

The potential of Paludiculture in Austria

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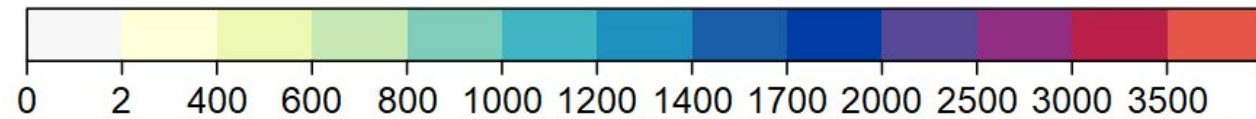
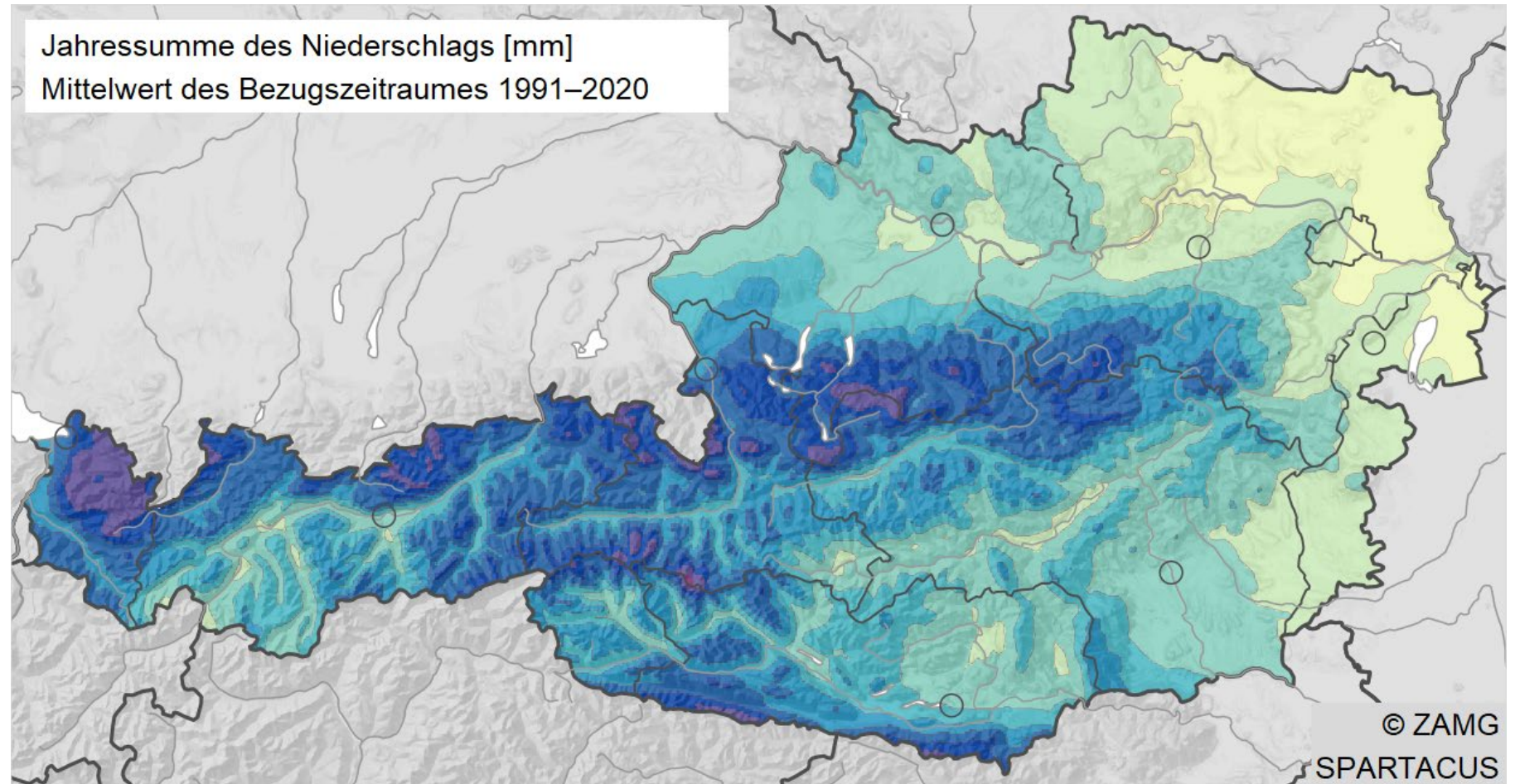
Outline

