

Filling a critical gap for top-class science at the continental scale

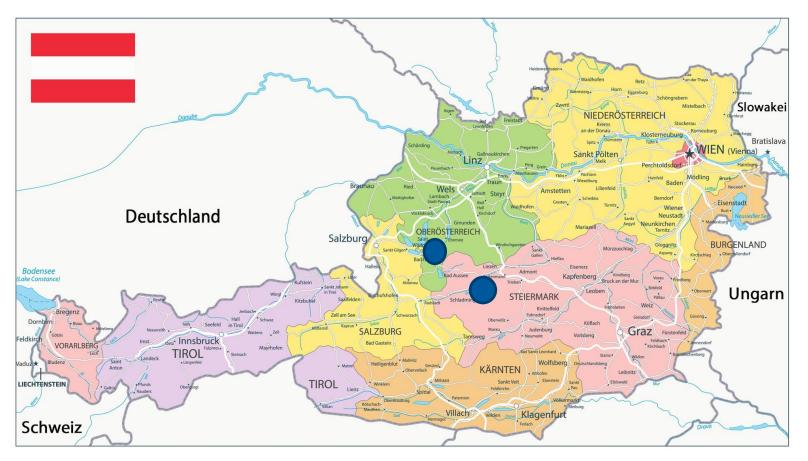
# HBLFA für Landwirtschaft Raumberg-Gumpenstein (AREC)

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**Styria:** Irdning-Donnersbachtal head quarter, school, administration, Grassland management, Livestock, Plant breeding, Environmental ecology, ... Stainach-Pürgg: Organic farming

Upper Austria: Wels/Lambach, Organic farming



## Agricultural Research and Education Center Raumberg Gumpenstein



The largest institute of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management

- Capacities for in-field experimentation on 200 ha arable and grassland
- App. 850 livestock
- Organic and conventional experimental sites
- High variety of grass-land sites in regard to management, altitude, soil-properties and water regimes, also Natura 2000 sites (Enns river valley)
- Lab facilities
- 320 empoyeers and 402 students

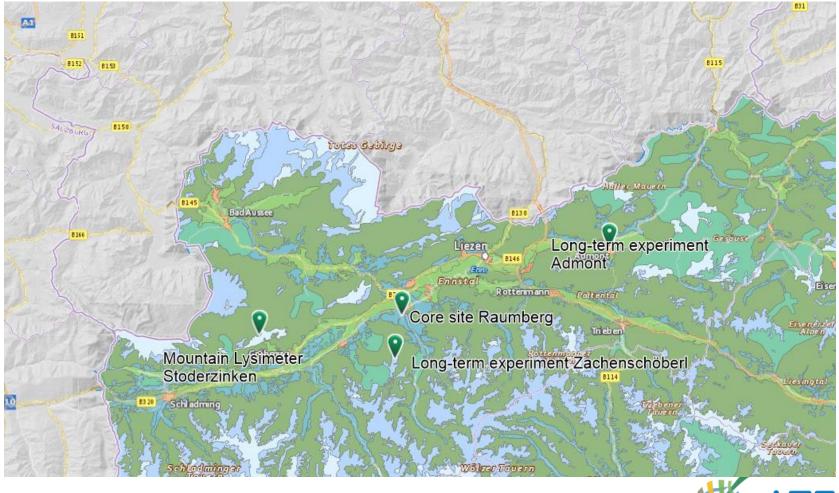




### **Core site and satellite sites**



#### Geographical location (District Liezen)





### **Monitoring facilities at Gumpenstein**



#### Meteorological station (Geosphere Austria)



#### Measurement

- air temperature
- precipitation
- air pressure
- air humidity
- soil temperature
- dewpoint

- wind direction
- wind speed
- sunshine duration
- global radiation
- sky radiation
- composition of precipitation

#### Hydrographical Station

Open-field sensors and lysimeters, measuring

- soil water content
- soil temperature
- suction power
- quantity of percolation



## **ClimGrass (Gumpenstein)**

A field experiment facility for climate impact research

## ClimGrass simulates the impact of

climate change on managed grassland with regard to productivity and soil chemistry of the grassland ecosystem on 54 experimental plots.

## Instrumentation:

- heating
- free air carbon dioxide enrichment (FACE)
- rainout shelters
- lysimeters







### **Mountain lysimeter station Stoderzinken**

#### Water balance and atmospheric depositions

The site was established in 2006 at an altitude of 1.830 m in order to gain data on the water balance and atmospheric depositions of alpine grassland ecosystems.

It combines a meteorological station and a mountain Lysimeter

#### Measurements

- suction power
- quantity of percolation
- lysimeter weight
- soil water content
- soil temperature
- soil electric conductivity
- global radiation
- snow depth
- snow pressure

- air temperature
- precipitation
- air humidity
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### Long-term experiments on managed grassland

#### Data going back to 1944

Fertilization Experiments at three sites:

**Admont** (alt. 633 m):

3 experiments varying fertilizer type and harvest frequency, earliest since 1944.

Gumpenstein (alt. 687 to 713 m): 3 experiments
varying fertilizer types and harvest frequency,
1 nutrient deficiency experiment, earliest since 1960.

**Zachenschöberl** (alt. 1.297 m): 1 lime fertilization trial, 1 fertilizing experiment at an alpine meadow, since 1964.

