

# Austrian Green Planet Building®



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# Austrian Green Planet Building® in a few words

The comprehensive know-how, innovative technologies and products of Austrian companies have earned worldwide recognition in the construction industry: outstanding architecture, the highest level of competence in energy-efficient construction, experienced construction companies and technology suppliers ensure high-quality buildings almost everywhere in the world. AUSTRIAN GREEN PLANET BUILDING® (AGPB) is dedicated to the challenges of climate protection in building construction and awards particularly energy-efficient buildings by Austrian companies.

The award gives the buildings, the technologies used and the Austrian companies involved in planning and implementation the public recognition they deserve.

The AGPB Awards are presented by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK) together with AUSSENWIRTSCHAFT AUSTRIA of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber. The public patronage of the AGPB Award ensures a high degree of credibility and independence. Austrian architects and planning offices, construction and technology companies are thereby supported worldwide with their projects for a climate-neutral construction.

Austrian EXPO 2020 Pavilion in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Local building tradition with intelligent climate engineering. Architecture & general planning: querkraft architects. Photo copyright: EXPO 2020 Dany Eid



# Worldwide recognition for the Austrian construction industry

There is nearly no country in the world where Austrian expertise in the planning and construction of buildings is not known. While in the past it was mainly the knowledge in civil engineering, power plant construction and the provision of high-quality transport infrastructures, more and more buildings worldwide show the increasing demand for Austrian building construction know-how: Award-winning architecture, the highest competences in energy-efficient construction and innovative companies for almost all construction tasks and methods ensure the quality of high-end buildings. The AUSTRIAN GREEN PLANET BUILDING® Award focuses on the challenges of climate change. The award therefore concentrates on particularly energy-efficient buildings. The comprehensive competences of Austrian companies in this field can be seen in many facts.

For example, Austria is the country with the highest number of passive houses planned and built worldwide in relation to its population. At least equally impressive is the ability of Austrian planning offices to combine high-quality architecture with high demands on energy efficiency. And this completely independent of the construction method: from modern timber construction, brick structures or reinforced concrete buildings to the renovation of existing buildings with oftentimes high demands on heritage protection.

Reason enough to honour particularly outstanding achievements of the Austrian construction industry and planning offices abroad: The AGPB Award sees itself as an award for the highest quality in the field of sustainable building and communicates the achievements of Austrian companies in an international context.

The award is given exclusively to Austrian companies and experts who have been actively involved in the planning and construction of buildings already completed. The quality criteria to be applied are documented on the AGPB web portal at [agpb.at](http://agpb.at).



# Strong focus on energy efficiency and climate protection

Sustainable construction involves many components. The use of comprehensive assessment systems for quality assurance often proves to be a complex and also expensive undertaking. AUSTRIAN GREEN PLANET BUILDING® assumes that there can be no sustainable building without comprehensive consideration of energy efficiency and climate protection. For this reason, the focus of the initiative is clearly on energy efficiency and renewable energy as the most important basis for climate protection in the building sector.

The implementation of the klimaaktiv quality criteria for building and renovation, which are well established in Austria, into the award system of AGPB also takes into account numerous other requirements for sustainable buildings, while avoiding high costs due to the effort required for their verification. In Austria, more than 1200 buildings planned, constructed or renovated in this quality are already available as impressive examples of economic and technical feasibility. With the AGPB Awards, the related performance of Austrian companies is also communicated on an international level.

KIWI Lerberg grocery shop in Hokksund, Norway. AGPB Technology Award for the KIELSTEG roof system with high load-bearing capacity. Photo copyright: Foto Tore Hobbelstadt



# A trustworthy brand for Austria's know-how carriers

The cooperation of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology with AUSSENWIRTSCHAFT AUSTRIA provides a solid basis for the dissemination and worldwide communication of the competences of Austrian companies in the field of sustainable construction. In the 110 foreign trade offices of AUSSENWIRTSCHAFT AUSTRIA in more than 70 countries worldwide, 660 experts abroad and 140 experts in Austria provide country information, industry knowledge and partner networks for all questions of internationally operating companies.

The know-how of Austrian companies represented in the award-winning buildings should cause a sensation worldwide with the support of AUSTRIAN GREEN PLANET BUILDING.,

In addition to the award for whole buildings, there is also the AUSTRIAN GREEN PLANET BUILDING® TECHNOLOGY Award. This award recognises the use of Austrian technologies that decisively support the AGPB goals and are used in high-quality buildings that do not fulfil all the requirements of an AGPB building.

A bilingual website documenting the construction projects already honoured with the AGPB Award also serves as a web-based one-stop shop for the registration of upcoming projects: The AGPB platform can be accessed at [agpb.at](http://agpb.at).



# The secretariat of the Austrian Green Planet Building®

The AGPB secretariat is responsible for all content-related enquiries, the support and conformity assessment of international building projects and the general dissemination of the contents and objectives of AUSTRIAN GREEN PLANET BUILDING®. It provides advice and support to interested companies and planning offices.

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