

CATEGORY 2: USER-FRIENDLY GREEN AREAS AND GARDEN PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF GASTRONOMY/THE HOTEL INDUSTRY & COMMERCIAL AREAS



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The fact that sustainability has become the DNA during the company's 30-year-history is shown by the ecological site of the company gugler in Melk, which is planned and cultivated in accordance with permaculture guidelines. It was extended in 2017 and mainly serves the purpose of being a recreation area for nature and, as a second effect, an oasis for all persons working in the company. As a consequence, a garden was created as a place of knowledge transfer, for example during public guided group tours held at request (every month), in which ecological gardening can be experienced and which offer employees sporting activities in the green area. Biodiversity and location-appropriate diversity with lots of edges and niches for endangered animal species, such as a wet biotope, flower meadows, benjes hedges, deadwood, wild shrub hedges and fruit trees. Flowering plants and wild edges can be left here even when the grass is mown. Thanks to nesting possibilities, useful creatures, such as singing birds, bats, kestrels and insects are promoted. The largely greened roofs offer wild plant species a space to grow. On an area of 17.000 m², nature is given back what was obstructed on an area of 3.500 m² for setting up production facilities. In the vegetable garden, emphasis is placed on positive interactions between plants in accordance with permaculture, and also raised beds supply fresh foods for the Vegetarian organic factory canteen. Sheep are engaged, as landscape conservationists on the Campus, all together making nature experienceable.


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