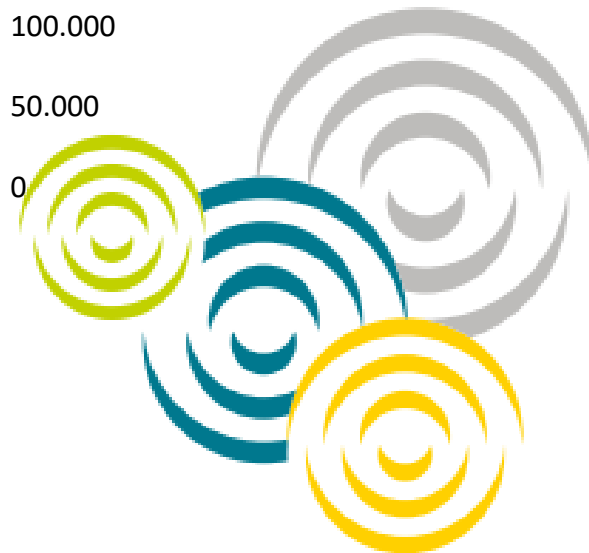
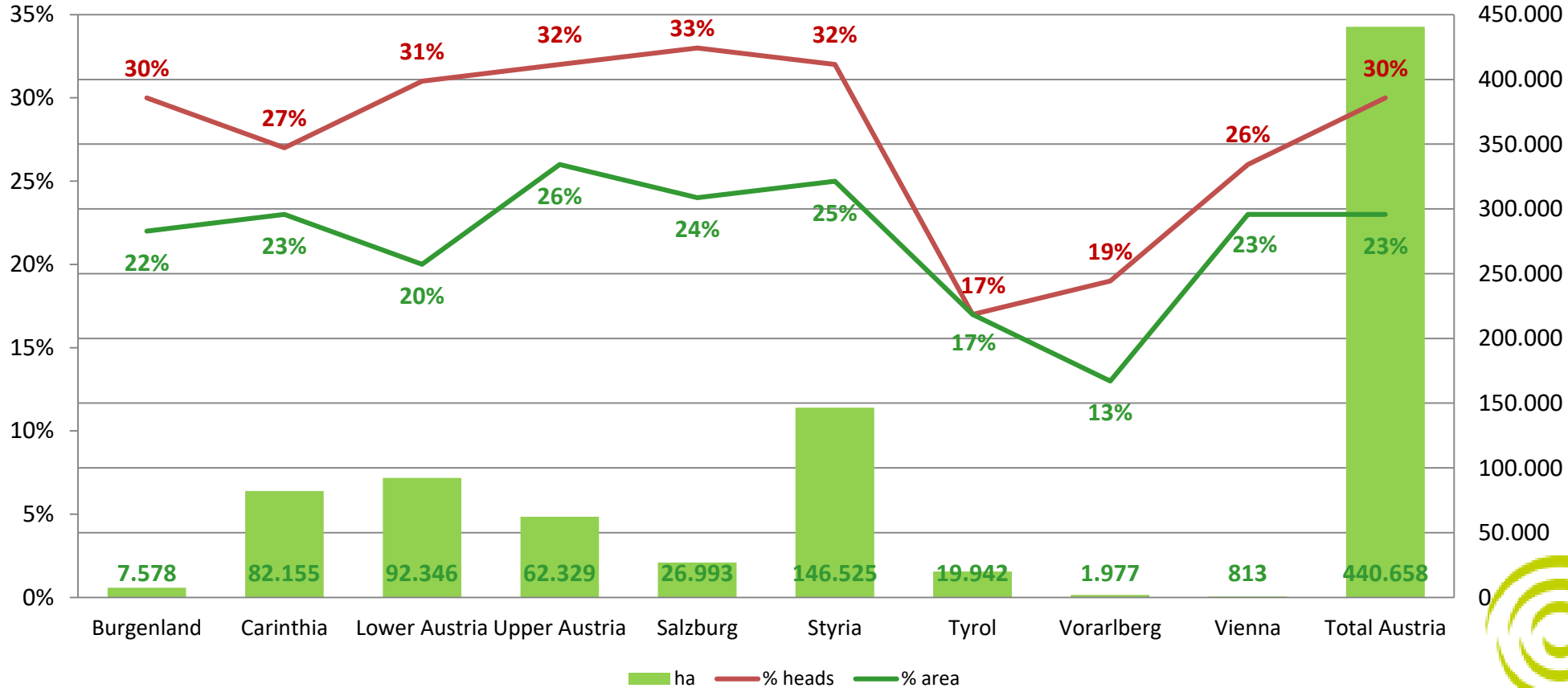


