

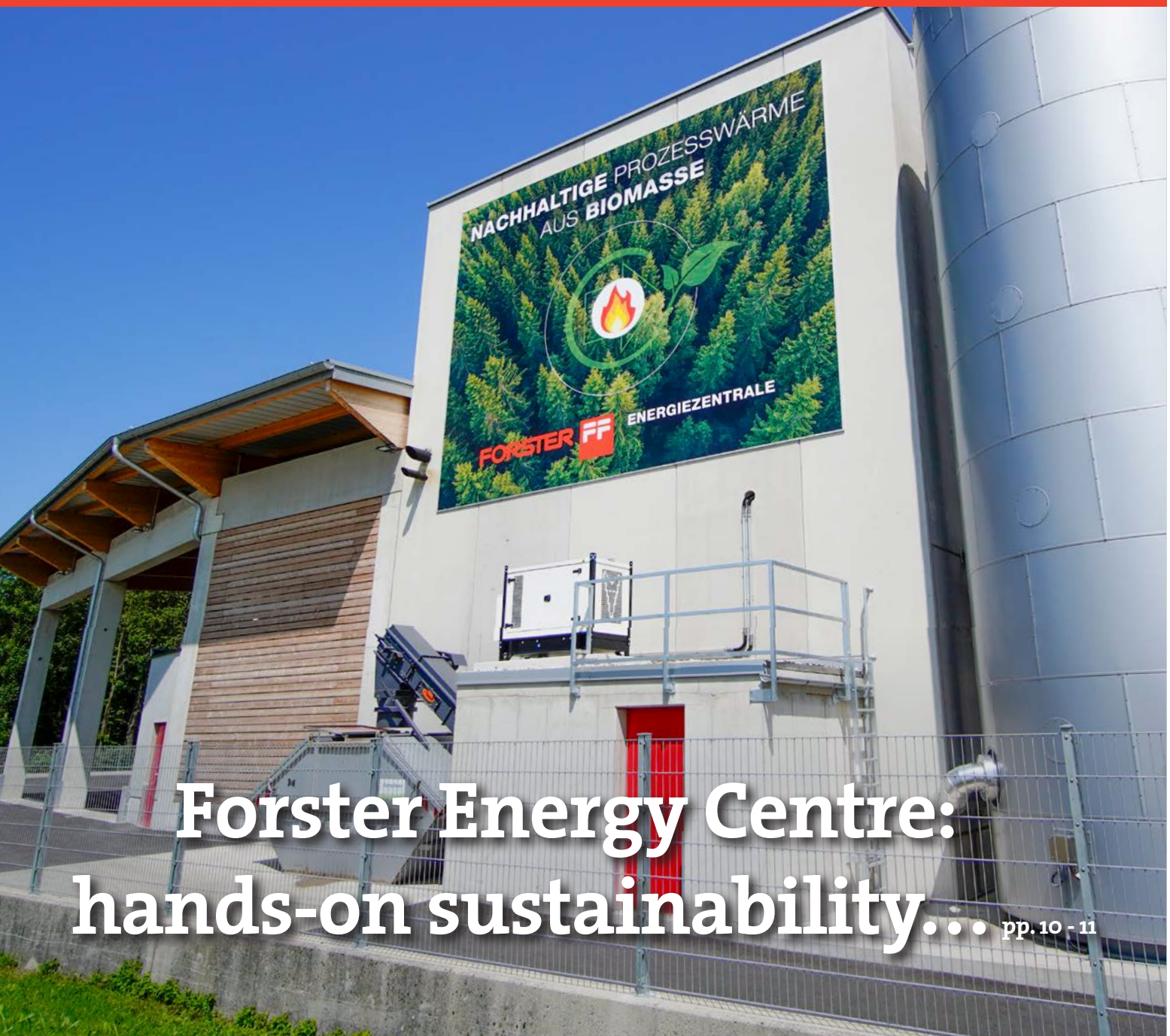
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The magazine for staff and business partners of the Forster Group



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## UP-FRONT NEWS

Dear Friends,  
Dear Staff Members,

Forster is a classical SME that focuses on sustainability and social responsibility. In this issue of *FORSTER aktuell*, I am addressing you for the first time as the company's quality, environmental and sustainability officer.

Already some years ago we upgraded our integrated management system for quality (ISO 9001), environment (ISO 14001) and occupational health and safety (ISO 45001) to include a certified sustainability management system. As a result we were certified as a climate-neutral business group in late 2024. We are therefore very pleased that we were able to start up our new energy centre in June. At the St. Peter/Au works we invested in an innovative energy concept and converted our operation to ecological energy (for more details see pp. 10f).

