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## UP-FRONT NEWS

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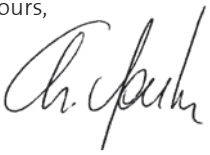
For many decades, Forster has been producing routing and information systems, not just for traffic locations but also as signage for buildings and other industrial facilities. Forster sign systems convey information, help visitors to find their way around and make businesses visible from afar. In this issue of *Forster Aktuell* we introduce to you the new routing and information system installed at the Medical University of Graz. On its grounds of about 4.3 hectares, our products ensure better orientation and clarity of layout.

Information and communication are the key factors that dominate our living and working world. With its new Forster Go! staff app, Forster is taking another step towards hands-on communication. In designing the app, considerable effort was directed at the information content in general and on user-friendly navigation. The app also had several functions integrated, so that it can be used to apply for holiday leave, order lunch or book activities at the Forster Leisure Club.

At present we are enjoying one of the most pleasant seasons of the year, and there are innumerable ways to relish the summer. If you are still before your own vacation, I wish you a great and most relaxing holiday.

Enjoy reading our newsletter!

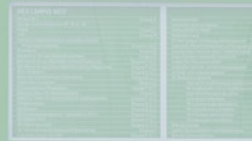
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## Sustainability Report 2022



Our latest Sustainability Report provides an overview of all our activities that touch upon our social responsibility, with due regard to the ten principles of the UN Global Compact, the core subjects of ONR 192500 (ISO 26000) and the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Download the Sustainability Report:

<https://forster.at/en/sustainability>

## OUTSIDE VIEW

## Customer satisfaction analysis

It is with great pleasure that we have collated the extremely good findings of the customer satisfaction analysis, and we wish to thank all participants for their feedback. Forster constantly strives to supply the best possible quality in its products and offer a high standard in its consulting and customer care services. The customer satisfaction survey is automatically emailed to our customers and is filled in anonymously. The view from outside helps us to constantly improve our performance and achieve this high degree of customer satisfaction.



## Trade show review:

### ASTRAD & austroKOMMUNAL Forster focused on traffic engineering

Local authorities charged with road management, winter road clearance, green space maintenance and similar tasks had a good opportunity to look at tomorrow's community services at the ASTRAD & austroKOMMUNAL held at Wels on 14–15 June 2023. The trade show offered innovative solutions in fields such as community e-mobility, digitalisation, traffic infrastructure and sustainability. The accompanying ASTRAD symposium acted as a platform for experts to present a view of the future and best-practice examples.

### Kommunalmesse 2023

#### Forster demonstrated its wide range of products for the public sector

Over 230 exhibitors from all fields of relevance for local authorities spread their wares over 7000 square metres of exhibition space. We presented our tailor-made solutions in traffic engineering, routing and information systems, as well as our range of road equipment products..

### Save the date:

**Kommunalmesse 2024**  
18–19 September 2024  
at Oberwart/Burgenland

*Thank you for visiting us at these trade fairs – we always appreciate the insights and inputs gained by our talks with visitors!*

## Trade show preview:

Visit us at any one of these autumn events:

**Archivistica Bielefeld** – trade show for archiving technology (held in parallel with the 90th German Archives Day on 26–28 September 2023).

Focus: archiving shelves

Date: 26–28 September 2023

Place: Stadthalle Bielefeld

[vda.archiv.net/archivistica](http://vda.archiv.net/archivistica)

**Career clubbing at Waidhofen/Ybbs** – the trade fair for apprenticeships in the Mostviertel.

Date: 20–22 September 2023

Place: Schloss Rothschild, Waidhofen/Ybbs

[mein-lehrbetrieb.at/karriere-clubbing](http://mein-lehrbetrieb.at/karriere-clubbing)

**Karrieretag HTL Waidhofen/Ybbs** – businesses introduce themselves as potential employers to young engineers, outlining interesting job prospects.