# Women in Forestry in Austria: Facts and best practices

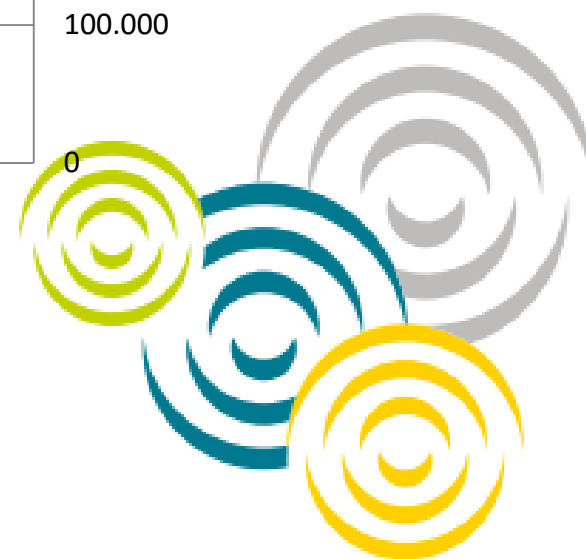
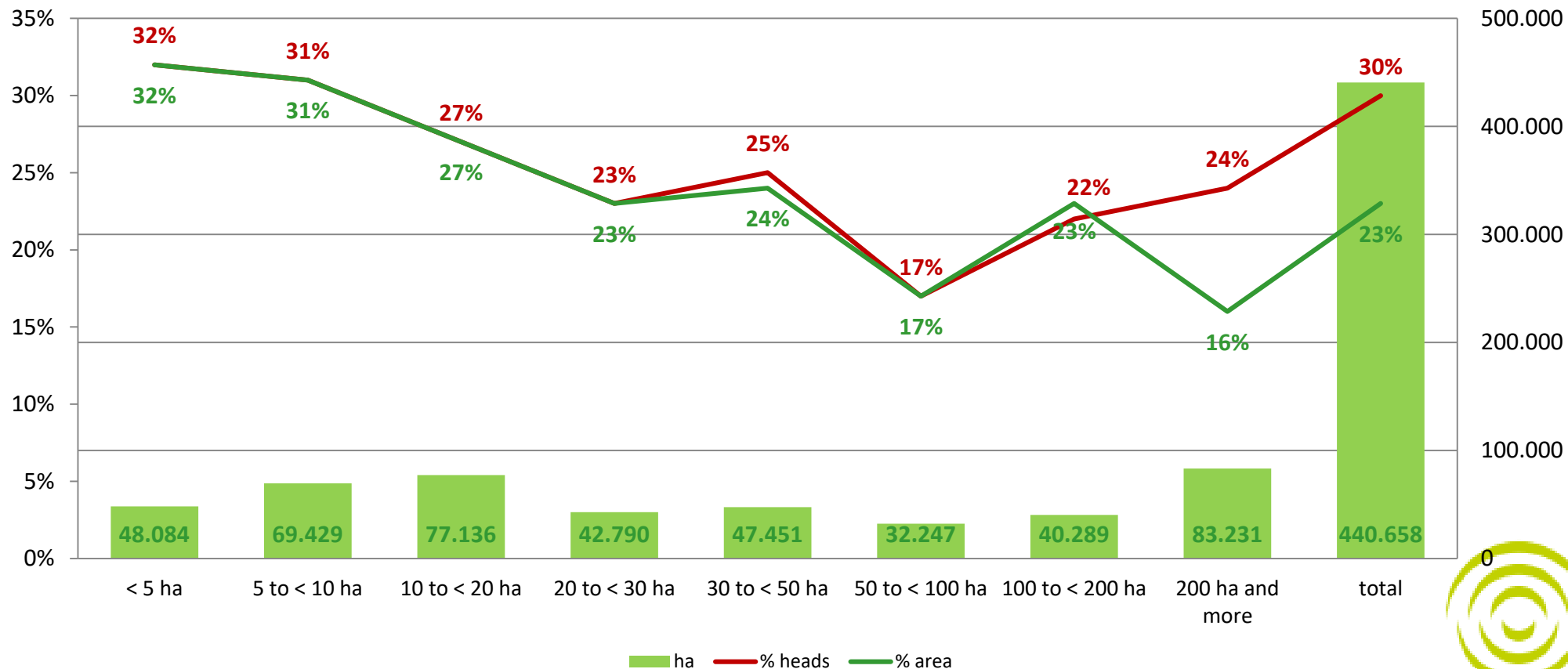
Dagmar Karisch-Gierer  
Forest Training Center Pichl  
Forstfrauen