Getting to your destination without stress and with more comfort than when driving yourself – public transport is becoming ever more popular. Consequently routing and information systems at the railway stations and their forecourts are increasingly important. This also applies to the Koralm railway and its new stations. The role we played as partners of ÖBB, our long-term client, is explained on p. 6–7. On p. 8 we present to you our shelving system used in the new book repository in Vienna. And did you know that we are an all-round supplier of noise control systems? For more details see p. 16.

And if you should ask yourselves how responsibilities are distributed among the Forster executive team: on p. 3 of this issue we present to you our CEOs and managers.

Enjoy reading the latest news!



Pamela Forster  
CEO, Forster Holding GmbH



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# Who is Who at Forster

Supported by a strong team, Andreas Grader manages the operative Forster Group companies. Together they send out a clear signal for future developments of the overall Forster Group.



Left to right: Markus Fehring (technical manager, Waidhofen/Ybbs plant), Thomas Prantner (technical manager, St. Peter/Au plant); Stefan Beck (sales manager, traffic and advertising engineering), Andreas Grader (CEO), Leopold Dietl (sales manager, noise barrier systems), Paul Steger (commercial manager), Doris Wöginger (commercial manager, international business), Karl Schoisswohl (purchasing manager), Wolfgang Dürauer (sales manager, shelving systems).

**Andreas Grader** is the CEO responsible for all operative units of the Forster Group, which chiefly include Forster Verkehrs- und Werbetechnik GmbH and its works at Waidhofen/Ybbs, and Forster Metallbau Gesellschaft m.b.H. and its works at St. Peter/Au.

Andreas Grader about his management team:

***“We are fortunate to find nationally and internationally experienced persons for all management positions over the past few years, who will work together to further the positive course of our companies. We are united by our joint understanding of the development of the Group – joining forces to shape its future.”***

Commercial and fiscal management of the Forster businesses has been the responsibility of **Paul Steger** since 2024. He is in charge of finances, controlling and accounting.

**Markus Fehring** manages the technical side (design, construction and project

management) and deals with production at the Waidhofen/Ybbs plant.

Technical management and thus the responsibility for the St. Peter/Au plant has been resting with **Thomas Prantner** since 2024.

Commercial management for international business (subsidiaries and affiliates) is in the capable hands of **Doris Wöginger** who also acts as authorised representative of Forster Holding.

As manager of strategic procurement **Karl Schoisswohl** is in charge of purchasing strategy, procurement measures and the two purchasing departments of Forster.

Sales manager **Stefan Beck** oversees all sales activities of Forster Verkehrs- und Werbetechnik. Starting in the fall of 2024, he operates jointly with Andreas Grader to handle the Forster Group activities in Germany.

**Wolfgang Dürauer** is responsible for the Forster shelving systems as well as acting as CEO of Arbitec-Forster GmbH in Germany and Forster Archiv- und Verkehrstechnik GmbH in Switzerland.

**Leopold Dietl** manages the noise control department. In addition he became CEO of Forster archivna a dopravná technika s.r.o. in Slovakia at the start of 2025.

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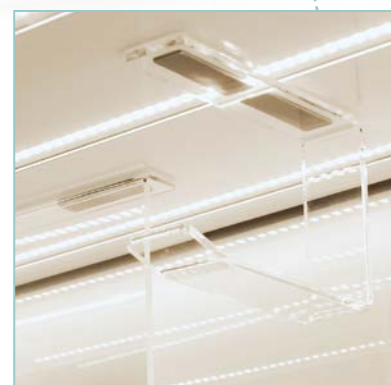
## HOTSPOTS FOR DM

# An impressive stage for drugstore products



Once again we were charged with implementing an exciting project for one of our long-term clients: we made more than 400 units of their new flexible displays that draw the eye to special products.


Already in issue 1/2017 of *FORSTER aktuell* we reported on the first manifestation of the point-of-sale displays that druggist dm uses to emphasise targeted products in its shelves. The well-established concept has now been updated in technical and design terms.



An integrated magnet system allows flexible positioning of poster holders and product carriers.



**Customised frame** ..... Altogether we made more than 400 units of the new HotSpots, in a range of sizes and variants, matched to where they are to be used in the assortment of dm goods. Depending on the location, special versions are available for skin care, perfumes, dental health products and hair care. In this way, each line gets its special frame.

