

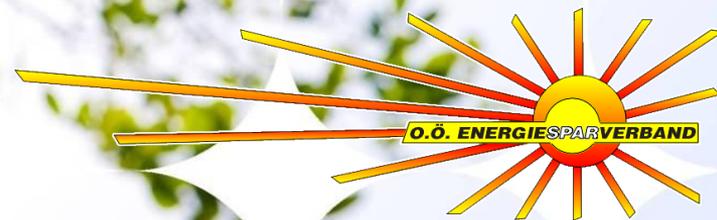
Transformation of the Austrian High-Efficiency Biomass Heating Market

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The Federal State of Upper Austria Oberösterreich

Capital: Linz
Population: 1.38 million (similar to NH)
Area: 4.600 mi² (similar to CT)
Gross inland cons.: 305 PJ; 32 % renewables
Economic activities: industry, service sector, tourism,
25% of the Austrian industrial exports





Energy Action Plan of Upper Austria

1994 - 1999

- 30 % renewable energy (hydro, wood biomass, solar)
- energy consumption in new housing reduced by 30 %
- 15,000 jobs

2000 - 2010

- double biomass & solar: wood biomass 13 % (2007)
- 1 % energy saving/year
- 1.5 % energy savings in the public sector/year

2010-2030

- 100 % space heating & electricity from renewable energy
- reduction of heat demand by 39 %
- minus 65 % CO₂ emissions

Energy Agency of the State of Upper Austria

O.Ö. Energiesparverband

Organisation

- founded (in 1991) and mostly funded by the state government
- promotes **energy efficiency** and **renewable energy**
- provides **services** to private households, public bodies & businesses
- manages programmes on behalf of the state government
- supports development of legislation and policies



Services

- Energy advice (15,000 sessions/a)
- Building rating (> 70,000 buildings rated since 1993)
- Training programmes
- Management of state subsidy programmes
- Public awareness campaigns, events, publications
- Pilot projects
- Municipal energy strategies
- European cooperation
- **OEC network**

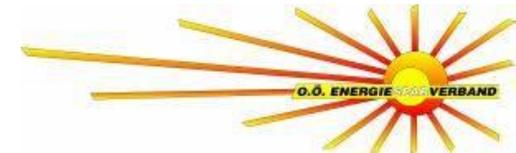


The Oekoenergie-Cluster Upper Austria (OEC)

- network of renewable energy & energy efficiency companies in Upper Austria
- presently 150 partners
- since 2000, managed by O.Oe. Energiesparverband
- www.oec.at - also in English
- main business fields:
 - biomass heating
 - solar heating
 - energy efficient buildings

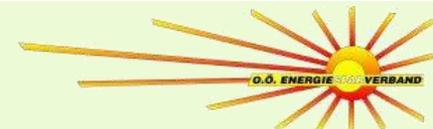


- **Turnover:** 2.2 billion US \$
- **Employees:** ~ 4,500
- **Export share:** > 50 %



"Booming Business"

- Investment in new buildings & production facilities:
> 200 million US \$
- New staff: > 500