Date: 8 November 2023

Place: Sporthalle Waidhofen/Ybbs

[htlwy.at](http://htlwy.at)

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## ZEISS PRODUCT DISPLAY

# Showcase for top-grade spectacle lenses

**ZEISS, a world leader in the optical and opto-electronic industry, opted for a product display made by Forster, in order to put a proper sheen on its products.**

Top-range spectacle lenses are customised so as to cover several practical functions which make them a key part of a modern pair of glasses. Features include a coating of blue light filter or one to make driving more comfortable – the choice is wide. To inform potential wearers of the top products offered by ZEISS, the company is supplying its partner opticians with high-quality demonstration tools made by Forster.

The batch involves 500 displays made of white, laser-cut acrylic glass. Milled grooves fitted with punched felt parts provide an attractive frame for the range of lenses which doubles as a protective mould. Digital imprints on the front of the display set out the various processing steps of the premium glasses. As a result, our demo tool is an elegant and compelling means to show off the finished lenses. **FF**



## 3D PICART MUSEUM VIENNA

# Foils to create the perfect illusion

Specifically for its customer Ambient Art Werbe GmbH, a full-service p.r. agency, Forster has been implementing numerous projects involving prints and foil sheets. This time we produced prints for the 3D PicArt Museum, the hotspot for creative photographs for Instagram and Facebook. A large-format digital print on a high-quality special sheet produces a loony deception that is turned three-dimensional on a photograph – such as the latest motif in the museum: King Kong thrusting his fist through a window and grappling at the visitor. **FF**



## ERS HEATSCREEN

## Floor display as an eye-catcher

Putting the emphasis on the spot where customers make their decisions to buy is particularly effective when floor displays are used. This line of reasoning convinced heatscreen producer ERS, who opted for a Forster-made floor display to present its infra-red panels.

The well-conceived design made from a metal and plastic structure

is stable and elegant in its lines. A directly imprinted back cover of aluminium compound together with a printed and thermally bent polystyrene base attract customers' eyes in the store. The leaflet displays consist of A4-sized crystal-clear acrylic glass. The product was created and produced by Forster entirely in Austria, same as the articles sold by our customer ERS. 




## EAU THERMALE AVÈNE

## Skin care showcased at a premium

Avène represents innovation in the health care sector in combination with environmental protection. It is only logical that the French brand opted for counter-top displays and shelving panels made by Forster, a producer that has all the requisite sustainability certifications.

Counter-top displays are perfect when it comes to position small products as eye-catchers right next to the cash desk. The display for Avène consists of a platform made of white acrylic glass, fitted with a crystal-clear plastic crowner for paper inserts – a design that allows changing the display to fit varying products. Four anti-slip nubs on its


bottom round off the overall design. With the customer wanting to highlight the products in the shelves as well, additional panels were made from one-sided printed polystyrene thermally bent by 90°. A clever solution that can be flexibly used in a wide range of shelves. 



