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UP-FRONT NEWS

Dear Readers,

Progress can be seen – and occasionally heard. Or rather no longer heard. The new Koralm leg of the Southern Railway and the Schwamendingen enclosure are two extraordinary projects that demonstrate how innovative technology enhances the quality of life.

We are particularly proud that our noise control systems contribute a major element to the Koralm Railway – one of the prime railway projects in Austria. With the official opening of the new high-speed route between Graz and Klagenfurt, Austria as a whole will not just move closer together but will also become quieter. Our FONOCON noise barriers along the tracks will provide ease and comfort for the communities living along the line.

In a similar way, the Schwamendingen enclosure near Zurich demonstrates how traffic space can be converted into living space: the busy A1 is now covered by a parkland walk that hides our reliable traffic signalling systems below the ground.

Both projects stand for what constitutes Forster: technical precision, reliability and a clear commitment to our stewardship on behalf of people and environment. For this we want to thank all those that join us in our responsibility – our customers, partners and, especially, our staff members.

Same as in the past years, we do not distribute any Christmas gifts but give our support to a charity. This year's donation goes to MOKI NÖ, an organisation for mobile child nursing in Lower Austria that provides valuable help and relief to families with seriously ill children.

We wish you and your nearest and dearest Merry Christmas, relaxing holidays and a healthy and successful New Year!



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A first at the TRIGOS NÖ

On 15 September 2025, the TRIGOS Lower Austria prizes were awarded at the Schallaburg near Melk – and we are proud to announce: Forster won the TRIGOS NÖ in the Climate Protection category.

The TRIGOS Lower Austria is one of the chief awards for companies running innovative and responsible projects that contribute towards a sustainable future.

We submitted a project that involves an energy-intensive process of chromium-free initial treatment and powder-coating without fossil energy sources. We are proud of this award and of our active contribution towards sustainability. Our special thanks are due to the entire project team that has made this success possible.

This project is funded by the Climate and Energy Fund and is carried out as part of the "Transformation der Wirtschaft" programme.



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SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Pioneer in sustainability

In publishing our sustainability report, we are among the first companies that take the new criteria of the **Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)** as a basis for our reporting activities.



The annual report documents how we do in energy savings, reducing CO₂ and cutting down on resource consumption. For Forster, sustainability is not just a slogan but an internalised commitment.

Save the date:

OPEN HOUSE DAY
19 SEPTEMBER 2026

Event: our **70th anniversary**

Place: our premises at Waidhofen an der Ybbs



Trade show review:

Kommunalmesse Klagenfurt – trade fair for municipal infrastructure requirements:

A meeting between 250 exhibitors and over 7,000 local-government decision-makers and users to discuss digitalisation, infrastructure and local innovation.

Thank you for visiting us at the various trade fairs – we always look forward to the many interesting talks!

Karriere Clubbing:

"A hands-on look at apprentice- and traineeship" was offered to interested youngsters that wanted to know about the manifold opportunities for job training in the region.

Trade show preview:

Visit us at the following trade fairs in spring:

Career Day at the Waidhofen/Ybbs HTL – a number of companies present themselves as potential employers to aspiring engineers.

Date: 4 March 2026

Place: Waidhofen/Ybbs Sporthalle

htlwy.at

SITEM – exhibition of museums, monuments and cultural tourism.

Focus: shelving systems

Date: 25 – 26 March 2026

Place: Carrousel du Louvre, Paris

sitem.fr

Cultura Suisse – trade fair for museums, preservation of monuments and cultural heritage.

Focus: shelving systems

Date: 25 – 27 March 2026

Place: Zurich

cultura-suisse.ch

Marke[ding] Wien – trade fair for haptic advertising and visual communication.

Focus: advertising systems

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Place: Hofburg Wien

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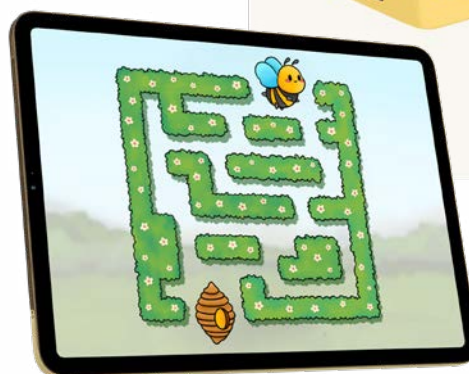
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CUBILOG

Play & learn with technology


Tracing the many uses of Forster membrane keypads is a fascinating pursuit! A particularly creative example is the “Sense-Cube” of an Austrian startup called *Cubilog*.