# Female forest owners in the federal states of Austria



# Female forest owners according to property size



# Women in training and education

## Forest Training Center Pichl (2017-2019)

- Total share of female participants 27 %
- Share in training for skilled forestry workers 4 %
- Share in training for forestry masters 0 %



# Women in training and education

## Federal College for Forestry, Bruck/Mur

- Total share of female students (2020/21) 17%
- Share of graduated female students (2008 bis 2018): 6%



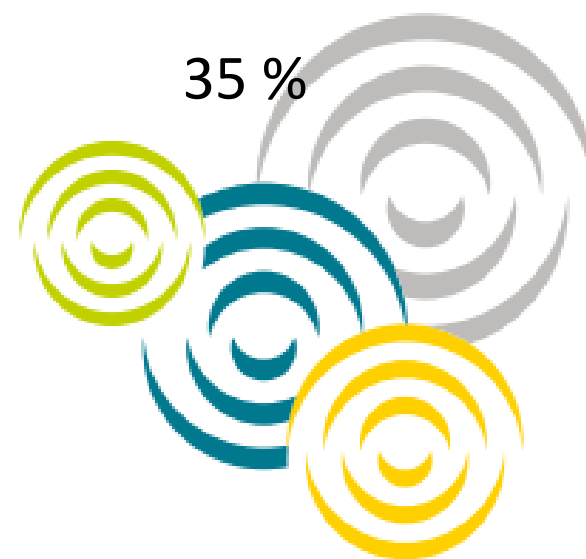
# Women in training and education

## University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

- Share of women in studies in the forest and wood sector (Academic year 2017/18): 30 %
- Share of graduated women (Master; 2008 to 2017): 35 %



University of Natural Resources  
and Life Sciences, Vienna





# Where are the women?



# Importance of lobbying and multipliers

- **Chamber of Agriculture - Female Farmers**
  - important as multipliers
  - closely connected to other associations
- **Forest owner associations at national, regional and local level**
  - low share of women in forest committees, but increasing
  - active support of women in forestry





# The story of the Forstfrauen (= Forest Women)

 **Forstfrauen**  
das netzwerk



# Our Story

**2001 - Network for women in the forest**

10 women



**2003 - Association „Forstfrauen“**

46 women



**2020**

105 members (women and men)  
from Austria and Germany



 **Forstfrauen**  
das netzwerk

# Our Strength

**Various professions**

**Different perspectives**

- through (leading) positions in all areas of the forest based sector
- through different careers and professional stages



# Our activities

## We

- connect and support Forstfrauen
- practice image building for women in forestry
- offer trainings for personal and professional skills
- make women in forestry visible



# Forests in Women's Hands

## Aim

Addressing women to arise interest in forestry and motivation for forest management.

### „Forest walks“

- Duration 2-4 hours
- Children are welcome
- Casual atmosphere
- Free of charge



### Project partners

- Forest Association Styria
- Huntresses
- Forstfrauen





# Forests in Women's Hands

## Topics

- Forest maintenance
- Climate change
- Timber marketing
- Restocking
- Chainsaw work
- Forests and game
- Forests and society



**Since 2011** → 98 Forest walks, excursions,  
courses for women  
→ 1.600 participants





# Forest Training Center Pichl



## Trainings

- Women's power in forestry (4 days)
- Chainsaw course for women (0,5 - 2 days)

## Projects

- Forests in Women's Hands
- Fem4Forests



# International Conference on Women in Forestry



April 12th – 14th 2021 in Traunkirchen / Upper Austria (Hybrid event)

**Initiators: Forstfrauen**

## **Aims**

- Promotion of international networking between women in forestry
- Presentation of initiatives and best practice examples to promote women in forestry
- Connecting of forest women networks and initiatives
- Make visible women and their achievements in forestry



# It is a good time to...

**... develop new offers with gender-sensitive access and raising awareness in the context of gender equality together with professional and experienced partners!!!**





# Team Austria...



# My questions to you

**1. Is there an interest group for women in the forest sector in your country?**

*yes/no/dont't know*

**2. Are there training and apprenticeship programs in your country for women in the forestry sector?**

*yes/no/dont't know*

