduction and Welcome speeches

Andreas Steinegger, President of the Styrian Chamber of Agriculture, Austria

Nike Krajnc, Head of Slovenian Forestry Institute

Dagmar Karisch-Gierer, FAST Pichl, Forstfrauen Austria and WOFO International

09:30-09.50 Keynote:

International Forest Governance Trends: Competences for Future Forests

Daniela Kleinschmit, President of IUFRO, Germany

09:50-10:20 Understanding Women's Pathways in the Forest Sector

Leonie Wagner and Nico Martin, LWF Germany

10:20-10:40 Degrees of Specialisation: How Study Choices Influence Women's Career Paths

Cesira Urzi-Brancati, Eurofound (online)

10:40-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-11:30 Women's Mentoring in Forestry - a Successfully Implemented Model

Karin Weber, Boku University, Mentor & Mentee, Austria

11:30-11:50 Beyond the Trees: Impact and Challenges of Women Foresters

Khishigjargal Mookhor, "Forest sustainability and women" society, Mongolia

11.50-12.10 From Roots into the Sky - How to Grow Your Association

Izabela Pigan, Chairwoman of Stowarzyszenie Kobiet Lasu, Poland

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- 12:10-12:40 From Impact to Transformation: What the Years of Cooperation Reveal**
Round table talk with Nike Krajnc and representatives of women's associations
- 12:40-13:00 Discussion**
- 13:00-14:15 Lunch**
- 14:15-14:45 Keynote: Empowering the Future Workforce - How to Inspire Young Women in Forestry and how Forestry Companies Can Benefit From This**
Christian Schnedl, Managing Director of Papierholz Austria
- 14:45-15:05 Seeing Forestry Through a Gender Lense - Male Allies**
Viktoria Knizia, Germany (online)
- 15:05-15:40 From Curiosity to Career: Motivating Young Women to Join Forestry**
Round table with Heidi Gaube, nowa, Austria, and Female Ambassadors
- 15.40-16.10 Coffee break with market place & poster session**
- 16.10-16.40 Changing the Narrative: Promoting Women and Attracting Young Talents to Forestry**
Heidi Gaube, nowa, and Mathias FraiB, FAST Pichl, Austria
- 16.40-17.00 Closing Discussion and Summary of the Day**
Nike Krajnc, Izabela Pigan and Dagmar Karisch-Gierer
- 18.00 Conference dinner to relax and conclude the first day of the conference, social gathering, and networking (optional)**

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Agenda - 2nd day, Thursday 23.4.2026

Field trips

Three different field trips are offered. Please note that the number of participants per field trip is limited, so you may be assigned to a different field trip if necessary. The preferred field trip and an alternative field trip can be selected during registration.

The terrain is mostly easy, with a few moderately difficult sections. Walking and standing times of around 1.5-2 hours at each stop should be expected. Lunch will be provided in the form of packed lunches.

Timetable for all field trips

09:15 **Departure** from parking lot at Steiermarkhof, Graz

16:15 **Return** to Steiermarkhof

Field trip 1 **eHP - European Hardwood Production**

Purchasing and processing of hardwood into lumber, lamellas and sawing by-products

Forest holding Liechtenstein

Beech stands management and nature reserve

Field trip 2 **Hasslacher Preiding Wood Industry**

Production of constructive and surfaced timber, GLT® Girder Longitudinally Tensiletested

Forest Property of the Seggau Episcopal Estate Administration

Climate-friendly forest management in church-owned forests

Field trip 3 **Sappi Gratkorn Mill**

Production of quality paper for premium magazines, books, and high-end advertising

Almhof Forestry Estate

Close-to-nature forestry by a female forest owner

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Important locations

Meeting venue

Hotel Steiermarkhof

Ekkehard-Hauer-Straße 33, 8052 Graz, Austria

E-Mail: office@steiermarkhof.at, hotel@steiermarkhof.at

Google maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/mhLMf1ZnKgKKmDES7>

A large parking lot is available at Steiermarkhof.

Options for accomodation nearby

Hotel Lindenwirt - very close in walking distance

Peter-Rosegger-Straße 125, 8052 Graz

E-Mail: office@lindenwirt.at

Google maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/mhLMf1ZnKgKKmDES7>

Schloss St. Martin - recommended for people travelling by car; no public transport available; walking distance to Steiermarkhof 2 km/25 minutes

Kehlbergstraße 35, 8054 Graz

E-Mail: st.martin-raum@stmk.gv.at (use booking code "Fem2forests/Steiermarkhof")

Google maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/mhLMf1ZnKgKKmDES7>

Of course there are also lots of hotels, guesthouses and apartments of all categories in the city of Graz.

Overview

This map contains all of the above locations (including airport, mail railway station and city center).