- Natural potential
- Specific perception and obstacles
- Role of Traditional Land Use
- “New” opportunities



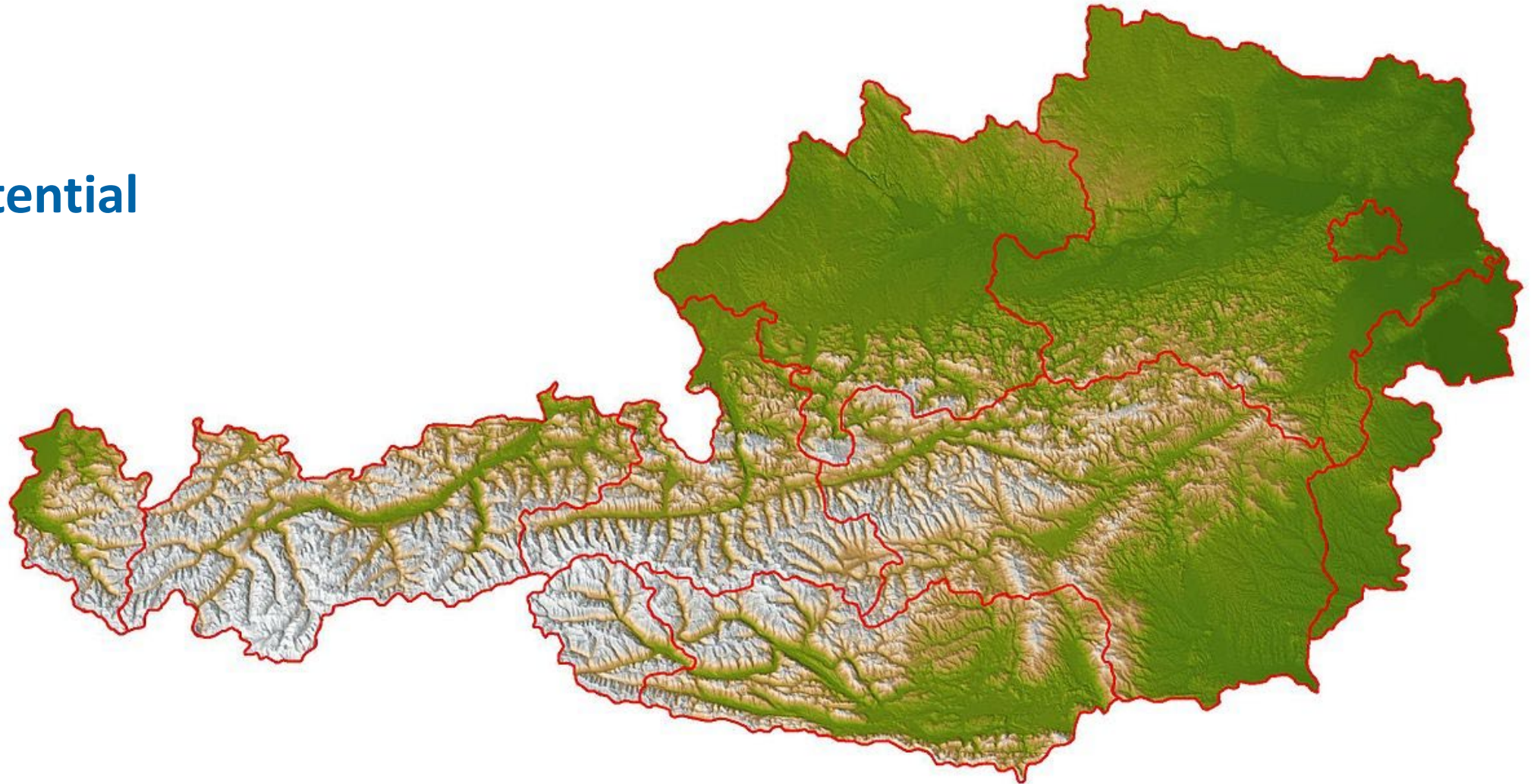
Natural Potential

- Annual precipitation



Natural Potential

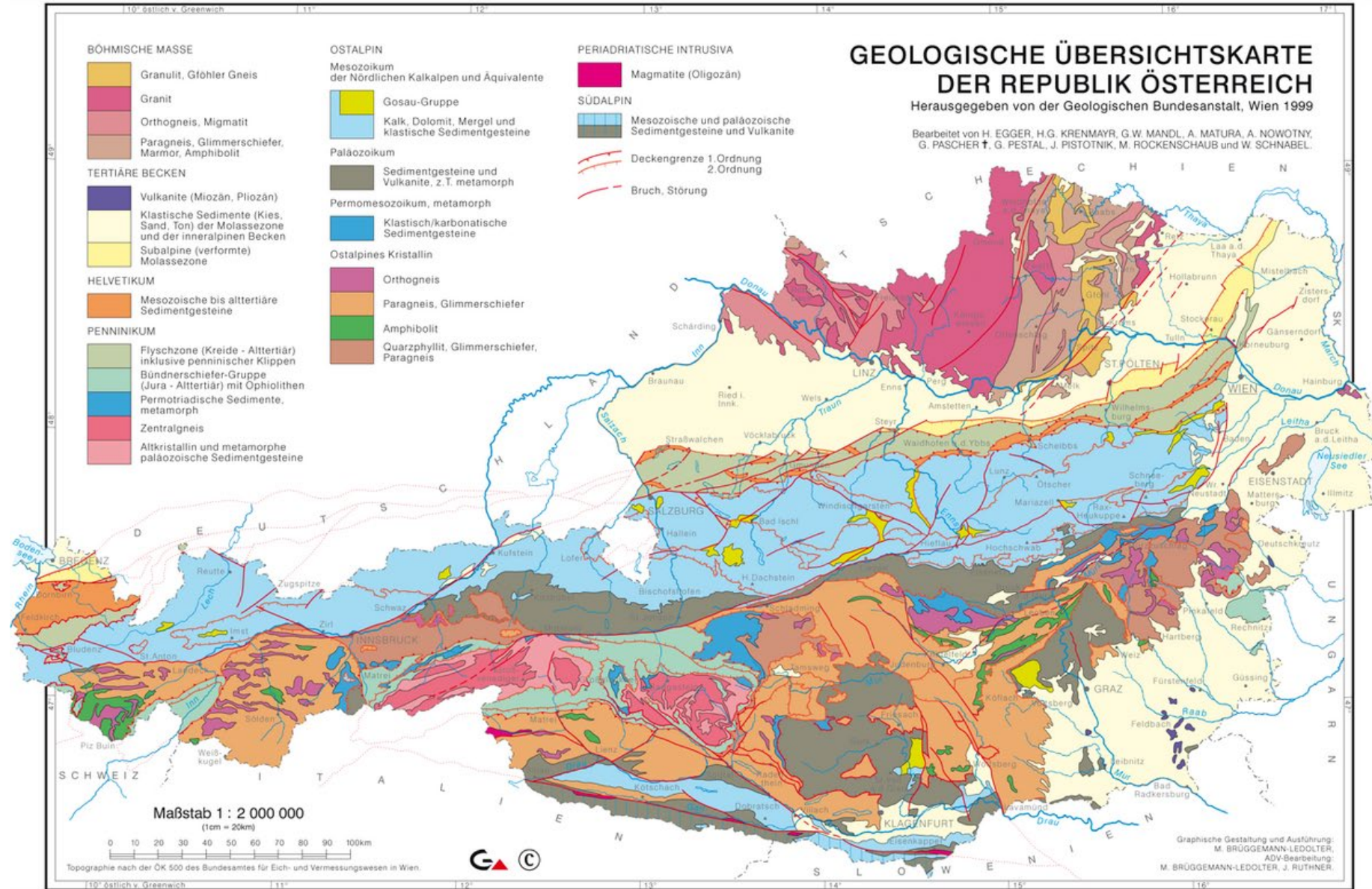