**Flexible magnet system, integrated light** ..... The new HotSpot is based on the previous model made from powder-coated aluminium sheets. The novel feature is its inner workings: magnetic film is used to position installations – such as poster holders or product carriers like acrylic glass hooks – flexibly at the top without the need for tools, so that the content of a HotSpot is easy to rearrange and adjust to new needs. A key role is played by the lighting in a revision of the integrated approach that places more emphasis on premium care and perfume products. 



## GUILD POLE AT DÜRNKRUT

# A strong symbol of togetherness

Founded in 2014, the Dürnkrot-Waidendorf business association aims to strengthen its regional impact and make local businesses more visible. An excellent example of its commitment is the guild pole at

Dürnkrot: a symbol of the variety and communal feeling of local firms.

We are pleased that we were allowed to contribute to this handsome project by making the signs that indicate the participating companies. The high-quality and long-lived acrylic glass signs were digitally imprinted on the backside (reverse-glass printing), highlighting the pole and emphasizing the professional presence of the local businesses. **FF**



## ADVERTISING SIGN FOR THE CITY OF VIENNA MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

## Robust and long-lived

At a length of 11.5 metres and a height of 2 metres, the gigantic sign ordered by Vienna's Municipal Department MA 31 ("Vienna Water") relied on Forster's time-tested quality.

This particular municipal department makes a crucial contribution to the high quality of living in Vienna. After all, it is responsible for providing superior drinking water to all the inhabitants of the city. In order to spread public awareness of this fact it commissioned Forster to create a high-quality sign made of polycarbonate. Signs of this type are ideal to achieve long-living, weather-resistant outdoor advertising. They are easy to cut to size, imprint or decorate with



film, thereby opening up a large range of design options. A further bonus is UV protection on both sides which prevents our signs

from yellowing, embrittling and fading, thus making them perfect for long-term outdoor use. **FF**



## KORALM RAILWAY

# Forster gets you around at the Weststeiermark Railway Station

**The Koralm railway and tunnel will start operations in December 2025. We are supplying several sign projects to ensure that passengers will make it to their destinations along the southern railway with a maximum of rapidity and convenience.**

It was a successful “open-door day”: on 27 June 2025, half a year before the Weststeiermark railway

station becomes operational, the Austrian Railways invited locals to an exclusive preview, including guided tours and a framework programme for families. It was a good opportunity to introduce to the general public the latest and largest railway station along the new Koralm railway. The future transport hub features nine tracks and 450 park&ride slots, connects to the network of cycle routes, and provides infrastructure for e-mobility and access for buses, coaches and cabs. In this way, Western Styria is fully interlinked thanks to the Koralm railway.

## High visibility day and night \*\*\*\*

Forster supplied and installed the highly visible, prominent and well-known information signs of ÖBB and S-Bahn. They are made of a steel base and glass-fibre-reinforced plastic and are fitted with energy-saving, long-serving LEDs.

## Barrier-free goes without saying \*\*\*\*

Inside and outside the station, information posts made of powder-coated aluminium are placed to provide orientation and guidance. They, too, are lit by LEDs. The station's name is laser-cut, backed by acrylic glass and back-lit by LEDs. Tactile elements help handicapped passengers to overcome barriers. Their exchangeable signage consists of raised normal letters and Braille letters.



Another bonus of the information posts is their invisible attachment. They can be removed at any time without damaging the floor.



An extra bus stop was provided to have a rail replacement transport stop whenever needed.



The new Weststeiermark railway station next to Groß St. Florian.

#### Practical station signage solutions

..... A sustainable transport infrastructure naturally calls for a highly noticeable and informative sign system for the stations and stops. A key requirement to be met by bus and coach stops is conformity with a uniform signage scheme that is visible from afar. Forster had the right solution for exactly these purposes. The Combiflex posts, also made of powder-coated aluminium and fitted with integrated LED illumination, ensure that the bus

platforms and schedules can be easily read even in the dark.

**Koralmbahn railway experience** ..... Already in December 2023, Forster supplied the signs for the first new station along the Koralmbahn – the station at St. Paul im Lavanttal. Positioned between the 35-kilometre-long Koralmbahn tunnel and the six kilometres of the Granitztal tunnel, the station acts as a major mobility hub. 🚉



An advantage of the Combiflex stop signs: the modular system allows quick and easy extensions to the posts.

The illuminated information elements marking the ÖBB and S-Bahn route are widely visible.





## VIENNA BOOK REPOSITORY

The Vienna Book Repository holds Austria's cultural heritage.