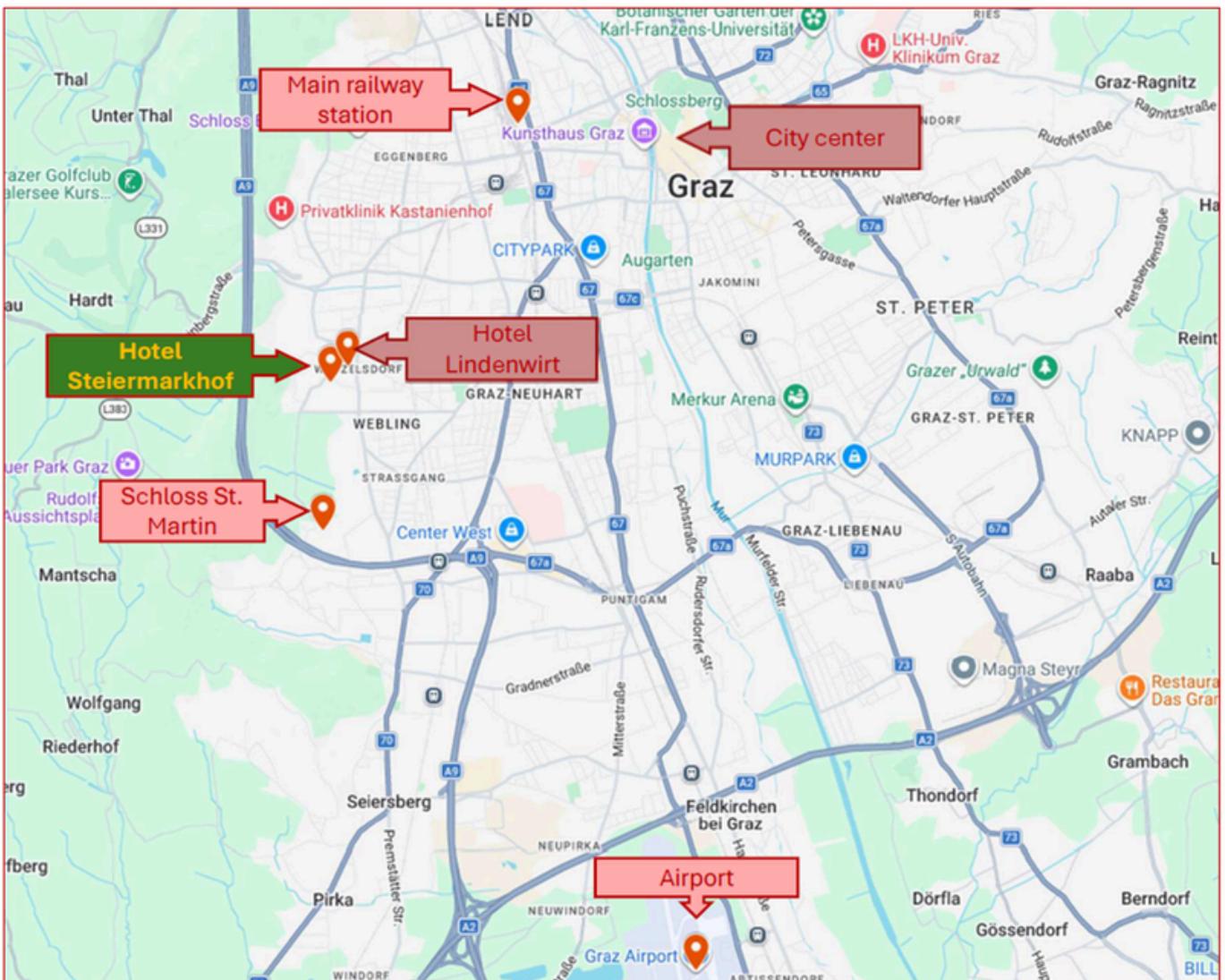


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Public transport

The meeting venue is easily accessible via public transport:

From Airport Graz-Thalerhof

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- The bus stop (Graz Airport) is located directly in front of the passenger terminal, in the immediate vicinity of the departure area. Take "Regio Bus 630" to "Graz Puntigam Bahnhof", change to train S6 to Graz Hauptbahnhof; about 22 minutes
- The train station (Graz Airport/Feldkirchen, S-Bahn line S1) is approx. 300 m and a few minutes' walk from the terminal. Take the train to "Graz Hauptbahnhof" (main railway station); about 15 minutes
- Tickets and timetable: [Trip Planner - ÖBB](#)

From the main railway station "Graz Hauptbahnhof"

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- About 30 minutes to Hotel Steiermarkhof
- Take bus number "52 - Zentralfriedhof" to bus station "Hohenstaufengasse / Citypark" (after 5 bus stops), change to bus "66 - Grottenhofstraße", get off at stop "Steiermarkhof" (9 bus stops), 200 m to walk to Hotel Steiermarkhof

or

- take bus "62 - Puntigam", get off at stop "Peter-Rossegger-Straße" (after 13 bus stops) and walk about 500 m to Hotel Steiermarkhof
- Tickets for the bus: [Ticket infos - Holding Graz](#)
- Timetable: [Timetables - Holding Graz](#)

From the city center "Jakominiplatz"

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- about 20 minutes to Hotel Steiermarkhof
- take bus number "33 - Peter-Rossegger-Straße", get off at stop "Steiermarkhof" (after 16 bus stops) and walk about 200 m to Hotel Steiermarkhof



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Registration and payment

Registration:

Please register using this [Registration form](#).
Registration will be open until **Wednesday, 8.4.2026**.

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Costs:

- The **conference fee** is €80, the discount rate for students and pensioners is €40 (we kindly request proof). This fee includes participation in the lectures, field trips, lunches and refreshments during the day. A pro-rata refund is not possible.
- The fee for the **conference dinner** is €30 (optional, drinks not included).
- The participation fee will be collected **in cash on site**. Payment confirmations are being handed out.

Conference language

Please be aware that the conference incl. the field trips will be held in **English**, there is **no translation**.

Advisory for the field trip

April may bring all kinds of weather. We kindly advise all participants to **prepare accordingly for outdoor activities**. Please ensure you are equipped with **sturdy hiking boots** and **weather-appropriate outdoor clothing**. Your comfort and safety in the field are our priority.

The terrain is **mostly easy**, with **a few moderately difficult sections**. Walking and standing times of around **1.5-2 hours at each stop** should be expected. Lunch will be provided in the form of **packed lunches**.

Organizing team and contact

The conference is organized by:

- Fem2forests project
- WOFO - Women in Forestry International
- Forstfrauen, Austria

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