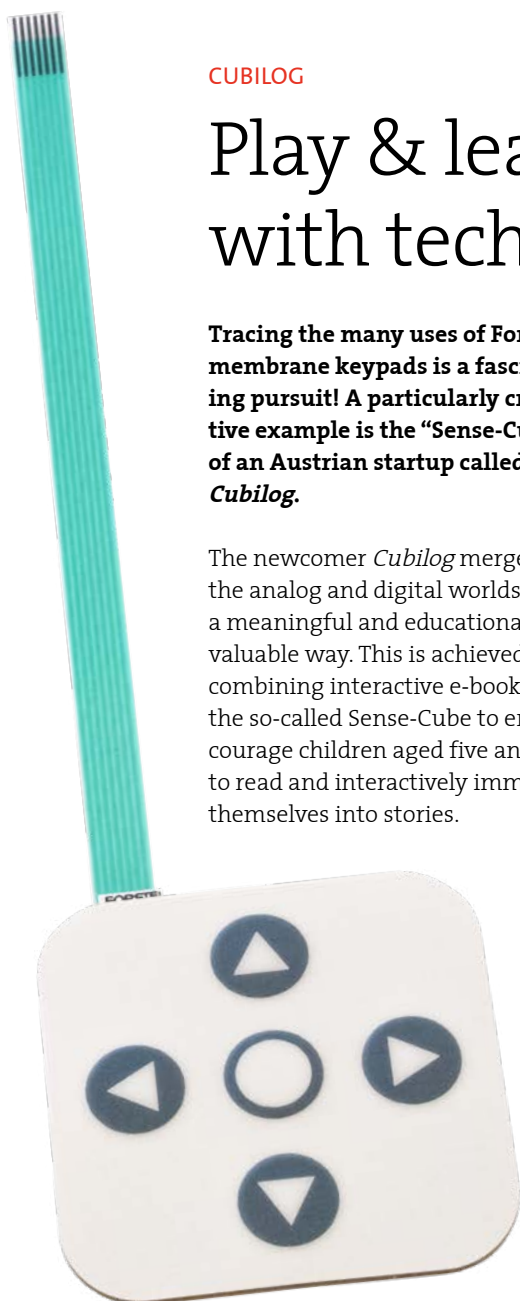
The newcomer *Cubilog* merges the analog and digital worlds in a meaningful and educationally valuable way. This is achieved by combining interactive e-books and the so-called Sense-Cube to encourage children aged five and up to read and interactively immerse themselves into stories.



The Sense-Cube combines digital and analog worlds.

Perceptible quality We use metal domes to achieve high-precision feedback for the keys. When pressed, these pin-like metal elements generate a clearly noticeable signal, giving kids direct confirmation – an important aspect for intuitive learning and discovery.

Jointly with *Cubilog*, Forster enables kids to immerse themselves playfully into stories, getting creative and, as an obvious side-effect, encountering the basics of technology. The product is still in its development stage, but curious parents can already obtain information on the project at www.cubilog.at. 



Membrane keypad Forster has come up with the central input element for the Sense-Cube: a membrane keypad which unites high-tech, robust construction and modern design, complying with all requirements of a learning tool for children. At its core is a membrane based on conductive silver technology: highly conductive silver inks are precision-applied to polyester membranes to generate a reliable electric link between the key elements. The multi-layer structure gives compactness, flexibility and a long service life to the design – ideal for the eager hands of children.

BERBEL

Innovative prints for smart

Berbel from Rheine stands for extractor hoods that ideally combine function and design. Perfectly in line with the company's motto “living excellence”, Forster provides the control unit for the new cooktop with its integrated extractor hood – a small technical detail that has quite some impact.

In order to better highlight the symbols against the high-quality polyester film, we use a random print applied by screen-printing onto the control units. This technology ensures smooth lighting of

the control symbols regardless of the surrounding degree of brightness and viewing angle. Maximum functionality and a clear aesthetic appearance are the hallmarks of the resulting surface.