Solar thermal, Biomass, Efficient Buildings



Biomass heating technologies



- automatic wood pellet heating systems



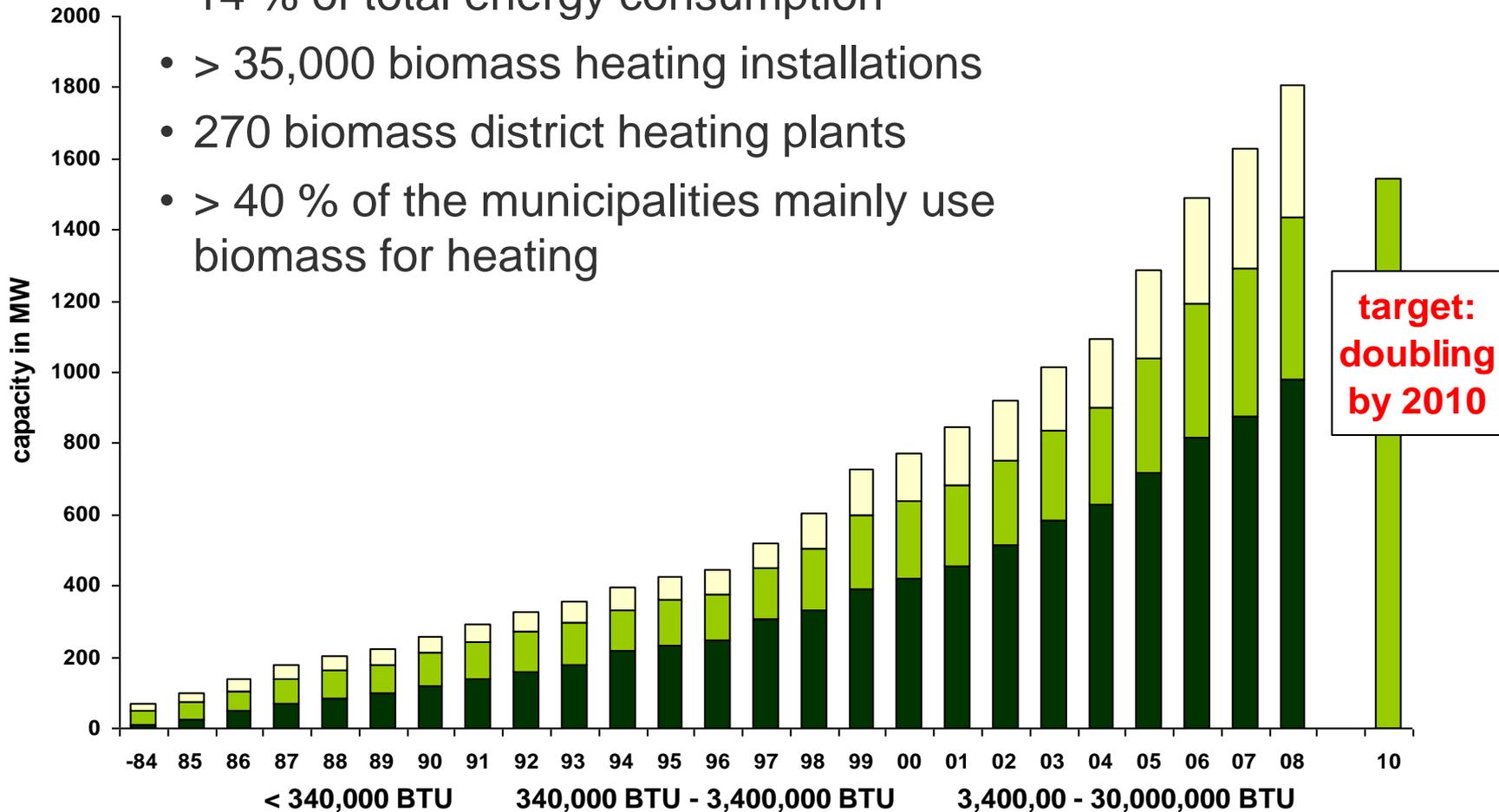
- biomass district heating networks



- large-scale combined heat and power plants

Biomass heating in Upper Austria

- 14 % of total energy consumption
- > 35,000 biomass heating installations
- 270 biomass district heating plants
- > 40 % of the municipalities mainly use biomass for heating