# Millions of books in the “Knowledge Repository”



**The Vienna Book Repository, a major infrastructure project in support of Austria's cultural heritage, was recently implemented in the Floridsdorf district of Vienna. Forster supplied all of the shelving and installed the system with a minimum amount of time.**

Given the need for a protected and compact space to store the valuable stocks, Forster was commissioned to supply and instal a customised shelving system. This system had to meet stringent requirements: flexibility, long service life, maximum space utilisation and ease of use.

We delivered a shelving system that has five kilometres of tracks

and 2,000 mobile bases which contain about 150,000 shelf panels. The result is not just plenty of storage space on a relatively small floor space, but it also enables users to quickly and efficiently access their desired books.

“Such dimensions are quite uncommon even for us,” declares project manager Jürgen Florian. “Planning and implementing a shelving system of this size in such short time was quite a challenge – but also a project that demonstrates the extent of what Forster can achieve.”

**Ambitious schedule** ..... The time frame was constricted: we had just nine weeks to instal the shelves. In this short time we set up all the bases and fitted their shelves and signs. We accomplished it, thanks not least to the excellent cross-teamwork of Forster. All



the relevant departments were involved in the project – from production to logistics to assembly. Components were shipped daily – on some days up to four lorry loads carrying system parts took to the road. Their arrival on the site carried further logistic challenges for the Forster team: after transporting the units to their location by an outdoor elevator, they were installed sector by sector in line with the ongoing construction process. The result is the latest in shelving systems which offers the best possible storage conditions for Austria's national literary heritage.

**Great cooperation** ..... A project of this size also engenders challenges on the staff level, especially when the time schedule is so tight. It was thus very important to obtain the efficient support of work mates from other departments. In this context, we want to particularly praise the teams provided by the display and screen-printing departments, who rolled up their sleeves and tackled the job on hand, thereby contributing significantly to the successful completion of the project.




Safe storage for some 3.5 million books, manuscripts and historical documents.

**Shelves for generations** ..... Thanks to their robust steel structure, high-quality powder-coating and low-maintenance technology, our archiving shelves meet the strictest criteria with regard to safety, stability and a long service life. Altogether, the repository accommodates 130,000 metres of shelving for books, of which 100,000 metres are dedicated to the University of Vienna. The remaining storage space is given over to the Vienna University of Technology, the Vienna University of Applied Arts, the Vienna Academy of Fine Arts and GeoSphere Austria.



What a team spirit: members of different departments helping out with the installation of the shelving system – here on site in Vienna-Floridsdorf.



**A project for perpetuity** ..... The new book repository is not just about creating more storage space. It also constitutes a long-term solution to ensure the safe storage of our cultural heritage. With its FOREG® shelving, Forster guarantees that spare parts will be available for decades after first installation. 

## POWDER-COATING FUELLED BY GREEN ENERGY

# The Forster energy centre goes online

With its new energy centre at the St. Peter/Au plant starting up in June, the Forster Group takes a major step forward to ensure that it has a climate-friendly and future-proof energy supply. In this way, the use of fossil fuels (natural gas) by the location declines towards zero.

**Why a new energy centre? .....** The high level of energy required by the St. Peter/Au plant has always been a key concern of its day-to-day operations. A detailed analysis found that about two thirds of the overall gas consumption were due to the powder-coating process. Two units – the film water dryer and the powder curing oven – need constantly high temperatures (120 and 200°C respectively) to dry and cure coated elements. These units were previously heated by directly fitted gas burners. The wish to drastically reduce gas consumption

and change to renewable energy sources led us to a solution which, while difficult in technical and economic terms, is nevertheless a real game changer.

**Biomass rather than natural gas .....** The new energy centre has at its core an innovative biomass boiler with a thermal oil heater fired by regionally produced wood chips. The heated oil passes through special heat exchangers, thus replacing the gas burners in the two ovens. This change enables us to reduce natural gas consumption to close to zero. Moreover, the residual heat from burning and the waste heat are used to provide hot water for initial treatment and room heating (heat recovery). The biomass is thus used not just as a source of the process heat but also covers a multitude of energy needs.