Careful fitting The several components – control film, touchscreen with the printed circuits and the injection-moulded part (distance meter) provided by the customer – are exactly fitted



LONG-LIVED ADVERTISING PANELS

How to showcase tourist highlights

You need quality when you want to remain in the public eye in the long term. Accordingly, *Niederösterreich-Werbung GmbH* and *Weinstraße Weinviertel*, two tourism promoters in Lower Austria, put their trust into Forster's know-how for their new advertising hoardings.



RadPartner Niederösterreich – a quality badge for bikers

The *Radpartner Niederösterreich* initiative focuses on particularly biker-friendly catering operations. In order to point them out along busy biking routes, Forster produced especially compact and long-lived signs.

Weinstraße Weinviertel – navigation with a touch of style


Large hoardings (1200 x 1000 mm) set up along the popular culinary routes of *Weinstraße Weinviertel* enhance the brand's recognition.

Same as the hoardings placed by *RadPartner*, the Lower Austrian biker service, the panels have their motif printed directly onto the white, powder-coated aluminium substrate, protected by a screen-printed layer of paint. The result: a brilliant design, long durability and an overall appearance that attracts attention.




kitchen solutions

together and outline-cut, after which they are subjected to comprehensive quality testing. The print layout must exactly match its attachment and dust enclosures are an absolute no-go.

Securely packaged Once finished, the units are packed into ESD bags for maximum protection and transported to Belgium where *Berbel* undertakes their installation. 



The upshot: Forster-made advertising hoardings combine precision craftsmanship with a long service life – the ideal solution for brands that wish to stay in view over a long time. 

PIER 22

On track for leisure

Pier 22, the new leisure park on Vienna's Danube Island, blends urban lifestyle with near-nature feeling. To make sure that visitors will quickly find their way around, Forster supplied the entire area with high-quality signage in the summer of 2025.

Part of the popular CopaBeach zone, *Pier 22* offers comfortable places in the sun, eateries and spacious promenades. The key is its routing system which guides people to attractions and harmoniously merges with its surrounding.




The top-quality make with an anti-graffiti laminate keeps the design clean and ready to withstand a long service life.



The information posts at Pier 22 offer guests a clear overview of the area.

Tailor-made and excelling in clarity Eight information panels fitted underneath the bridge and a four-metre boarding point the way for leisure seekers. Added to them are five free-standing information posts customised by Forster to the requirements of *Pier 22*. The main frame consists of a robust aluminium tube section. The panels (two for each main frame) are bevelled at the sides and stabilised by welded frames. They are screwed onto the main frame on the sides to make for a stable structure.

Function meets design The posts and bike racks are covered by a decorative film made of anti-graffiti laminate which protects them from soiling and cuts down on maintenance needs in the long term. The Forster team installed all elements directly on site. The signage meets all functional requirements and nicely reflects the modern design of the area: as a results guests feel good and negotiate their way around intuitively.

Added value for guests and caterers With its signage at *Pier 22*, Forster created a routing system that merges information, orientation and design. People wanting to go for a walk, find a place to eat or take to the water will quickly get their bearings and immerse themselves into a leisure experience. Our client was *message Marketing & Communication GmbH*, Vienna. 

CHILD CARE CENTRE GIESSHÜBL

Playful orientation

The new child care centre at Giesshübl demonstrates how to blend architecture, design and function. We have fitted the building with an aesthetically pleasing routing system that meets the needs of children and grown-ups alike.

On entering the building, visitors are met with its name “Heide Kindergarten” laser-cut as a high-class design element to underline its heath setting. Made of metal and clearly typographed, it lends the building a modern and inviting appearance. The floor names are similarly laser-cut. The altogether 30 door signs, information panels and escape route maps consist of the well-established Combiflex Mero system. The colour of their frames (RAL 1015 light ivory) is in rapport with the building’s overall colour scheme. The elements are supplemented by flag-type signs and direction signs made of aluminium and powder-coated in the same colour.

Glass markings serve as highlights Particularly eye-catching are the glass markings. They are made of highly transparent film in sandwich technique, to ensure bold and rich colours. The technique involves a brown layer, topped by a white central layer and again topped by a brown layer. This structure of brown-white-brown gives the motif a uniformly saturated colouring.

The motifs – over 50 metres of alternately light and dark brown trees interspersed with animals – create a friendly and naturalist atmosphere while increasing the safety of the glass surfaces by making them visible and preventing crashes. Our team of fitters placed all the elements precisely at their location.