## ATTENSAM FACILITY MANAGER

## Memorable fleet signage

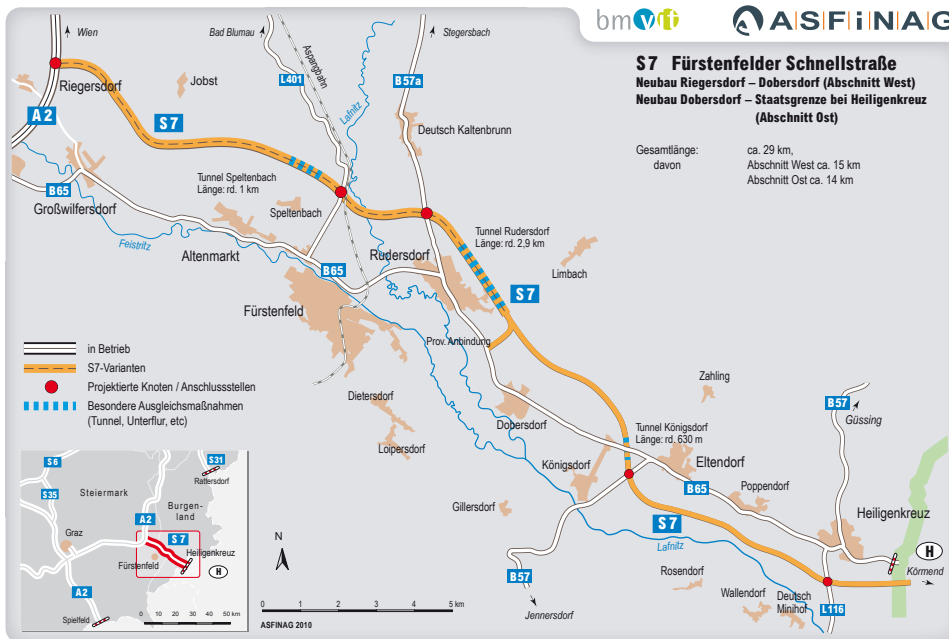


Vehicle signage crops up everywhere on the road. After all: where would a company fleet be without its corporate identity spread all over the vehicles? The moving ad space is ideal for presenting the brand and its message. When a top-class film is used, as has been the case in our job for Attensam, a facility manager, the result is a very long-lived and high-quality fleet signage. 



S7 FÜRSTENFELD DUAL CARRIAGEWAY

# News from a construction site in Burgenland



The diagram shows the routing of the new S7 Fürstenfeld dual carriageway.

The S7 Fürstenfeld dual carriageway is planned to run from the Riegersdorf intersection (A2) past Fürstenfeld to the Austrian border near Heiligenkreuz. As the first major step, ASFiNAIG, the agency responsible for motorways and their financing, tackled the Riegersdorf intersection already in the summer of 2018. It commissioned Forster to produce the signs and noise screens.

The newly constructed Riegersdorf intersection includes two bridges across the A2 southern motorway, which will provide an exit point and access road to the A2 in all directions as well as to the S7. For the local residents this means a substantial improvement in their quality of living. By itself, the new western section from Riegersdorf to Dobersdorf will alleviate the noise from the throughtraffic for more than 10,000 householders in Eastern Styria.




Fitters at work: Forster was also commissioned with supplying and installing the noise protection systems.

**Traffic engineering and noise screens** ..... Forster Verkehrstechnik has been charged with supplying the traffic engineering products for the western section, including gantries, brackets and standard traffic signs, as well as road service equipment such as snow poles and snow guards. Moreover, Forster is delivering and installing the emergency signs for the Rudersdorf tunnel at the heart of the project which runs underground for almost three kilometres.

Our preparations for all workflows began already in 2021: the requisite documents for approval were developed, stress analyses were calculated, dispositions were made for materials and equipment, and installation arrangements were put in place.

**Current project status for Forster** ..... Installation works were begun in line with the construction schedule and are speedily progressing. Our fitters are setting up the traffic engineering equipment along the S7, and have, since June, been installing the noise barriers for this section, in accordance with the contract awarded to Forster Metallbau

GmbH to supply and instal the requisite noise control measures along the new dual carriageway. Accordingly, our fitters will be found along the S7 for quite some time to come.

The western section (Riegersdorf to Dobersdorf) is scheduled to be finished and opened to the public by December 2023. The eastern section from Dobersdorf to the Austrian border is envisaged to be completed by the end of 2024. For more details of our works in this section look forward to one of the next issues of Forster aktuell. 



The gantries at the Rudersdorf tunnel ramp are already in place.

**INFO BOX:**

- Western section: Riegersdorf intersection to Dobersdorf**
- Length:** 14.8 kilometres
- Tunnels:** Rudersdorf tunnel (2.9 kilometres), Speltenbach subsurface route (1 kilometre)
- Noise control:** about 14,000 square metres
- Planned opening:** end of 2023



CUES AND CLUES FOR WALKERS AND BIKERS

# Optimally signposted cycle paths

Sports and physical activities are the arguments used by local agencies to promote tourism. But cycling and hiking paths are attractive only when access to them is not hidden away. Signs by Forster (including their attachment) are ideal to increase the appeal of a region without any great effort.

