

# WINDFARM DEVELOPMENT IN BURGENLAND, AUSTRIA (2013-TODAY)



## GOAL

Expand wind-power without harming nature reserves

## KEY CHALLENGES

- Nature reserves (Natura 2000)
- Different levels of government
- Conflicting concerns from NGO's, residents, and tourism industry

## KEY LESSONS LEARNED

- Importance of detail and accuracy of data
- Necessity of scientific data and sharing of information with stakeholders early on
- Added value of citizen science to minimize impacts on native flora and fauna

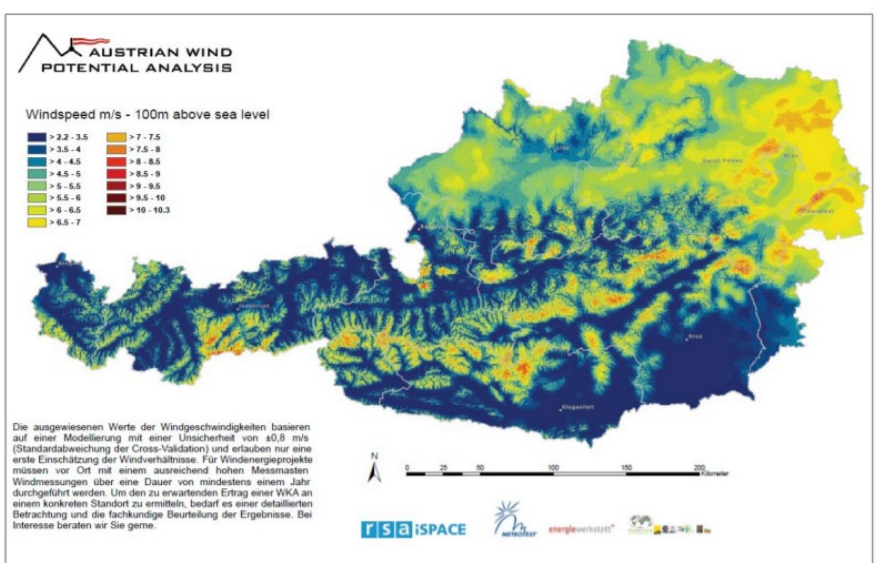


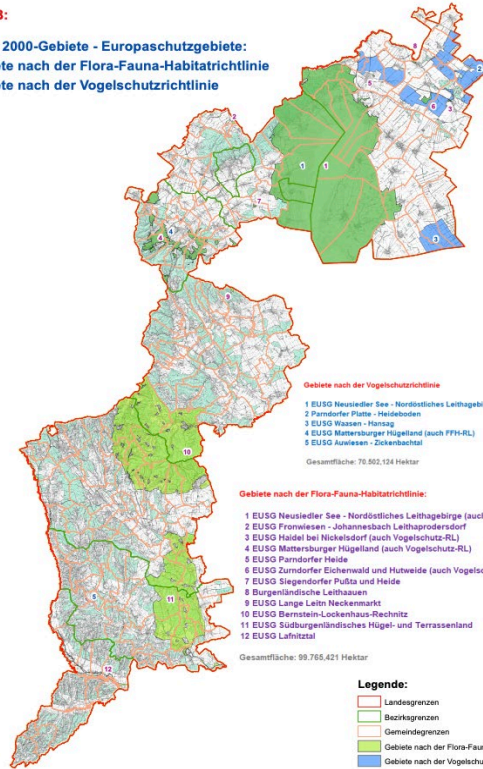
Abb. 2: Windgeschwindigkeiten in Österreich in 100 m über Boden (www.windatlas.at)

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Karte B:

Natura 2000-Gebiete - Europaschutzgebiete:  
 - Gebiete nach der Flora-Fauna-Habitatrichtlinie  
 - Gebiete nach der Vogelschutzrichtlinie



## OUTCOMES

- Better informed decisions from public authorities.
- A large expansion of wind power in Burgenland
- High degree of buy-in from public due to prior involvement
- Serves as a model for other renewable projects

## NEXT STEPS

- Burgenland continues to expand its wind energy capacity
- Opening door for other renewable energies
- Best practice example of involving the public
- Burgenland as a wind energy example for neighboring countries