Design meets suitability for

daily use The routing system at the Giesshübl child care centre is a highly suitable example of functionality and emotionality. In close cooperation with the local government and *F+P Architekten*, a building was created that welcomes children, parents and teachers and that provides good design down to the smallest detail. Clear inscriptions pilot users through the house where the playful glass surfaces radiate warmth and a feeling of belonging. It is a place where users love to work, learn and play, not least due to the logical signage that provides orientation and identity. FF



Nice detail: animals look out between the trees of the glass markings.



The paper inserts of Combiflex Mero make it quick and easy to update information and escape route maps.



(Photo: © ÖBB)

GRAZ – KLAGENFURT

Noise control for the Koralm railway

With the official opening of the Koralm leg of the southern railway in December 2025, one of the primary infrastructure projects in Austria will go online. To ensure that trains will be not just fast

but also silent, our noise barriers along the tracks provide for quietude among the neighbouring communities.

We have been accompanying the Koralm railway project since the early 2000s, as a reliable partner of the Austrian Railways ÖBB and its construction firms. Many sections – from Graz-Werndorf to the Hengsberg tunnel and Grafenstein, have been provided with FONOCON noise control systems. Altogether we delivered and installed more than 150,000 square metres of noise protection elements in the past two decades.

Austria's longest railway

tunnel The new leg has the Koralm tunnel at its heart. It traverses the Koralpe mountain between St. Andrä im Lavanttal and Deutschlandsberg. Here we

added tunnel claddings to the conventional noise screens. Targeted noise absorption is crucial, especially at the entry and exit points: otherwise, smooth tunnel walls would reflect the noise and thus have a worse impact on the surrounding.


Elegant and efficient A technical and design highlight is the noise barrier at the Drau valley bridge. Thanks to its curved shape, the barrier smoothly follows the line established by the bridge, adding a dynamic constituent to it. Forster's light-weight aluminium panels allow their use on bridges where heavier systems would exert an excessive load on the structure.

More calm, more quality of living High-speed railway lines require more stringent criteria when it comes to noise



View inside the Koralm tunnel.

control, especially for systems that reliably withstand pressure and pull forces. Our highly absorbing aluminium panels meet all those criteria and substantially dampen the railway noise for the neigh-

bourhood. In this way we make a sustainable contribution to the quality of living and environmental protection – a target that is strongly anchored in our company's guiding mission. 

FACTS AND FIGURES:

Delivery period:

2001 – 2024

Total surface:

About **150,000 square metres** of noise barrier

Types:

- About 130,000 square metres of single- and double-faced highly absorbing aluminium noise screening elements
- About 900 square metres of transparent elements
- About 22,000 square metres of highly absorbing wall cladding

Accessories:

Doors and gates for escape routes, upright caps, escape route signs



Drau bridge at Tainach/Stein, 2015

Along the new high-speed line between Graz and Klagenfurt, numerous FONOCON noise barriers make sure that tranquillity prevails. The map shows some of the Koralm leg sections fitted by Forster.



Graz – Werndorf, 2005 – 2008



Koralm tunnel, 2021 – 2024



St. Paul im Lavanttal station, 2023 – 2024



Granitz valley tunnel, 2022 – 2023

Forster invests in the future

Forster approaches the future with two major projects: a new state-of-the-art IT centre and an enlargement of its premises at St. Peter/Au. The two projects will generate long-term growth, stability and innovative capacity.

Cyber security

Digitalisation is changing our world at a breathtaking pace. Data are today's most valuable product in any business, and so it is vital to protect them. In order to further improve our IT security, availabili-

ty and capacity, we have invested in a brand-new, cutting-edge IT centre.

More capacity, more security

..... The new IT centre has been planned and built with the latest standards in mind. Its fully redundant architecture takes care that all systems will remain online even in the event of failure or disruption. The new infrastructure guarantees maximum resilience, providing the underlinings for stable, fail-safe and high-performance IT processes.

Moreover, we substantially boosted our computing power: each of our data memories now holds over 100 terabytes. With these steps, Forster is confident to meet future challenges of the digital age. The main IT centre is supported by a disaster-recovery IT centre at a second site, which can immediately take over and thus guarantee data security and continuity of our business in the event of a crisis.

IT security Our second focus is on IT security. Real-time monitoring in combination with state-of-



Forster's IT experts:
Andreas Kaltenbrunner and Jürgen Maierhofer.



the-art security approaches ensures that we can promptly detect potential hazards and stop them before they harm any of our operations. In this way, our business and customer data base remains fully protected at all times.