Renewable Heating in Upper Austria

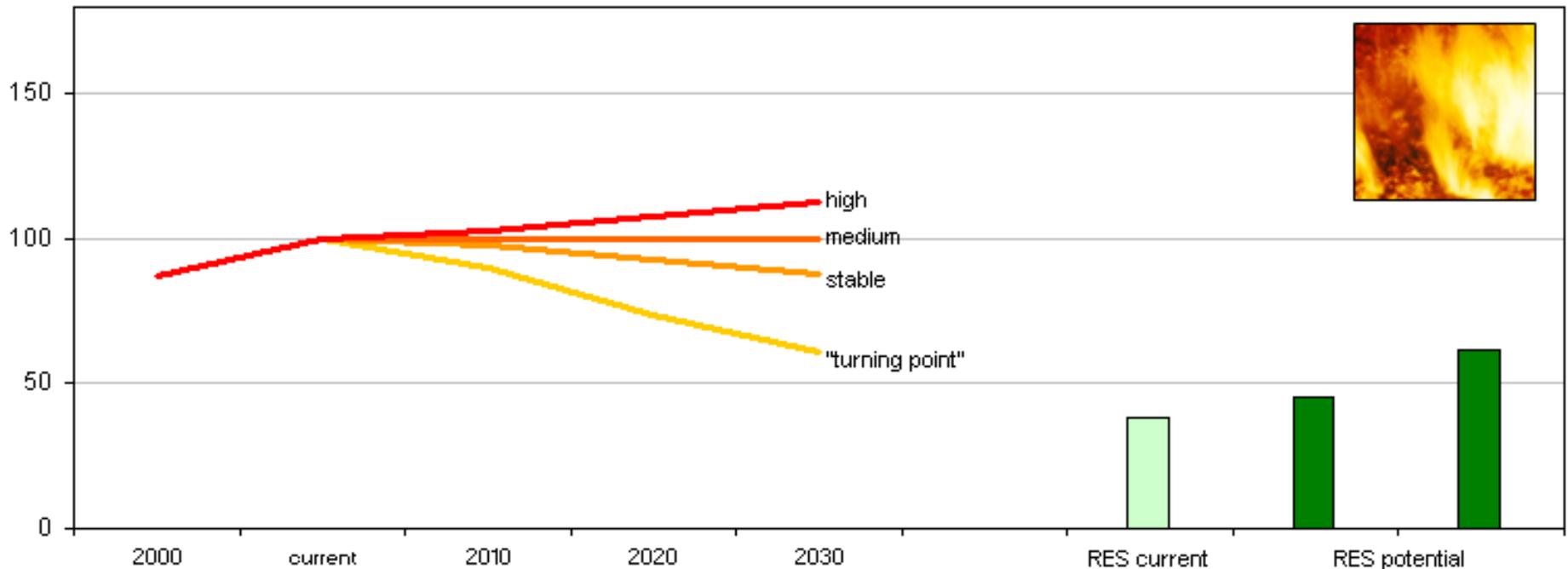
- covers 45 % of the heating demand
- more than 140 million US \$ investment in new installations annually
- reduces energy bill for imported fossil fuels by more than 700 million US \$ annually
- employs more than 5,000

- to meet our objective of 100 % renewable heating in 2030, heat demand has to be decreased by 39%





Development of consumption, scenarios and potentials Heating*, Upper Austria 2000 - 2030



*final energy

Source: TU Wien, LEB OÖ

Potentials - renewable energy sources 2030

RES-el:

Biomass (electricity)	484 GWh	→	1,370 GWh
Biogas	50 GWh	→	600 GWh
Hydro power	11,700 GWh	→	12,200 GWh
PV	5 GWh	→	150 GWh

RES-heat:

"Green heat" (incl. district heating)	38 PJ	→	62 PJ
Biomass (heat)	23 PJ	→	40 PJ
Heat pumps	1 PJ	→	2 - 3 PJ
Solar thermal	1 PJ	→	4 PJ

Biomass innovation along the value chain



- innovation in policy
- innovation in R & D support and products
- innovation in business development support
- innovation in promotion, training and awareness raising

... based on the tradition of sustainable forestry and a longer-term vision for the economic development of farmers

... making Upper Austria one of the leading biomass regions in Europe and world-wide



Upper Austria's sustainable energy strategy

3 Pillars



**Legal
measures**

"stick"



**Financial
measures**

"carrot"



**Information
activities**

"tambourine"

Upper Austria's sustainable energy strategy – example biomass heating

Legal measures

- Renewable heating obligations (public buildings & buildings > 10,000 ft²)
- Inspection of boilers & AC systems
- Energy performance certificates
- Minimum requirements heating & cooling

Financial measures

- Soft loans for efficient renovation
- Grants for renewable heating
- Pilot projects
- Contracting
- Regional R & D programme

Information & training

- Energy advice
- Training & education programmes
- Campaigns & competitions, media activities
- Local energy action plans
- Publications
- Oekoenergie-Cluster

Policy Packages

Regional R&D programme

- state support programme for R&D
- research, development and demonstration of innovative energy technologies (energy efficiency & renewable energy sources)
- new products, methods and procedures
- > 110 R&D projects implemented in Upper Austria
- 50 million US \$ investment triggered by 10 million US \$ public support
- Examples: condensing pellets boiler, industrial biomass ORC application, very small scale-biomass boilers (for lowest energy buildings, combined solar-biomass solutions), innovative control system for biomass boilers, biogas transport systems etc.