## Garden tours on a bike

The three garden tours newly created by the State of Lower Austria for bikers, starting out from the garden



The garden tours are described in detail on information panels.



The three tours are marked out by the three initial letters rendered in three different colours.

town of Tulln, connect the vineyards of the Wagram hills, the Danube river plain and the riparian forest along the Traisen river. The signs were provided by Forster.

Garden tours – a name that gets the imagination going. And what can be expected? Certainly plenty of nature – because the Sunflower, Poplar and Rose tours give bikers a new experience of gardening when they pass artful flower and tree arrangements, show gardens and plant nurseries.



## Biking and hiking experience




Cycle tours need to be explained succinctly and in an uncluttered layout.

“Tiny places – momentous histories” is the motto of select local walks in the Roman Carnuntum region and the Marchfeld, along known and unknown paths and ancient ruins, through picturesque scenery and secretive lanes. From the Romans at Petronell-Carnuntum and Bad Deutsch-Altenburg to

medieval ramparts at Marchegg and Bruck an der Leitha, from the cradle of aviation at Fischamend to the end of Habsburg’s rule at Eckartsau. All these places have a momentous history to tell. We help with our guidance and information systems. The facts are shown on 20 recently installed panels. They are 1600 x 1100 mm in size and imprinted with a film that is covered with a laminate suitable for a long-term outdoor life.





The local walks are easily combined with cycle tours in the Carnuntum-Marchfeld region on both banks of the Danube. Orientation is easy, also on the cycle tours: Forster supplied the main and secondary signposts and arrows, using its Formline design. 

The complete network of cycle tours is clearly shown on information posts.





## CYCLING COMPETENCE

# A cycling bridge to improve safety

**The connection from Waidhofen in Lower Austria to the market town of Gaflenz and further on to Weyer is an important milestone for biking tourism in the region. The new cycle bridge made by Forster is another step to close gaps and enjoy the full route.**

Forster has for many decades been known for its competence in traffic engineering and sign products. Recently it has delivered further evidence of its skills by making a bicycle bridge. Gantries and cantilevers have many uses. So it is of the greatest importance to ensure that they withstand high stresses and have a long useful life. We have applied our customary high quality standards to the new cycling bridge. Forster used its project skills for all aspects from planning to production (including preliminary in-house installation of the bridge) to setting it up on site. The steel bridge is fully 35 metres long and weighs about 24 metric tons.

**Relaxed cycling away from the busy roads**  After long planning, the bridge was finally lifted into place on 12 April, presided over by Mayor Andreas Kaltenbrunner, as

well as representatives of the companies and government agencies involved. This link across the B11 federal road is the first step to close the gap in the superregional R16 cycling track. The bicycle bridge, a pilot project jointly carried out by the market town of Gaflenz and Forster Verkehrs- und Werbetechnik GmbH, has opened up a continuous cycling track from Waidhofen/Ybbs to Weyer which manages to avoid federal roads. This makes for more safety, especially for families and for bikers who wish to circumvent the lorry traffic on the public road. 



Successful lift to close the gap of the superregional R16 cycling track.



The bicycle bridge enables cyclists to safely cross the federal road.

NEUES STAFF FÜR MITARBEITERINNEN UND MITARBEITER

# FORSTER Go!

All info to go and many other useful features are available from the new FORSTER Go! staff app.

As of 10 July, the new app can be accessed by all Forster staff members. In addition to supplying in-house news to go, the app covers a totally revised schooling and training programme. It offers numerous courses that were mostly developed by our own staff members specifically for our own staff members. The result is an optimised internal knowledge transfer and greater collaboration between departments. To ensure that the trainers will be optimally prepared, a workshop entitled "Train the Trainer" was started already in the runup, to polish their presentation techniques and develop the first contents. Further courses, including language courses, are envisaged to expand the app's offer.