"During planning, we have kept redundancy and automation consistently in our mind," explains IT expert Andreas Kaltenbrunner. "All our systems operate in a highly reliable surrounding with constant mirroring of the data. All our network and memory parameters are centrally monitored on a permanent scale, permitting us to identify failures before they can have any impact," adds his colleague Jürgen Maierhofer.

The new IT infrastructure is not limited to responding to hazards but provides proactive protection. It retains sufficient flexibility to quickly accommodate future requirements.



Enlargement of the company premises

The St. Peter/Au location is another spot for Forster to invest in the future. New storage spaces and parking lots have been built on 4,100 square metres of space which will benefit our staff and ongoing operations alike. The new area will expand the available space and improve everyday flexibility (see read marking on the photograph).

In addition we have been able to acquire adjoining premises formerly owned by *Strabag*. The 6,000 square metres of land hold offices and a shed, offering plenty of opportunities for future development and new uses of the St. Peter/Au location. The keys to the site (marked in blue on the photograph) were handed over on 23 September. 



Welcome addition at St. Peter/Au: new storage space and parking lots (red) and additional premises bought from Strabag (blue).



Schwamendingen enclosure and elevated park
(Photo: © Bundesamt für Strassen ASTRA)

SCHWAMENDINGEN ENCLOSURE

Where traffic vanishes and greenery sprouts



Using rotating three-edged prisms, variable message signs display symbols or texts to signal road blocks or alternative routes.

With the Schwamendingen enclosure, Swiss federal, regional and local governments are setting new standards in urban development: the A1 motorway at Schwamendingen was covered for a section of some 940 metres in length. The Arnold AG/Forster working group supplied the new surface tunnel and adjacent existing Schöneich tunnel with the requisite signalling systems.

Traffic clearing, a new leisure space, an augment to the neighbourhood: the Schwamendingen enclosure serves as a model of how to improve urban mobility and quality of living by well-conceived infrastructure projects. This particular project aimed to relieve pollution-stressed Schwamendingen and Saatlen-Mitte from noise and exhaust gases. The enclosure

created an added bonus in the form of an elevated park that serves as a new leisure space.

Urban life rather than traffic noise The enclosure extends from the eastern Zurich motorway intersection to the Schöneich tunnel. Immediately adjoining an existing tunnel, it extends it to a total of 1.7 kilometres, turning it into the newly elongated Schöneich tunnel. This extremely busy section of the A1 is now supplied by clear and constantly updated traffic information thanks to our modern traffic guidance systems. Forster provided the signalling systems together with all the attachments and supports for the tunnel and open-air sections.

The scope of our deliveries included 98 internally illuminated traffic signs (ground-glass signs) that dis-

play the destinations for each lane and are marked by their particularly uniform light. Added are 306 LED devices of the circuit-board and chain type. The former are primarily used for illuminated lane signs, while the latter are LED traffic signs that serve to indicate speed limits and traffic warnings. Moreover, 52 three-message signs at the tunnel portals help motorists along their way, indicating destinations and, if necessary, closure events.

Operational reliability Projects of this size call for maximum quality, robustness and sustainability, especially when the devices are situated in tunnels or outdoors. The circuit-boarded and chain-type LED signs are built to withstand the most stringent environmental situations with a minimum of maintenance requirements. After all, a high degree of reliability is crucial in a sensitive environment such as the enclosure of a motorway.



Variable LED message signs reliably inform about speed limits and hazards.



Systematic noise protection

Forster also played a key role when it came to noise screening: it supplied the FONOCON noise barriers and highly absorbing wall coverings at the tunnel portals. The cladding prevents the noise emitted by the 120,000 daily road users from reflecting off the tunnel walls.

A green oasis Now that the enclosure is in place, the neighbourhood can virtually ignore the motorway. Actually, everybody is pleased about the elevated park created by the enclosure, with its playgrounds, paths and benches.

Internally illuminated signs indicate the destinations of each lane.



Noise protection is essential at the entry and exit points of tunnels.

Thanks to the diverse greenery it is an oasis for wild bees, night moths and lizards. Underneath the green meadow, our signalling system ensures that operations are safe and smooth and that users can easily find their way about. It is only now that the full potential of the residential area makes itself felt: less noise, better air quality and plenty of new greenery. **FF**

ECOPLUS

Signs for the ecoforum Wiener Neudorf

In the Lower Austrian business park IZ NÖ-Süd, the ecoforum Wiener Neudorf has created a modern and attractive office location. We have been called upon to supply its routing system, both in- and outdoors. The outcome: clear orientation, functional design and a pleasant overall appearance.



