



Arbeitskreis Industriebiologie

The AKIB - Working Group for Industrial Biology unites colleagues with responsibility for industrial and commercial area management with the purpose to enable them to optimize the unused areas of their enterprises (like e.g. rim, residual, sprandel, reserve, and mitigation areas) in such a way that they contribute efficiently and self-sustainedly to species protection and biodiversity.

Species and nature protection are dependant on entrepreneurial profit, but they also promote the motivation and creativity of the staff and define the business culture and image. They are proof that an enterprise with its potential faces the society's challenges resulting from land utilization by civilization. Business and nature protection are not irreconcilably antagonistic.

The attention to sustainability starts at home, and the chances for consideration are manyfold, but require imagination, knowhow and commitment. It is the purpose of the Working Group to promote and support such efforts by the exchange of knowledge and experience in general as well as for specific sectors and situations. Each plant species and each animal species has its own, very particular requirements and is a component of an ecosystem which is characterized by indicator species and usually is not compatible with other systems. Today, even common, ordinary species which in earlier times were or could be encountered more or less daily, need our special attention; therefore, it is not the aim to build a „zoo“ of rarities, but a self-sustained part or whole of a comprehensive ecosystem. It is a matter of transparency to demonstrate any such successful endeavours.

The Working Group serves the networking and the exchange of capabilities and chances as well as the promotion of pilot projects in central Europe. The representatives of the companies have all sorts of venues and backgrounds, but are united in their interest to further the chances for nature in their companies. This is the basis for a lively and fruitful, matter-of-fact oriented exchange.

The Working Group organizes the building and exchange of knowhow, especially by excursions and scientific meetings. Participants are business representatives and upon invitation scientists and representatives of the authorities.

The Working Group works in confidence, in an open and scientific spirit; it is not a political tool. It has been active since four years.

Its members say: We welcome all business representatives who join us to show in their enterprises as well as to the public that industry and nature protection are not in an irreconcilable contradiction.

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