

Global Summit on “Advancing Sustainable Forest-based Bioeconomy Approaches”

23–25 February 2026, Vienna, Austria

Field Trips

Item 11

1. Date & Time

Wednesday, 25 February 2026, 14:30-18:30 CET

2. Context

To provide practical insights into Austria’s approaches to forest-based bioeconomy, participants are invited to join one of five thematic field trips. These excursions will showcase innovative projects, sustainable forest management practices, and value-chain initiatives, offering first-hand perspectives on the implementation of bioeconomy strategies in the Austrian context.

3. Objectives

The field trips aim to:

- showcase examples of forest-based bioeconomy in Austria

4. Programme

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Time	14:30-18:30 CET
Meeting Point	The meeting point for all field trips is outside the building, in front of the main entrance. Follow the signs!
Field Trips	<p>#1 Tour: Wood construction</p> <p>Tour guides: Ms Sophia Kratz / Mr Bernd Höfferl</p>
	<p>#2 Tour: Technical University Vienna</p> <p>Tour guides: Ms Lena Holzer / Mr Juri Troy</p>
	<p>#3 Tour: Future forests, cultural history and bioeconomy - a guided walk</p> <p>Tour guides: Mr Georg Schweizer / Mr Alois Schuschnigg</p>



	<p>#4 Tour: Austrian Forest Products Research Society</p> <p>Tour guides: Mr Jacob Seirl /Mr Andreas Suttner</p> <hr/> <p>#5 Tour: Forest-based Bioeconomy</p> <p>Tour guides: Ms Marianne Friedrich / Mr Martin Greimel</p>
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Highlights of the individual tours

Field trip #1 – Wood Construction

This field trip offers the opportunity to visit three wooden buildings in Vienna.

- The HoHo Vienna is a 24-floor, 84-metre-tall hybrid wooden high-rise building, making it one of the tallest of its kind in the world.
- The Assemblage Niklas Eslarngasse consists of multi-story wooden buildings with straw insulation and clay plaster.
- The Waldrebengasse project features multi-story wooden buildings that meet heightened fire safety standards.

Logistics: Travel by bus with departure and return to Schönbrunn Palace

Duration: 14:30-17:30 CET

Field trip #2 – Technical University of Vienna

This field trip will provide the opportunity to visit the Technical University of Vienna.

- The programme encompasses the research domain of the BMLUK Endowed Professorship for Timber Construction and Design in Urban Areas,
- the Dome Hall “Kuppelsaal” at the Technical University of Vienna, and
- the real laboratory of the Institute of Architecture and Design.

Logistics: The field trip starts at Schönbrunn Palace. The participants will travel together by public transport to the Technical University of Vienna. The field trip will end at Karlsplatz.

Duration: 14:30-17:00 CET



Field trip #3 – Future forests, cultural history and bioeconomy. A guided walk.

This field trip offers a visit to the Schönbrunn Palace Park and the Forest Research Center, focusing on climate change and future forest.

- The Schönbrunn Palace Park was first opened to the public in 1779 and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The Forest Research Center is an Austrian multidisciplinary training and research centre that is directly affiliated with the federal government.

Logistics: The field trip will start and end at Schönbrunn Palace. The participants will be accompanied on a guided walk. (please bring suitable footwear)

Duration: 14:30-17:00 CET

Field trip #4 – Austrian Forest Products Research Society

The research institute Holzforschung Austria is oriented to practical needs of the whole wood value chain and works closely with industry and academia to make an important contribution to the sustainable development of society. The activities include research & development, testing, inspection, certification and calibration, as well as knowledge transfer. During the excursion, you can visit the laboratories for wood preservation/biology, wood surfaces with innovative demonstrators of printed electronics on wood, recycling/post-consumer wood/chemistry as well as our testing hall for sawn timber.

<https://www.holzforschung.at/en/>

Logistics: Travel by bus with departure and return to Schönbrunn Palace (stop at Vienna Central Station)

Duration: 14:30-17:00 CET

Field trip #5 – Forest-based Bioeconomy

This field trip will provide the opportunity to visit the House of Digitalization and the University and Research Center Tulln (appr. one hour outside of Vienna).

- The House of Digitalization aims to support small and medium-sized domestic companies, and to make the concept of digitalization accessible to people of all ages.
- The University and Research Center Tulln is hosting among others applied research institute WoodKplus and the BOKU University.

Logistics: Travel by bus with departure and return to Schönbrunn Palace

Duration: 14:30-18:30 CET