- Relief





Natural Potential

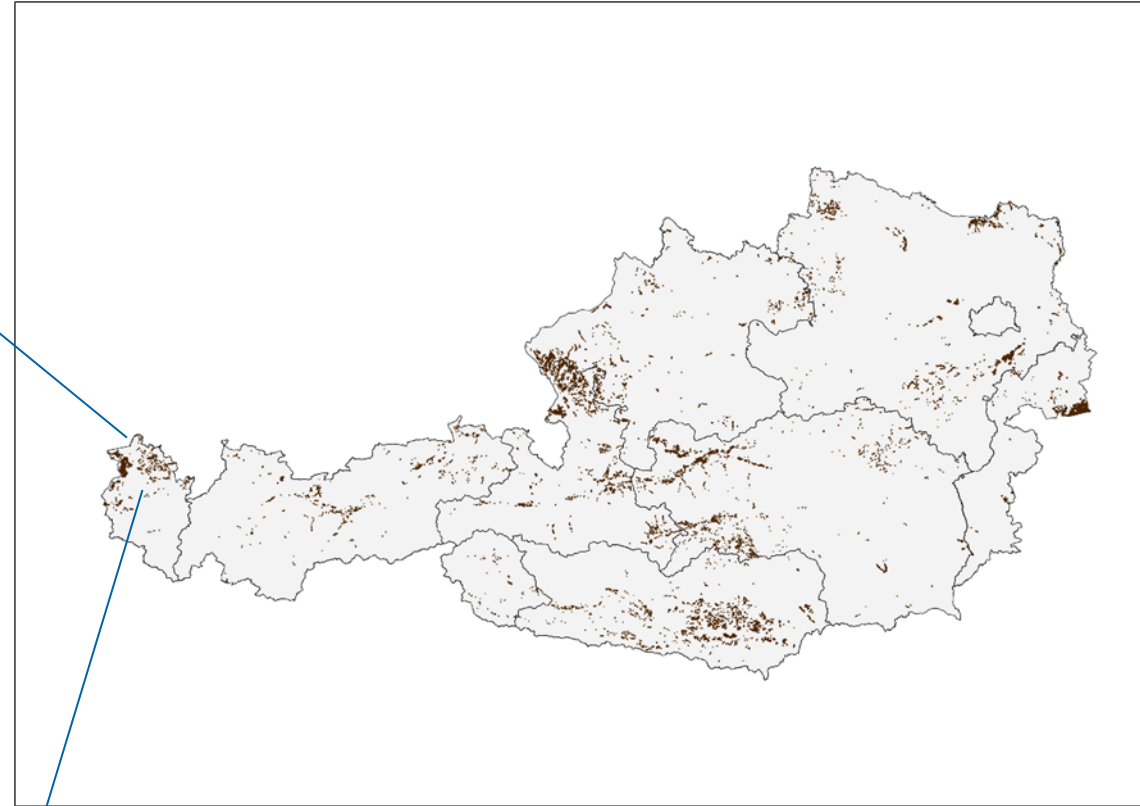
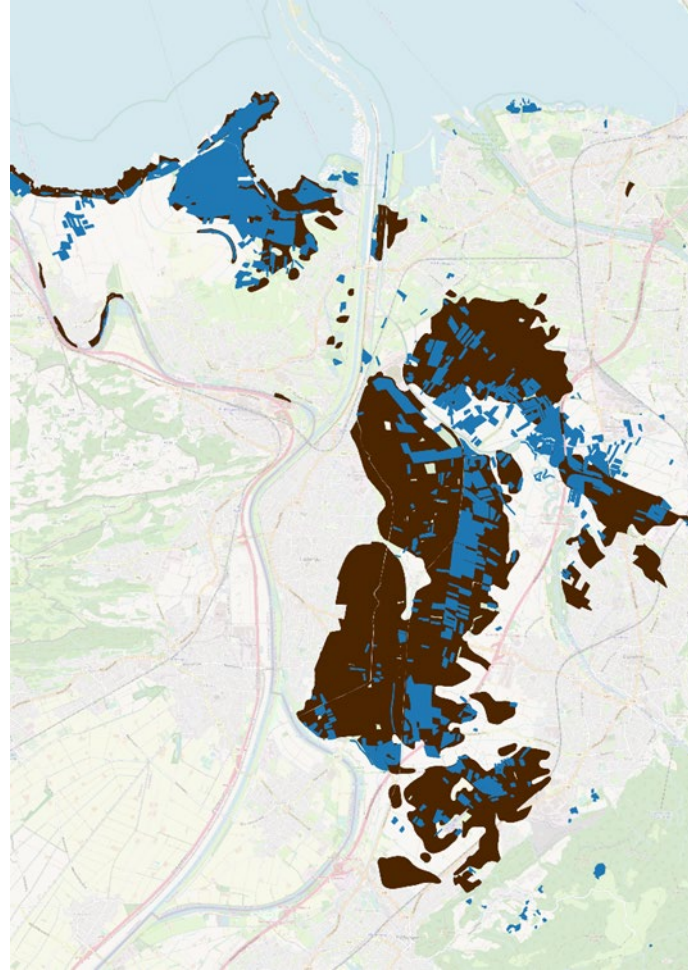
- Geology