Training programmes along the value chain

Target groups for training:

- producers of equipment and materials
- installers and construction workers
- users of buildings and installations

New professional education:

- University degree "green energy engineers" (since 2002)
- "Green energy installers" (since 2002)

Trainings offered by O.Ö. Energiesparverband

- 25 courses/year, 70 training days
- 500 participants
- focus on energy efficient buildings & renewable heating



Wood pellet heating

- CO₂ neutral, standardised fuel
- very clean combustion (comparable to a natural gas boiler) due to two-stage combustion
- local fuel (Austria is a net exporter of wood & wood pellets)
- produced from a waste product (saw dust), in the future also directly from wood chips
- very user friendly:
 - bulk delivery
 - automatic operation
 - ash cleaning 3-4 times/year
 - comparatively low fuel costs
 - good combination with solar thermal & buffer storage





Pellet quality and standards

- Austrian pellet fuel standard since 1998 (ÖNORM M 7135)
- highly standardised fuel allows for high efficiency and low emission
- combustion technologies were developed based on and optimised for the standardised fuel
- warranty of the boilers only if standardised pellets are used
- European pellet fuel standard to be adopted soon

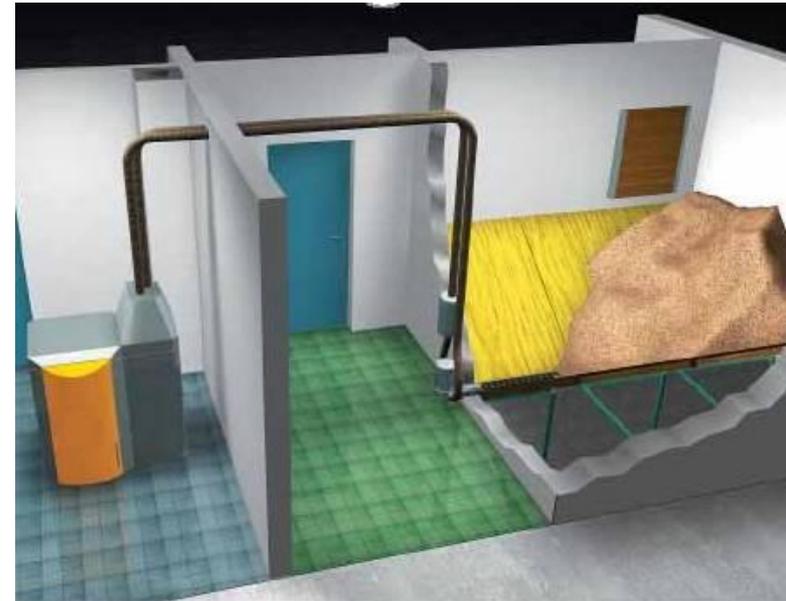
- Austrian pellet fuel standards sets technical fuel requirements for pellets:
 - diameter: 6 mm, length: 5-30 mm
 - density: min. 1.12 kg/dm³, bulk weight: min. 650 kg/m³
 - water content: max. 10%, amount of ash: max. 0.5%
 - heating value: min. 4.6 kWh/kg, dust content: max. 1%
 - no binder, no purification
- standards for transport, storage, transport vehicles, training of staff