A special feature of our solution is that while such biomass thermal oil boilers normally involve at

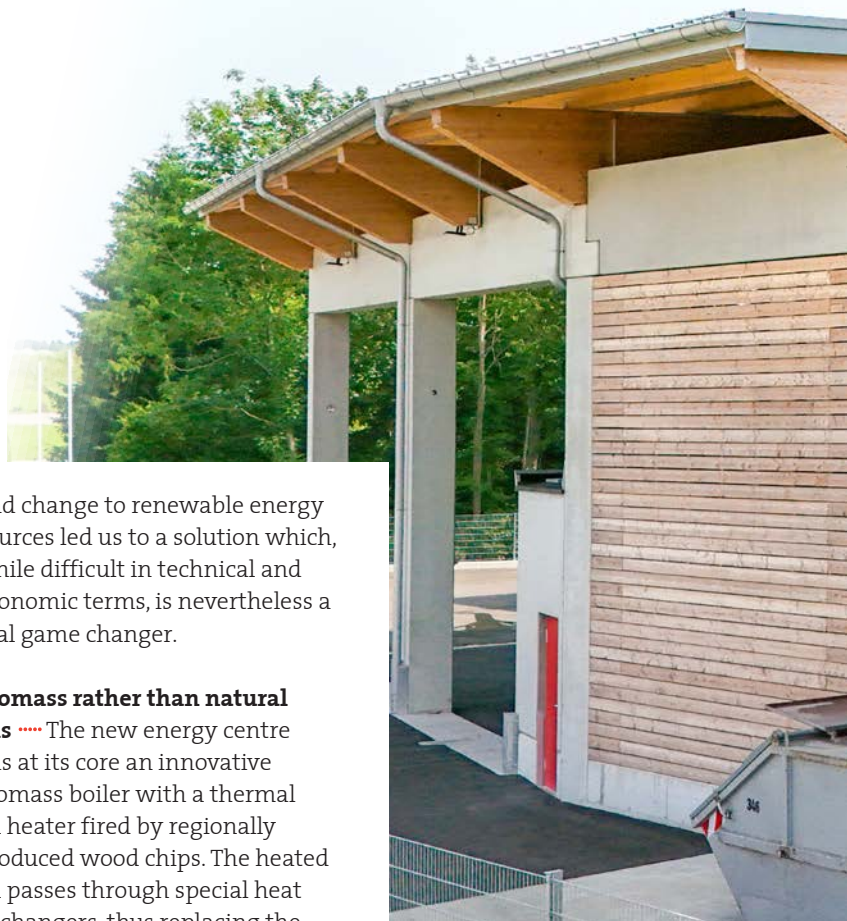
least 5 megawatts, the Forster solution requires just 1.4 megawatts. Accordingly, a customised solution was developed and installed – an example of Forster's innovative engineering that is at the base of the project.

**Sustained reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions .....** Based on the average consumption of natural gas over the past ten years (around 5.6 GWh per year), the conversion to biomass opens up an impressive savings potential.

- **85 % fewer CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**
- **CO<sub>2</sub> emissions cut by 11,261 tons over ten years.**



Powder-coating with green energy – the powder-coating plant at St. Peter/Au is supplied with process heat from the new energy centre.







The project team watching the startup of the new energy centre. Left to right: Paul Steger, Andreas Grader, Thomas Prantner, Silvia Killinger, Pamela Forster, Günter Bachbauer, Karl Schoisswohl.



The buffers (capacity: 105,000 litres each) were put in place in the summer of 2024.



Regionally available wood chips are used for energy generation.

These were not just estimates but were figures clearly verified by a detailed monitoring concept. The system is fitted with many test points that exactly register all energy flows, efficiency factors and residual emissions. In this way it is ensured that the planned effects will be achieved and checked in the long-term. The project is financed mostly from own resources, with funds received from NextGenerationEU of the European Union.

#### **Nominated for TRIGOS NÖ 2025** .....

We are proud that our innovative pilot project "energy-intensive process of chromium-less initial treat-

ment and powder-coating without the use of fossil fuels" was nominated in the climate protection category for the TRIGOS NÖ 2025, Austria's most prominent award for responsible economic activities: Being considered for nomination is by itself a major award and it highlights the innovative power and sustainability claim of our project.

**Comprehensive strategy for sustainability** ..... Building the new energy centre is a key part of our all-encompassing strategy for sustainability. In this context, another important project was realised at

St. Peter/Au already in 2024: optimising our compressed air supply system. It involved an investment in two modern compressed air generators with heat recovery units and regulated refrigerant dryers. The waste heat thus obtained (same as the heat recovery system in the powder-coating plant) is fed into the heating system to heat rooms and the supply of hot water. In this way, cuts to the tune of some 100 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> could be made additionally. **FF**





The gantries displaying variable graphic messages are necessary for traffic information, dynamic traffic diversion and indicating traffic bans.

