

The Federal Ministry invites


50 years hazard zone maps within the sphere of influence of the Austrian Forest Act

Expertise Enquête of Status quo and perspectives

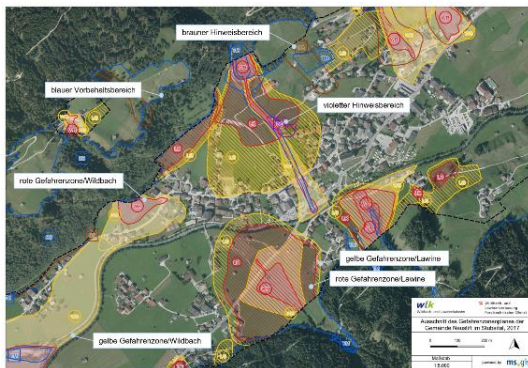
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Understanding natural hazards before they occur and visualizing them is a crucial first step. What began **50 years ago** in the Austrian Forest Act and was considered a visionary approach, is today **more relevant than ever**.

The **development** of hazard zone maps has become a **key** technical and content-related **focus of the Austrian Service for Torrent and Avalanche Control (WLV)**, in which they identify and locate hazard zones affected by torrents and avalanches on an area basis. Despite ongoing societal discussions around the implications, experience has shown: The **protection** of people, settlements, and infrastructure **starts with** well-founded **knowledge** of hazards. This knowledge **must** continuously **evolve** to be prepared **for future challenges**.

The **focus** of the event is on looking forward together: Engaging with the **status quo** and exploring **perspectives for the future development**. **Experts** from various sectors and disciplines will **present current developments, emerging needs, and innovative impulses** that will be explored in greater depth in a **panel discussion**. A special emphasis will also be placed on **international perspectives**. In cooperation with **EUSALP—EU Strategy for the Alpine Region**, international stakeholders will be brought together to contribute valuable insights and experiences from across the Alpine area, to **jointly shape the future of hazard zone maps**.

A detailed program and registration information will be announced soon! Attending is free of charge.