Modern, consistent, functional: internal signs perfectly match the architecture of the new building.



All from the same source: from building sign to illuminated sign to parking lot indicator – everything is made by Forster.


The large-format façade inscription catches the eyes of everybody even from afar. Inside, door signs, layout maps and glass markings provide clarity and safe passage.

The building is fitted with door signs of the Combiflex Plana type and site plans of the Combiflex Mero system, each matching the architecture of the new building. Adhesive letters at its glass surfaces add further information. They ensure accessibility, enhance safety and underline the modern character of the building. All the elements blend harmoniously with the restrained, yet clear appearance of the architecture.

Spillover to the IZ NÖ-Süd business park In parallel with the interior and exterior signage of the ecoforum, we also implemented

advance directional signs in accordance with section 53/13a of the Austrian Road Traffic Regulations (StVO) for wayfinding within the IZ NÖ-Süd business park, commissioned by *ecoplus*, the business agency of the Province of Lower Austria. Located to the south of Vienna, the business park is situated in one of the most economically thriving regions of Austria and has already become something of a small town of its own – with a modern infrastructure and optimum conditions for businesses from a large variety of sectors.

Architecture boosts orientation

The *ecoforum* project shows exemplarily how logically thought-through signs contribute to the architectural quality of a building. High-quality materials, accurate manufacturing and a clear typography combine to achieve a guidance system that mirrors the values of the site: modernity, efficiency and sustainability. 



Advance direction signs help motorists to quickly find their way within the business park.



The *Heurigen* Map: the flexible insert-based sign system quickly updates information on open wine taverns.

WORLD HERITAGE COMMUNITIES IN THE WACHAU VALLEY

A modern routing system for the historical Wachau valley

Sustainability is at its peak when existing structures are reused and adapted to modern requirements. This is what happened to the routing system of the World Heritage communities in the Wachau valley: new signs were integrated into existing frames and put to a new and contemporaneous use in the entire region.


A special concern of the project was to find a way to reuse the CF40 tubular frames installed in 2012 and fit new signs into them. To this end, we supplied about 40 Wachau signs and 20 local signs made of aludibond, mounting them in the existing CF40 tubular frames. *Heurigen* maps also fitted closely into the uprights – a solution that ensures a pleasing look while saving on raw materials. The flexible sign system based on inserts makes for quick adjustments, not least to broadcast places to get new wine.

Additional digital information The system developed and revamped by our partners is based

on a modular structure that serves a number of target groups. Large-scale direction signs inform motorists, smaller-scale posts and signs that harmoniously blend with the village aim at tourists moving about on foot or per bicycle. A particularly innovative feature is the QR codes that supply guests with details on sights, accommodation and routes.

Successful cooperation The project was implemented in close collaboration with:

- *im-plan-tat Raumplanungs-GmbH & Co KG* for location planning;
- *Socher-mit-e (Leopold Socher e.U.)* for graphic design; and
- Forster for the actual making of the routing system.

The result of the joint project: a flexible, up-to-the-minute information system that guides locals as well as guests equally well. 



The typical Wachau green ensures recognition value for the regional image.



GERMANISCHES NATIONALMUSEUM IN NUREMBERG

Treasures underneath the city



Underneath the Germanic National Museum in Nuremberg, shelving systems made by Forster are protecting centuries of European art and culture.

Whether it is a fragile drawing or a heavy piece of furniture – the new storage vault of the Germanic National Museum has room for everything. Four underground storeys (UG2 to UG5) were excavated for the new depot constructed

with a view to minimising the risks of mechanical damage, climate hazards and pollution. Thanks to the flexible components provided by Forster, such risks were effectively reduced while greatly adding to the ease of operation.

Smart extras To achieve this, we combined several types of shelving systems and fittings: standard shelves with drawers, cantilever and wide-span racks, mobile bases with mesh panels and platform bases for large-volume items. We even supplied roll-under platform bases to transport some giant concert grands.

Altogether 21 mobile bases that accommodate more than 11,000 metres of storage space now keep art and cultural exhibits safe with maximum economy of space while granting easy access to them. The delivery included 1,300 drawers of various sizes and almost 3,000 square metres





Smart extras guarantee that all archived items are stored for maximum protection.

of hanging space for paintings, ensuring that all the items will be guarded for future generations.