#### A13: NEW LUEG BRIDGE


## Extension of the Tyrol traffic control system

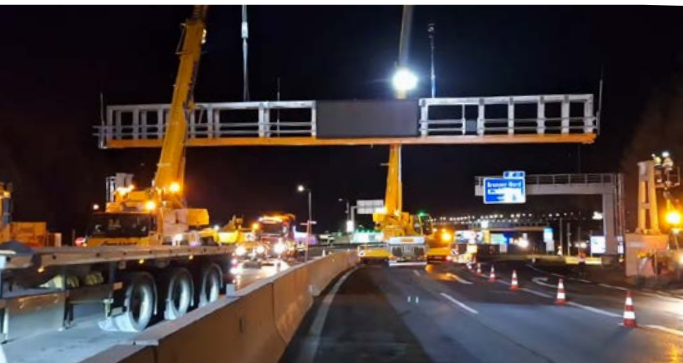
**After more than 55 years in service, the Lueg bridge on the A13 Brenner motorway was at the end of its tether. A new construction was needed and begun in the spring of 2025. Forster contributed to the preparatory measures by the early instalment of the traffic control system.**

To improve traffic safety and relieve the pressure on the bridge, traffic has been restricted to a single lane on either side since 1 January 2025. It is the only way to ensure that the current bridge can be safely used. In order to obtain a smooth traffic flow during the reparatory works, ASFINAG developed a complex package of measures in close cooperation with the state of Tyrol, responsible authorities and field personnel.

**A challenging deployment for the installation team** .... In Tyrol, traffic control systems are found

along the A12 Inn valley motorway and A13 Brenner motorway. Their displays had to be updated along the entire access roads and on the Brenner sector. The first construction phase involved selected sites to be repaired and new display units to be set up. In November and December 2024, our fitters installed five portals and one cantilever sign support, all under difficult conditions. Due to bad weather, the Forster crew had to postpone works repeatedly and was finally forced to set up the portals in ten nights. To ensure safe and smooth traffic, the second construction phase foresees the installation of further traffic control sites both on the A12 Inn valley motorway and the A13 Brenner motorway. Plans provide for installing the altogether nine walk-on cantilever portals from July to October 2025.

At the same time, we will replace the current LED variable message signs by new LED text displays in the current traffic control systems. 



In view of the weight restrictions operating on the Lueg bridge, the truss bridge had to be transported in two separate sections. Installation was carried out by the Forster team at night by way of "tandem lifting".





## WEST RING IN LINZ

# Completely signposted along the first A26 sector

**The first leg of the works on the A26 was completed already in October 2024. Our contribution involved the traffic signs. The new Danube valley bridge was officially opened to traffic in mid November.**

The bypass surrounding the west of Linz aims to considerably improve the traffic situation in the capital of Upper Austria. The first of three stages of constructing the Linz West Ring has already been completed by ASFINAG. The new sector of the A26 will primarily relieve key streets inside Linz.



The new Danube valley bridge boasts a length of 300 metres and a width of 22.5 metres.

**Pure traffic engineering** ..... Suitable signs for this section of the A26 will facilitate traffic flows and cut down on congestions. To achieve this end required plenty of signs for exit and feeder roads (junctions) on the B127 federal Rohrbach road and the B129 Eferding Road (at Obere Donaulände). Altogether, we supplied and set up eleven gantries and four cantilevers of a wide range of types. Forster once again impressed by the sheer scope of its vertical integration and project competence. For this leg of the project we directly undertook

the stress analysis and detailed planning of the gantries and variable traffic signs.

## **Safety for the tunnel slip roads** .....

The motto of safety first naturally governs all the tunnel slip roads. Fully 128 static escape route signs and 54 internally illuminated escape route signs point at the direction and nearest route to be used in the event of an emergency. All supports for the displays in the tunnel are made of highly corrosion-proof special steel.

**Noise protection** ..... The noise screening measures were included in Forster's scope of deliveries. For more details on this aspect see p. 16 in this issue of *FORSTER aktuell*. **FF**



Prism-type variable message signs can display symbols and texts for road closures and alternative routes.

In addition to our standard models we supplied several special designs for the sign system.

## REPLACING SIGNS ALONG THE A4

# Clearly readable again

Many don't know it but traffic signs are subject to a limit on their service life. Over the years, the film loses its reflective power, which impairs the sign's visibility, especially at night or in bad weather. Signs therefore need to be regularly replaced in order not to endanger traffic safety in the long run.

This was the reasoning behind the order placed with us by ASFINAG that involved replacing the signposts and signs at about 25 sites between the eastern exit of Bruck an der Leitha and Neusiedl am See along the A4 eastern motor-



High time to be replaced: the signs have had a service life of more than 20 years.