Wood pellet heating system feeding systems

transport auger



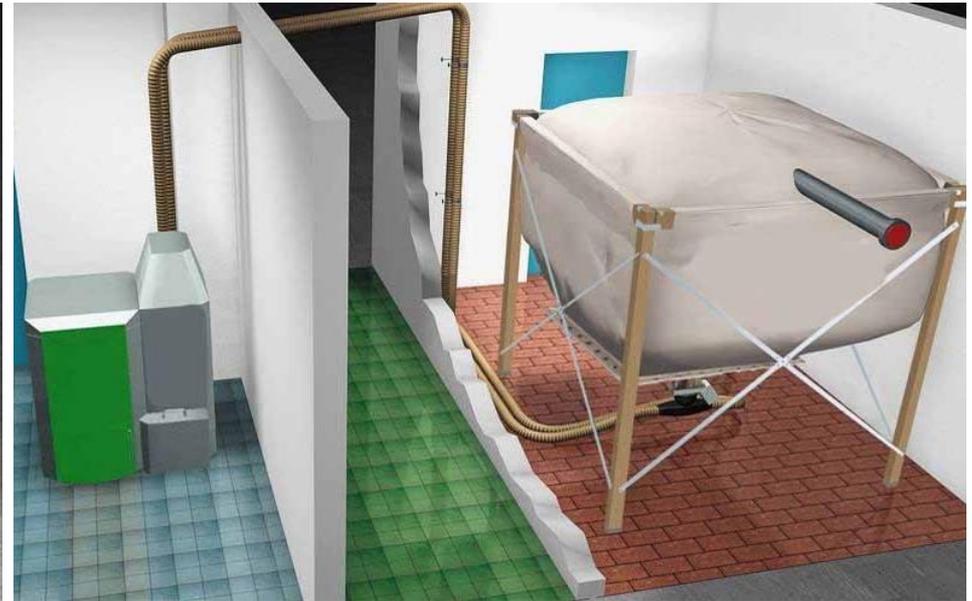
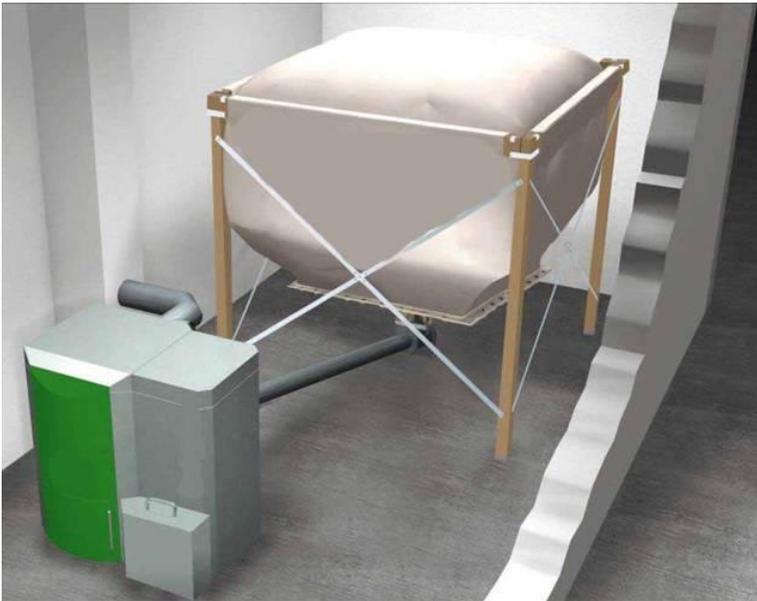
vacuum suction system



Wood pellet heating system feeding systems

transport auger

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Wood pellet heating system Container Solution



**Biomass boiler producers –
company headquarters in Upper Austria & OEC partners**



Renewable energy and energy efficiency are a "big business" in Upper Austria

Annual investments & turnover (estimates):

- 160 million US \$ in new renewable installations
- 1,100 million US \$ turnover for renewable heating & el.
- 600 million US \$ investments in energy efficiency measures in new and renovated buildings

Employment (estimates):

- 4,000 jobs in producing equipment and materials
- 4,000 jobs in energy efficiency investments
- 4,000 jobs in related actions

Other regional benefits:

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| • less imports | 3 billion US \$/year |
| • new professions | > 500 in education |
| • technological innovation | > 110 R&D projects |
| • export opportunities | > 50% export rate |



The end of the oil-era?