Installation in several phases

Installation took several stages, from laying the tracks in the sum-

mer of 2020 to the step-by-step setting-up of the shelves in three phases between 2021 and 2025. Each stage was carefully planned to protect the delicate exhibits while not obstructing ongoing museum operations. **FF**



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT BLUDENZ

A space for history

When the premises of the elementary school in central Bludenz were reorganised, the local government took heed of the growing needs of its museum and archives, commissioning Forster with the installation of a modern FOREG® shelving system in the basement of the school. It now houses a museum depot and archival magazine.

The project revolves around three FOREG® trolleys that provide optimal storage for the sensitive items. Thanks to a crank drive, even bulky pieces such as historical furniture can be moved with impressive ease. The precisely laid tracks make for smooth trav-

elling while fully exploiting the storage space.

Planned with foresight Sliding picture panels extend the archives by an intelligent solution even for large-format items: they provide orderly, space-saving and careful storage of historical paintings. Cantilever racks, map cabinets, desks and assembly dollies create a fully fitted and functional working environment. In this way, the Bludenz school has obtained a well-organised storage system that can be flexibly used, meets current requirements and is perfectly suited to future cooperation ventures with regional archives. **FF**



Pull-out panels for optimum accessibility and maximum stability.

News from Forster Group staff

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35 YEARS

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St. Peter/Au:

45 YEARS

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40 YEARS

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35 YEARS

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20 YEARS

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30 YEARS

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20 YEARS

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15 YEARS

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Forster Archiv- und Verkehrs- technik:

10 YEARS

Heidi Binggeli

The management wants to express its gratitude and appreciation to all celebrants for their long years of loyalty to the company and looks forward to continuing our excellent cooperation.

Status as of 11/2025

❖ VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Julian Bruchmann (metal engineering – main module mechanical engineering) has passed the third form with *good success*.

Our congratulations on his excellent performance and our best wishes for his further career!

A new chapter in their lives ...

In 2025 many of our staff members left to enter their active leisure phase or full retirement after long years of working for the Forster Group.

Waidhofen/Ybbs:

RETIREMENT

Stefan Pöchlauer (1st f.l.)
 Michaela Bramreiter (2nd f.l.)
 Claudia Biber (3rd f.l.)
 Florian Stockner (6th f.l.)
 Horst Gschwandegger (1st f.r.)
 Erich Wirrer (2nd f.r.)
 Gerhard Schmutzer (3rd f.r.)
 Franz Schachinger (4th f.r.)
 Heinrich Lumetsberger (5th f.r.)

Josef Teker (not shown)
 Semsodin Bulic (not shown)

PART-TIME SCHEME – LEISURE PHASE

Josef Steinkellner (4th f.l.)
 Silvia Killinger (5th f.l.)
 Ermin Sovtic (7th f.l.)
 Josef Großauer (6th f.r.)
 Reinhold Stockinger (not shown)



St. Peter/Au:

RETIREMENT

Minodora Cristea (3rd f.l.)
 Brigitte Heher (4th f.l.)

PART-TIME SCHEME – LEISURE PHASE

Alois Wimmer (1st f.l.)
 Mary Freudenberger (2nd f.l.)
 Klaus Sonnleithner (5th f.l.)
 Johann Hofer (not shown)
 Sieglinde Konetschnig (not shown)

The management wants to express its gratitude and appreciation for their long years of loyalty to the company and extends its best wishes for their new life phase!

FORSTER LEISURE CLUB

Gaudy autumn

Sportive, musical and shared – a short look at the multiple activities pursued by the Forster Leisure Club:



CYCLE TOUR

Underneath a brilliant sky, our staff members started their annual company cycle tour through the lovely Mostviertel region.



KARTING

At our kart get-together, our teams demonstrated that they seek out the ideal line not just in work but also on the race course.



TRAINEE TRIP

In the course of their trip, our apprentices took a backstage look at ÖSWAG Maschinenbau GmbH, dropped in on voestalpine and finished off their trip on karts – a perfect mixture of knowledge, hands-on practice and action!



CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Pure joy for eyes and ears was dispensed at the autumn concert of the Waidhofen Chamber Orchestra in the Sonntagsberg basilica. The Forster management could secure several tickets for staff members for this very special musical event.

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