Better readability – the sign for the exit road to Parndorf was renewed.

way. Their fitting and the removal of the former signs including their latticed uprights and bases were carried out by the experienced crew of Forster fitters.

### Extremely long-lived and stable .....

Special attention is devoted to the quality of the materials used: the signs are made from retroreflecting

film of type 2. Their better retro-reflective effect makes the signs extremely visible even when it is dark or raining. The film used is designed for a service life of about twelve years. In actual practice, some of our products are in service for twenty or more years, such as was the case here. The signs have an aluminium border section, a form that substantially improves their stability and retains its stable shape even in strong winds and other external forces. By renewing the signs and signposts along the A4 we have made a major contribution to improving orientation on Austrian motorways. 



## NEW: ANTI-STICKER FILM

# Long-term protection for traffic signs

If so requested by our clients, we are now coating our signs with ORALITE 5097 Astifol, an innovative anti-sticker film: a special laminate that enables stickers and other adhesives to be removed quickly and without any residues.

Signs on busy sites are typically plastered with stickers and thus damaged. Cleaning them is expensive and often not effective enough to ensure that the sign message remains readable. The anti-sticker foil offers an innovative solution to avoid such problems and extend the sign's service life.

The advantages at a glance:

- **EFFECTIVE PROTECTION AGAINST STICKERS AND DIRT**

The protective laminate prevents stickers from being pasted onto the sign. Even if bits and pieces should stick they can be easily removed in one go and without the need for solvents.

- **EASY TO CLEAN**

The finely textured surface of the film is easy to clean – thus saving on cleaning costs.

- **RETAINS VISIBILITY**

The protective film ensures that the signs remain readable.

- **COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS AND CE MARKING**

Traffic signs with reflective film of types 1 and 2 comply with the requirements of Austrian Standard ÖNORM EN 12899 and thus remain in conformity with CE.

- **SUSTAINABILITY AND SPARING OF RESOURCES**

The film helps increase the service life of traffic signs, which reduces consumption of raw materials and thus preserves resources.




Difficult to read – many service stations have their traffic and directional signs defaced by vandals.



At the Loipersdorf service station, ASFINAG opted for traffic signs fitted with anti-sticker film.



The impressive list of advantages has convinced ASFINAG to opt for traffic signs fitted with anti-sticker film at the Loipersdorf service station. About a hundred traffic signs and directional signs were replaced by new ones that are now effectively protected against vandalism and can be more easily cleansed of graffiti thanks to the anti-sticker film. 

A26 WEST RING IN LINZ


# Noise control walls for tunnel portals



**Urban tunnels help reduce the noise level for neighbours. One critical point is the tunnel's access and exit roads that require particular noise protection – as is the case at the Danube valley bridge in Linz and its tunnel portals on the northern and southern ends.**

A tunnel can reinforce its noise emission by its shape and structure. Cladding it with noise control panels helps reduce the effect. For this particular project, Forster Metallbau supplied and installed more than 6000 square metres of highly absorbent noise control panels for the portals on either end of the tunnel.

Our fitting crew attached the panels horizontally braced on both the straight and curved tunnel surfaces against an aluminium substructure. The scope of Forster's deliveries included all the necessary customised units such as edging sections and

lateral covers for the tunnel portal cladding. In addition more than 100 cuts were made into the cladding for installations, including the requisite edging sections. All panels and edging sections are powder-coated in RAL 1015 (light ivory). 



Our highly absorbent noise control system for the tunnel portals (north and south) on either side of the Danube valley bridge in Linz.



## A1 TRAFFIC CHECKPOINT AT WOLFSBACH

# Full-scale noise protection

**Forster provided the noise screens for the Wolfsburg traffic checkpoint opened in late 2024. The site was built in line with the latest standards – which naturally included the latest in noise barriers.**

Traffic checkpoints typically generate large volumes of traffic, which in turn may translate into a high level of noise for residents, especially when the checkpoint is near a residential area. Noise screens can be a solution to cut down on noise emissions and thus improve the quality of living nearby.

**Wide range of products** ..... The noise barrier along the A1 was

another opportunity for us to offer a choice from our extensive range of products. The choice for the road-side face was a design that covers the uprights, while the side facing residents received a two-coloured inclined transition. Transparent elements provide quietness and let light into the adjoining operational area.

Overhead signs stretching across both lanes of the A1 were constructed to electronically divert the heavy lorries to be checked. They were similarly fitted with Forster products. **FF**



The rotating noise screen provides access for emergency vehicles.