## Digital networking .....

Events organised by the Forster Leisure Club will be offered on FORSTER Go! – to be booked directly through the app. In this way it is ensured that information will be promptly disseminated to all and event planning is facilitated. Currently, bookings are accepted for the Vision Run in St. Pölten and the 2023 company cycle tour across the lovely Mostviertel. More events are being planned.



**Efficiency for day-to-day work .....**

Much of the organisational routine can be handled through the app: Forster staff members can access FORSTER Go! to file their vacation plans and order their lunch. Forster-funded lunch has been available to staff for many years, but the process has now been greatly simplified. Vegetarian or vegan lunch? No problem. The menu names both options. 📱

**WWW – WHO, WHY, WHERE?****WHO IS BEHIND THE APP?**

FORSTER Go! was initiated and drawn up by an internal working group of delegates from several departments up to management level.

**WHY AN APP?**

Apps simplify communication. The app allows all staff members direct access to vital subjects, and its training and leisure programmes can be easily read by all.

**WHERE CAN THE APP BE DOWNLOADED?**

FORSTER Go! can be downloaded from the Android play store or Apple app store. Alternatively our staff members can log in directly at [go.forster.at](https://go.forster.at).

STIFTSMEIERHOF SEITENSTETTEN, 16 JUNE 2023

## The Forster Summer Fête

Summer, sunshine and a few drops of rain in the evening – which were not able to spoil the fun at our summer fête in mid-June. After Dominik Forster's charming opening and a short review of the past business year provided by the management, there was plenty of time for



exchanges and talks among the colleagues from Waidhofen/Ybbs and St. Peter/Au and their companions. Refreshments were provided at the barbecue buffet in the historical Stiftsmeierhof Seitenstetten. 📱





Unobstructed view for passengers and locals.

#### AMMERTAL RAILWAY

# Low noise barrier, high effect




High efficiency: railway noise is reduced at its main source – where the wheel contacts the rail.

**Just 0.76 metres above the track – a noise barrier snaking along railway tracks can be really low. It was an argument that convinced the Erms Neckar Railway Company to decide in favour of Forster's Noise Breaker for Ammerbruch near Tübingen.**

Less may well be more, as is evident from the contract awarded by Erms Neckar Bahn AG acting as the project manager for Zweckverband ÖPNV in the Ammer Valley, to build the regional metroline Module 1 along the Tübingen-Herrenberg section. Commissioned by Leonhard Weiss GmbH, Forster Metallbau GmbH supplied the Noise Breaker, its near-track noise barrier. This system of low panels opens up entirely new opportunities, especially when the route becomes narrow or difficult to negotiate.

**Benefits of the Noise Breaker system** ..... The Noise Breaker consists of highly noise-absorbing aluminium elements and a concrete base (base and installation were carried out by Leonhard Weiss GmbH). Thanks to its low and space-saving construction method, the barrier can be set up really close to the tracks where it absorbs the noise right at its source. The system has further advantages: railway passengers have an unobstructed view of the scenery; support staff and rescue workers can quickly reach the tracks. Moreover, a cable trough has been directly integrated in the system. The noise barrier is flexible in its use and easy to maintain.

**Already operating** ..... Altogether 460 metres of Noise Breaker components were delivered, divided between two barrier sections. Their installation was completed in November 2022 while train traffic was suspended. Traffic has since been completely reinstated and trains run every half hour. 

STALLINGER TIMBER

# Noise control enables premises to be enlarged



High-absorbing noise screens protect the adjoining residential areas from grating noise.