Natural Potential

- Peat soils



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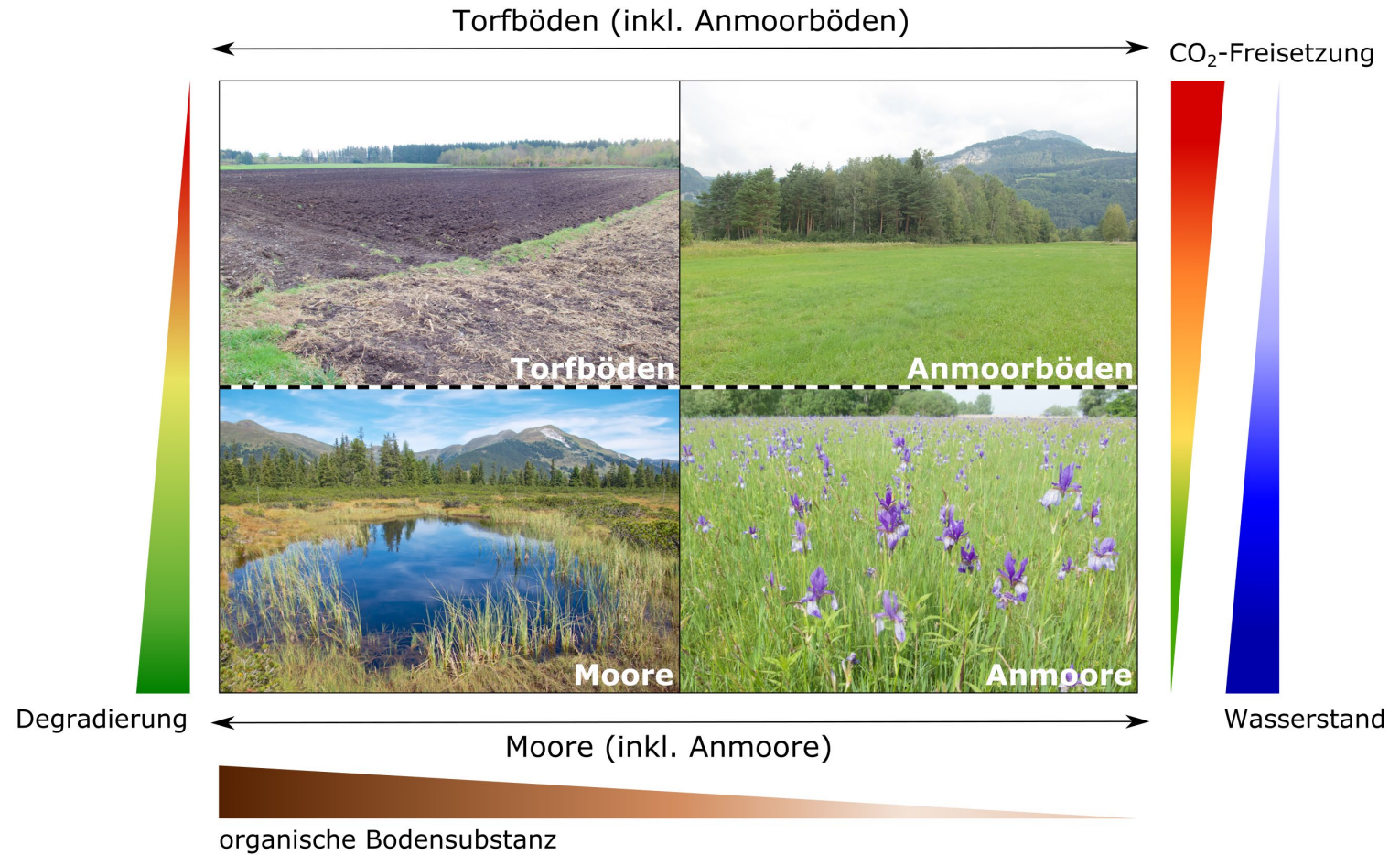
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- Small scale differences are key



Umweltbilanz von Mooren und Torfböden

Perception in Austria



Obstacles

- Farmers:
 - Cattle needs to be fed
 - Family owned, small farms
- Farmer's associations
 - Lobbying for agricultural policy
- Nature conservation
 - Paludiculture vs. Nature Conservation



Paludicultures as addition to nature conservation

Ibmer Moor



<https://salzburg.orf.at/v2/news/stories/2924682/>

Traditional Paludicultures: Reed harvesting at Lake Neusiedl



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Traditional Paludicultures: Litter meadows



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- Nature provides a large potential
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- Skepticism concerning “Modern” Paludicultures
- Appreciation of “traditional” land use
- We need to look closely, no “one size fits all” solutions



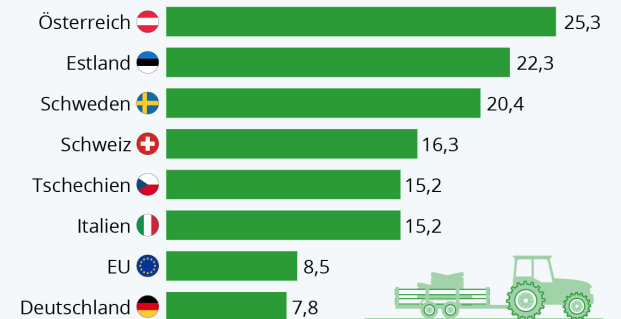
Opportunities

- Land owner structure
 - Monasteries
 - Nobles
 - Federal/- State ownership
- Sense of pride
 - Perception of being eco-friendly
 - Strong valuation of regional production
 - Appreciation of “closed cycles”