The FONOCON inspection catwalk facilitates access to difficult-to-reach spots along a railway track.

## INSPECTION CATWALK

## A safe balancing act for inspections

The FONOCON inspection catwalk provides safe access for regular inspections along raised or difficult-to-access reaches of railway tracks. It is wide enough to hold specialists and their gear and is fitted with an anti-slip surface, railings and handrails, thus complying with all current safety standards and regulations. **FF**

# News from Forster Group staff

## MANAGEMENT

### Robert Reichartzeder leaves Forster Group

**At the start of 2025, Robert Reichartzeder left the Forster Group by mutual agreement.**

Robert Reichartzeder joined our company in 1999 as an assistant to the CEO, and over the years held various managerial positions. Initially he undertook the technical management

of our production sites in Austria, next becoming CEO of the Forster Group units Forster Industrietechnik GmbH (2003), Forster Metallbau GmbH (2006) and Forster Verkehrs- und Werbetechnik GmbH (2008). In parallel, the company appointed him to the executive management of two international affiliates.

The Forster family and the management thank him for his commitment, his many years of input on behalf of the company, and we wish him all the best and success for his further career!

## FORSTER LEISURE CLUB

### Competition, team building and physical health

The sheer scope of events organised by the Forster Leisure Club was once again illustrated in the first half of 2025. Some highlights:



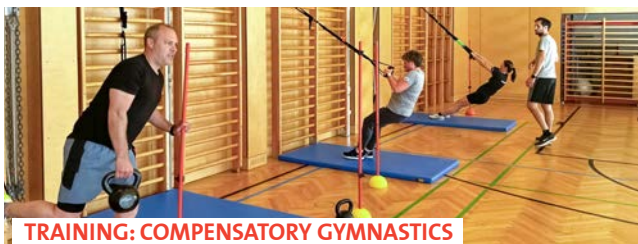
**FISHING TOURNAMENT**

"Tight lines" is what contestants wished each other for the tournament on the Laziteich of St. Peter/Au. It was an exciting and fair contest that emphasised the fishing skills of participants and got them a great catch.



**SCHLADMING SKI DAY**

A glittering sun, superb piste and everybody in a good mood – the best prerequisites for all participants of the annual ski trip to the Hauser Kaibling.



**TRAINING: COMPENSATORY GYMNASTICS**

Correcting postures and strengthening muscles – these were the focus of the four training units with sports scientist Florian Langwieser. His conclusion: simple practical exercises help correct wrong postures and improve physical health.



**TENNIS COURSE**

This year, staff have once again free access to the tennis courts at Gschadt (two clay courts and the club house). In addition, a beginner and refresher course was once again offered.



## COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

# (Further) training with Forster

## AI IN EVERYDAY WORK SITUATIONS

Digital assistants are no longer a vision – they are already present on the workplace. For this reason, we offered an exciting course on “Artificial Intelligence” to our staff members in June. After all, the intelligent use of AI can make handling day-to-day tasks quicker, easier and better organised. Nevertheless, the hazards and risks involved when using AI need to be considered as well. The point of the course was thus to supply basic information, pass on helpful tips and tricks and thereby ensure that AI-based tools can be sensibly used.



## SPORTS EVENTS

## Great results

**Many contestants at public sports events are Forster staff members who are frequently triumphant.**



## CITY RUN

A total of twelve staff members joined this year's urban run at Waidhofen/Ybbs. Special praises are due to our men's team who placed second in the company run.

## AUSTRIAN COMPANY SKIING CHAMPION

Our staff members once again showed their athletic mastery at this year's skiing championship: first place at the 52nd Lower Austrian Company Skiing Championship as well as at the 43rd Austrian Company Skiing Championship went to Forster.

In other words: **We are the Austrian Champions!**

*We are proud of the athletic performance of our colleagues and congratulate them for their great achievements!*



## ❖ VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

**Jennifer Ritt** (metal engineering, main module mechanical engineering) completed the second form with *excellent success*.

**Martin Wendolsky** (metal engineering, main module mechanical engineering) completed the second form with *good success*.

**Tobias Leimlehner** (printing, focus on screen printing) completed the fourth form with *excellent success* and passed the apprenticeship completion exam with *good success*.

**Alina Zehetner** (printing, focus on screen printing) completed the fourth form with *excellent success*.

**Lukas Rosenfeld** (information technology) completed the second form with *excellent success*.

*Our congratulations on their excellent performance and our best wishes for their further career!*

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