**Thanks to its ultramodern sawing line, Stallinger stands tall in Austria as much as worldwide. Recently it has added wood pellets to its production range. In order to start operations next to a residential area near Frankenmarkt, it had to set up a noise barrier.**

Stallinger is a specialist for processing timber, a vital local raw material. A sustainably operating enterprise, it compacts wood chips and shavings into high-quality fuels such as CO<sub>2</sub> neutral biobricks and wood pellets as clean thermal energy sources. In addition to building a new plant for pellet production, the company constructed railway tracks on its premises. Concerned about protecting people who live in the nearby residential area, it decided to install Forster noise barrier elements. The project involved noise control elements of which 800 square metres were unilaterally high-absorbent and 730 square metres absorbed the noise on both sides. They are made from aluminium, of low weight and with a low construction depth, flexible in their colouring and installation – in short, they are the ideal choice for an industrial ambience.

## **Service doors and swing gates** .....

Security is writ large on the premises: direct access routes to maintenance zones and escape routes provide for an efficient flow of movements, also in exceptional situations. The doors and gates meet the same high acoustic standards as the barriers themselves. The flag-type signs that mark the emergency exits were similarly supplied by Forster. The project also involved three swing gates of a particularly robust design which ensure quick access to the premises.

**Future-proof solutions** ..... As a sustainably operating enterprise, Stallinger made the right choice in opting for Forster. We are fully committed to sustainability and social responsibility: our noise control systems are made with the greatest possible care for resources, designed for a long service life, and add-ons are available in the long term, in order to accommodate future needs of our customers. 



NATIONAL LIBRARY &amp; LOUVRE

# FOREG<sup>®</sup> shelving for France

When it comes to storing their historical treasure troves, many top-level museums, archives and libraries in France put their trust into shelving systems made by Forster. In our “France Special”, we want to introduce you to some of the projects which were carried out by Samodef-Forster, the sales office run by the Forster Group in Paris.



Load-spreading plinths were used to fit the double-level TwinSpace shelves onto the restored wooden floors.



With 30 million books and documents, France's National Library (BNF) is one of the largest libraries on Earth. It divides its activities between several sites, among them the listed Richelieu building which recently underwent a thorough restoration. Stocks removal took eight months, involving almost 50 kilometres of valuable cultural heritage, which was (on occasion) dusted, packed, transported and restocked at its newly renovated new location. The BNF had to exercise the greatest care to ensure that all its collections found their proper new home. Moreover, the new shelves needed to be designed to hold spare space for at least ten years of growth.

### A medley of shelving systems .....

All shelving systems on offer by Forster have been used. In this way, all stocks can be properly stored, whether they are books, large-format maps and drawings or medals. For the latter, special medal holding

cabinets were designed to harbour the valuable items. Furthermore, the project covered several double-level stationary FOREG<sup>®</sup> TwinSpace shelves and pull-out picture panels, map cabinets, cantilever racks, stationary and mobile archiving racks and shelves that accommodate large books and folios.

**Meticulous planning .....** A special project requires special measures: a prototype was made of the medal cabinets and the stationary TwinSpace racks, demonstrating the love of detail invested into the project. The project management had its work cut out: in addition to a comprehensive clearance process, it was the logistics that posed substantial challenges, due to narrow streets, small-scale lorries and the need to lift some objects and insert them through the roof. The shipments were harmonised and access was coordinated with the BNF's security staff in predefined



Folio volumes are stored on rolling pull-out shelves.



The double-level design of the FOREG® TwinSpace system makes the most of the room height.

time slots. The architecture of the historical building was another crucial factor in planning. As some of the shelves were fitted into attics it was necessary to adjust rack heights all around and integrate parts of the building (supports) into the shelving.

#### Perfect climate for long-term

**archiving** Steeped in history as they are, the stocks require a stable climate inside the building. Among them are 500 sea maps drawn on vellum between the Middle Ages and the 18th century, which are now nestling in shelves made by

Forster. Temperature and humidity can be precisely regulated throughout the building. And the shelves come with a wide range of accessories that adjust to the needs of the archived items. In this way, everything has been neatly stored and can be easily relocated. Electric components such as USB connections, lights, sockets and switches are fitted directly into the front panels of the archiving shelves, as requested by the client.



Pull-out picture panels help maintain order in archiving.