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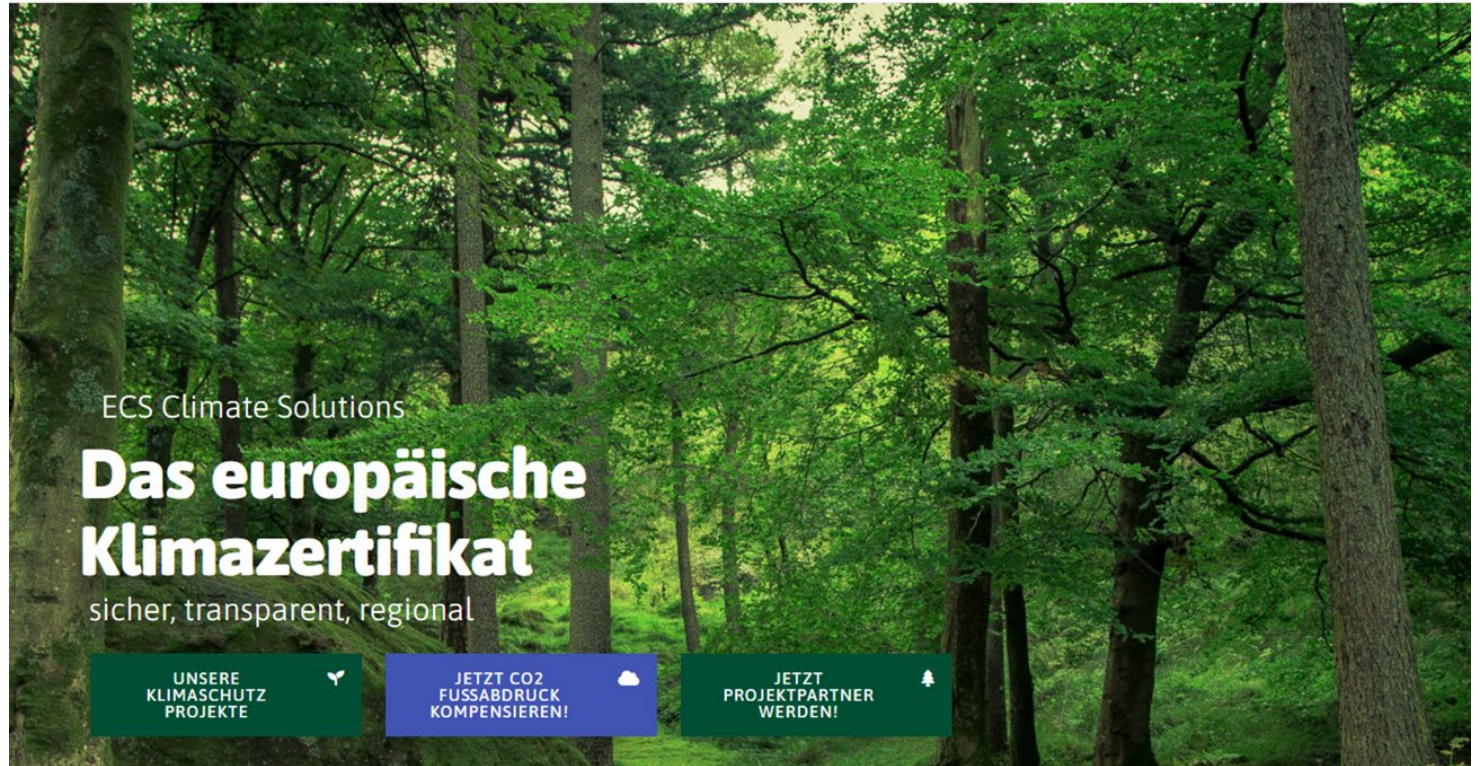


Quelle: Eurostat



Carbon credits

- Opportunity or obstacle?
- Slower start compared to other Central European Countries
- Climate change driven: Forestry on peat



ECS Climate Solutions

Das europäische Klimazertifikat

sicher, transparent, regional

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Agricultural Policy

- Pressure from Brussels
- Increasing consideration of the issue
- Slow start, but now...

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- Skepticism concerning “Modern” Paludicultures
- Appreciation of “traditional” land use
- Growing opportunities
- “Top down” and “bottom up” activities
- We need to “team up”

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