

Our company's success story from 1962 until 2022



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 Ennschafen 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
- 1996**
 - ecoplus Business Park Heidenreichstein is founded



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



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- 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**
- 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
 - 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



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- 2019**
- Launch of the Virtual House of digitization: interface for digital change in Lower Austria - www.virtuelleshaus.at and launch of DIHOST: Digital Innovation Hub with the aim to support SMEs in their digital change.
 - Foundation of the business park Mistelbach – Wilfersdorf GmbH
 - Opening of the 6th Technology and Research Center in Lower Austria: IST Park in Klosterneuburg
 - Clusters were again honored with the "European Cluster Excellence Gold Label"
- 2020**
- Foundation of ecoplus Digital GmbH und project launch of the real House of Digitalization
 - Regio Stars Award: The House of Digitalization has made it to the final selection of 200 projects in the Regio Stars Award, making it one of the five best European projects.
- 2021**
- Launch of the following 3 platforms in the first half of 2021: Green Transformation & Bioeconomy Platform, Health Technology Platform, Aerospace Platform.
 - Ground-breaking ceremony "House of Digitalization" in Tulln
 - Renaming of the NÖ Bergbahnen-Beteiligungs Gesellschaft to ecoplus Alpin GmbH
- 2022**
- Takeover and merger of the Hochkar Bergbahnen and Ötscherlifte GmbH to form the Hochkar & Ötscher Tourismus GmbH by ecoplus Alpin GmbH
 - Preliminary work on the ecocenter Amstetten in Quartier A at the Remise Amstetten starts
 - Lower Austria has the lead in the Austria-wide bioeconomy network and the ecoplus Platform for Green Transformation & Bioeconomy takes over the project responsibility

