

# our company's success story from 1962 until now



ecoplus. The Business  
Agency of Lower Austria

- 1962**
  - Construction and expansion of industrial center IZ NÖ-Süd, Lower Austria's first business park
  - Isovolta becomes first company to settle at the IZ NÖ-Süd
- 1964**
  - Foundation of the Lower Austrian INDUSTRIEZENTRUM NÖ-Süd GmbH
- 1972**
  - Foundation of the Lower Austrian Agency for Area Planning, Industrial Site Establishment and Structural Improvement (short NÖRBS)
- 1979**
  - ecoplus Business Park Wolkersdorf is founded
- 1982**
  - IZ NÖ-Süd merges with NÖRBS, with subsequent change of company name to ecoplus Company Settlement and Business Promotion in Lower Austria (ecoplus Betriebsansiedlung und Wirtschaftsförderung in Niederösterreich GmbH)
- 1987**
  - Regional development program is started
  - ecoplus is renamed ecoplus Company Settlement and Regionalization in Lower Austria (ecoplus Betriebsansiedlung und Regionalisierung in Niederösterreich GmbH)
- 1988**
  - Business Park Wiener Neustadt is founded
- 1990**
  - Management of holdings: ecoplus assumes holdings in companies acting as regional catalysts in so-called initiative projects and/or vital auxiliary institutions of ecoplus Business Parks, in addition to business parks and technology and research centers
- 1991**
  - ecoplus holdings Access Industrial Park Austria GmbH in Gmünd founded as first cross-border business park
- 1992**
  - ecoplus Business Park Ennsdorf is founded
  - Together with the province of Upper Austria, ecoplus acquires stakes previously held by the province of Lower Austria in the Ennshafen Entwicklungs- und BetriebsgmbH
- 1994**
  - ecoplus Business Park Poysdorf is founded
  - ecoplus holdings Residential and Business Park St. Pölten (WWE) is founded
- 1995**
  - ecoplus mandate expanded to include implementation of EU regional policy in Lower Austria



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- 1996**
- ecoplus Business Park Heidenreichstein is founded
- 1997**
- ecoplus Business Park Bruck/Leitha is founded
  - ecoplus assumes holdings in RIZ Holding GmbH
- 1998**
- ecoplus is renamed ecoplus, Lower Austria's Regional Development Agency (ecoplus Niederösterreichs Regionale Entwicklungsagentur GmbH)
  - ecoplus holdings Business Park Kematen an der Ybbs is founded as first intercommunal business park
  - Cross-border and interregional projects implemented
- 2000**
- TFZ - Technology and Research Center Wiener Neustadt opens its doors as the first technology center
- 2001**
- Holding Vienna Region Beteiligungsmanagement GmbH is founded jointly with the Wiener Wirtschaftsförderungsfonds (known today as the Vienna Business Agency)
  - ecoplus holdings Business Park Craft Center Kottlingbrunn (CCK) is founded
  - Timber Cluster of Lower Austria and Automotive Cluster Vienna Region are first cluster initiatives
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- 2002**
- ecoplus Business Park Marchegg is founded
  - ecoplus holdings Technopark Tulln is founded
- 2003**
- Construction on BTZ - Biotechnology Center Krems completed
  - Eco-building Cluster is founded
- 2004**
- ecoplus holdings GIP in Strasshof is founded
  - Foundation of the ecoplus holdings Business Park Schrems
  - Start of the Lower Austria Technopol Program at Wiener Neustadt, Krems and Tulln locations
  - Foundation of ecoplus International and first ecoplus offices abroad in Prague, Bratislava and Budapest open their doors
- 2005**
- ecoplus renamed as ecoplus. The Business Agency of Lower Austria (ecoplus. Niederösterreichs Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH)
  - Plastics Cluster in Lower Austria is founded in cooperation with the Upper Austrian TMG (biz-up)
  - ecoplus International opens foreign office in Warsaw
  - ecoplus Immobilien GmbH is founded
  - Technology and Research Center Tulln (formerly TZT) opens its doors
- 2006**
- Food industry initiative of Lower Austria commences as forerunner to the Food Cluster of Lower Austria, thus renamed in 2009
  - Holdings in Business Park HPCV in Ceske Velenice, Czech Republic



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- Ennschafener NÖ GmbH is founded as a split-off of the EHG
- ecoplus acquires stake in nova city GmbH in Wiener Neustadt

## 2007

- ecoplus International opens foreign office in Timisoara, Romania
- Timber and eco-building clusters are merged to form the new Green Building Cluster of Lower Austria

## 2008

- ecoplus moves its headquarters to the Wirtschaftszentrum Niederösterreich in St. Pölten
- Acquisition of RIZ Nord GmbH

## 2009

- Technology and Research Center Wieselburg-Land opens its doors

## 2010

- Mechatronics Cluster founded in cooperation with the Upper Austrian TMG (biz-up)
- e-mobility initiative of Lower Austria commences
- ecoplus holdings Business Park Wolfpassing is founded

## 2011

- NÖ Bergbahnen-BeteiligungsgmbH, or NÖ-BBG is founded
- 100% ownership of RIZ Gründeragentur, a Lower Austrian regional innovation and start-up center

## 2012

- ecoplus International presence established in Moscow

## 2013

- Wieselburg becomes a Technopol location
- Clusters were honored with the „European Cluster Excellence Gold Label“

## 2015

- Clusters were again honored with the „European Cluster Excellence Gold Label“
- registration of the new holding Niederösterreichische Glasfaserinfrastrukturgesellschaft mbh (nÖGIG)
- new holding TFZ - Technology and Research Center Seibersdorf

## 2016

- The EU honors Lower Austria's Fiberglass Model

- ## 2017
- New management duo Miernicki/Danninger  
Since September 2017 Jochen Danninger is next to the former sole managing director Helmut Miernicki chief financial executive of ecoplus.
  - European Enterprise Promotion Awards goes to Lower Austria  
The EEPA Award has been awarded for 11 years – this year ecoplus international was acclaimed.

- ## 2018
- The Technology- and Research Center Seibersdorf opens its doors in January
  - The construction of the Technology Center ISTA Park in Klosterneuburg starts in February
  - Digitalization: Development of five digital hubs and an inter-institutional and comprehensive Lower Austrian competence and collaboration network as well as the preliminary work on the „Virtual House“ of digitalization

