



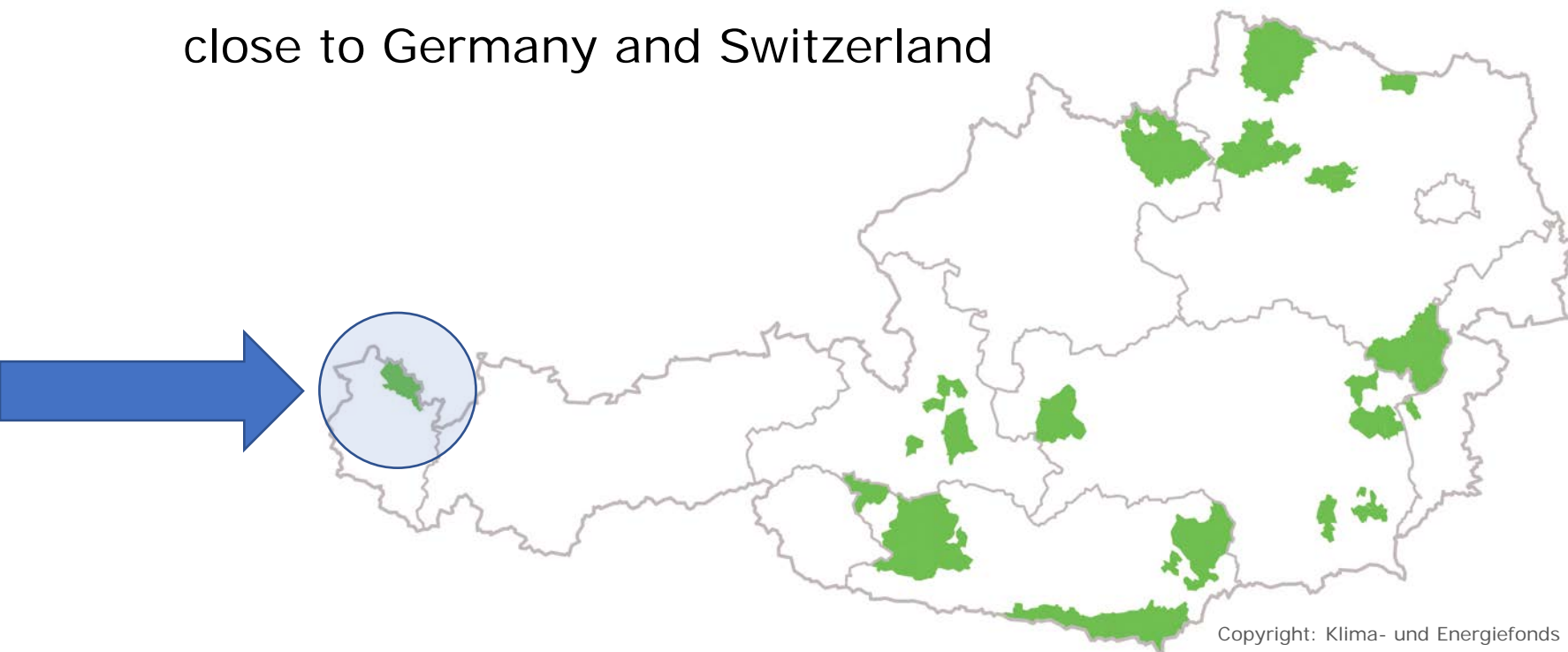
# Implementing climate change adaptation measures

- KLAR Vorderwald-Egg:
  - Who and where are we?
    - location, conditions, climate data
- How does climate change affect us?
  - Natural hazards, summer tourism
- Importance of forests in the region
  - plenter forests
- What have we done so far?

# Who and where we are?

## KLAR!-Region Vorderwald-Egg

- In the western part of Austria (federal state Vorarlberg), close to Germany and Switzerland



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# Who and where are we?

## KLAR!-Region Vorderwald-Egg

- 9 villages: Doren, Egg, Hittisau, Krumbach, Langenegg, Lingenau, Riefensberg, Sibratsgfäll, Sulzberg
- 22.000 ha total, thereof  

9.500 ha forest (43 %)
- 13.000 inhabitants



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# Who and where are we?

## KLAR!-Region Vorderwald-Egg

Shaped by ...

- Agriculture,
- Forests,
- Tourism and
- (Wood-)craft

Highly affected by  
climate change



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# How does climate change affect us? (examples)

Susceptible to landscape erosion because of

- Geology  
(Molasse, Flysch)
- High annual  
precipitation  
(1.800-2.500 mm)
- Presumed event of  
heavy rainfalls

Increased risk of  
natural hazards



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# How does climate change affect us? (examples)

- Decline in winter tourism
- Summer tourism will become more important

➔ Summer tourism on the rise,  
cooler temperatures than e.g. the Mediterranean Sea



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# Importance of forests in the region

- Life insurance against natural hazards (protective forest about 50%)
- Backbone of the local economy
- Recreational space
- Area for tourism



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# Characteristics of the regional forests

## plenter forests

- Differently aged trees
- Selective cutting  
(instead of clear cutting)
- Permanently irregular  
stand structure

Highly resistant against  
climate change risks



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# Characteristics of the regional forests

## Spruce forests

In the valley, re-timbered,  
atypical habitat for spruce

Significant risks



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# The most important concerns of the region

- Preserve plenter forests
- Convert spruce forests into structured and stable forest stands



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# What have we done so far?

Awareness raising of forest rangers and landowners

- Published a guideline on cultivating plenter forests
- Holding inspections, lectures,...



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# What have we done so far?

## Raised awareness in schools

- Grammar school pupils organized a children-climate-congress for primary school pupils



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# What have we done so far?

Raised awareness of communities and landowners to reduce log jams in creeks

- Introductions for mayors, forest rangers, firemen and campaigns for landowners



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# What have we done so far?

Awareness raising for  
local woodcrafters:  
composition of tree species  
change from conifers to  
broadleaves

- Support through finding  
new options:  
events, presentations,  
guided tours, ...



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# What have we done so far?

Awareness raising of general public

- Lectures, guided tours, ...
- Cross-over advertising



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# What have we done so far?

- Planted trees for shadow and heat protection



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