## FOREG® shelves in the Louvre

The Louvre, one of the most visited art museums in the world, stores its precious art in Forster shelves. Its collection comprises over 380,000 items (of which some 35,000 are on actual display). This requires more than 2,000 square metres of pull-out picture panels to hold paintings, as well as map cabinets and stationary racks for more displays.

Other top references are the Cité de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine

(Architecture and Heritage Museum in Paris which houses a TwinSpace system of 9,200 metres in overall length), the Musée Carnavalet dedicated to the history of Paris, the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle (National Museum of Natural History MNHN) and the Musée d'Art et d'Archéologie (Museum of Art and Archaeology) at Guéret. Others currently in their implementing stages are museums in Bayonne, Draguignan and La Rochelle. What



they have in common is that they harbour items that require plenty of space and loving care as well as safe storage. It is for these reasons that their keepers have opted for FOREG® shelving systems: their superior quality and individual flexibility are perfect for long-term archiving. As a further bonus, the many years of experience of our staff enable Forster to produce exactly customised projects. 



MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ

# A signpost of research and training



The labels can be quickly exchanged when names and rooms change their designation.

**On 12 May 2023, the Medical University of Graz officially opened its campus. A festive ceremony and open house accompanied the milestone in the history of the University. The signage for the new western wing was made by Forster, as was that for the eastern wing completed in 2017.**

The campus of the Medical University of Graz is designed to accommodate 4,500 students, 1,000 researchers and other staff members. A detailed routing system that will quickly direct them through the maze of buildings was therefore called for. The programme of the high-calibre signage and information system developed by architects Riegler Riewe ranges from film labels to door signs, signposts, building signs and monument signs.

**Monument signs for first orientation** ..... The monument signs cropping up all over the second campus level are visible from afar and provide some initial orientation. They have been specially designed for outdoor use: the internal tube sections of the upright are placed on client-provided plinths made of tubing to a height of 500 mm. In this way a damaged upright can be easily removed from its base. The information panels are of the modular type and individually connected to the framework through hooks that make them tamper-proof. Some of the panels are designed as windowed doors to allow the subsequent attachment of information. The remaining surface looks just like a standard panel. The overview maps were printed by Forster. The system is made of aluminium and powder-coated to Pantone 363 C



for outdoor use. The logos were directly printed onto the panels by a digital printing process, and the texts were attached by film letters.

**Flexibility inside** ..... Forster was also instructed to make, supply and fit the signs for inside use. The client chose Combiflex Mero, a system of flat signs with acrylic glass cover. It is excellently suited for door and room signs, as well as escape route maps. Combiflex Mero can be individually lettered by paper inserts that are quickly exchanged when needed. It is protected against detachment by vandals. Elementary information such



The monument sign in front of the ZWT Building is of a modular design.

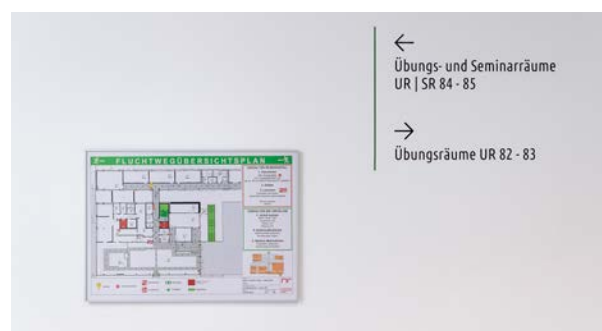


A detailed routing and orientation system for students, teachers and researchers at the new University campus.

as directions and adjacent zones is stuck right to the walls. The film used had to be suitable for a large number of applications, on smooth, rough and porous surfaces.

**Modular information signs** ..... The large-format information signs and combined signs were made from flat, powder-coated aluminium elements. Texts and pictograms were covered with film and the logos were digitally imprinted. All mounting screws are invisible and the signs are protected against detachment.

Forster was also responsible for the signs in the new Centre for Medical Knowledge and Technology Transfer ZWT II: a monument sign and information panels at its entrance, film signs for orientation inside the building, and layout signs in the underground car park. FF





## Colberg & Forster celebrates its 50th anniversary

Celebrating its big anniversary, Colberg & Forster GmbH threw a party for its staff members and their partners on Friday, 12 May. Host Siegfried Colberg welcomed them in person and gave them a relaxed and humorous afternoon tour of the house.

The weather played along and the guests were made welcome under a sunny sky. Next to the Colberg family, Christian Forster from Forster Holding GmbH and Tim Lorenz from VINCI Construction GmbH were present at the celebration, as were Bernhard Bunger and Robert Reichartzeder, the two CEOs of Colberg & Forster.

In his address, Siegfried Colberg took his guests on a journey through time, navigating through the company's history from 1973 to 2023. The welcoming address was followed by Christian Forster and Tim Lorenz expressing their best wishes. Consequent to the delicious buffet, the guests had an opportunity to tour



the premises and get a personal impression of the production of Colberg & Forster.

Siegfried Colberg took the occasion of the event to announce his leave after 36 years of working for the company. He thanked all his staff and friends for their commitment and loyalty to the company. **FF**



### ❖ 50 YEARS OF COLBERG & FORSTER AT A GLANCE:

#### 1973: Foundation of N. Colberg KG

Product programme: noise barriers for roads and railways, guard rails for motorways

#### 1987: Cooperation with Forster Austria

Establishment of signs and advertising engineering departments

#### 1994: Start of the production of traffic signs (company is awarded RAL quality seal)

#### 1995: Siegfried Colberg becomes CEO

#### 2000: Major orders received at the turn of the millennium Extension to the production hall

#### 2022: Cooperation between Colberg & Forster and Eurovia

#### 2023: Certification as per ISO 9001 and ISO 14001, ISO 45001 and ONR 192500

## ... VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

*Jasmin Rettensteiner* (printing, focus on screen-printing) passed the fourth form and apprenticeship completion exam with *excellent success*.

*Christoph Lumplecker* (printing, focus on screen-printing) passed the fourth form with *excellent success* and the apprenticeship completion exam with *good success*.

*Isabella Lengauer* (printing, focus on screen-printing) passed the third form with *excellent success*.

*Tobias Jagersberger* (metal engineering, mechanical engineering as the main module) passed the fourth form and apprenticeship completion exam with *excellent success*.

*Markus Kefer* (metal engineering, mechanical engineering as the main module) passed the fourth form with *excellent success* and the apprenticeship completion exam with *good success*.

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

## GOOD RANKINGS FOR FORSTER EMPLOYEES

### Waidhofen City Run 2023

The traditional 38th Waidhofen Savings Bank Run was held on 22 April, blessed with excellent weather for running. The audience had tremendous fun in cheering our participants along in the Fit@Work team race. The Forster team did very well also at the main race.

Jürgen Fluch, Dominic Plank and Patrick Wagner managed good placings in their age categories.



## JUBILEE RUN 2023

### WINGS FOR LIFE WORLD RUN



The tenth Wings For Life World Run took place on 7 May 2023. Same as every year, Forster members took up their racing gear and ran for charity.

We attended the Wings for Life World Run in Vienna.

## FORSTER IS NEW LOWER AUSTRIAN COMPANY SKIING CHAMPION

### Title successfully defended

**Forster Verkehrs- und Werbetechnik GmbH Waidhofen/Ybbs managed to hold on to last year's title and is the proud holder of the Lower Austrian Company Skiing Champion of 2023.**

At the 50th Austrian Company Skiing Championships on 10 February 2023, the first team of Forster GmbH, consisting of Tobias Schraml, Manfred Kalkhofer, Thomas Hornbacher and Arnold Holzer, became the Lower Austrian Male Skiing Champion of 2023.

Our second crew, of Manfred Hofmayer, Markus Losbichler, Friedrich Auer and David Heigl, made it to an outstanding second place in the Masters 30 team race.

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