



We are happy to invite you for the  
**„Environmental History of Resin and Charcoal Workshop”**,  
which is organized by WG4 (Environmental History Working Group) in  
September in Austria in Gutenstein!

The workshop aims to visit producers and experience charcoal burning and resin collection firsthand, as well as to discuss the environmental, historical, sustainability, cultural, biodiversity and educational aspects of resin collection and charcoal burning in Austria and beyond.

This workshop is open to all, but it is especially intended for students and young researchers.

Date: 1-5 September, 2025 (1st of Sept – arrival, 2-3-4 program, 5th of Sept – departure)

Venue: Gutenstein, Austria (82 km from Vienna airport, 73 km from Vienna Main Station)

The number of participants is limited, therefore, in case of oversubscription, participants will be selected based on the COST Action regulations and their previous activity in the project.

The cost of the workshop will be reimbursed based on the COST Action regulations:  
travel money and daily allowance

We will organize your accommodation and meals, which you have to pay for yourself on-site.  
The daily allowance is intended to cover these expenses.

We will try to keep the costs as low as possible.

Accommodation: Gutenstein, Mariahilferberg  
The accommodation and food (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) will cost around 300 Euro

You need to organize and pay for your travel to Gutenstein.

Transportation to and from the venue:  
(The train runs every half an hour and takes about 1 hour and 45 minutes)  
Example: From Airport Vienna (12:02) to Vienna Main Station (12:17) and further to  
Gutenstein (13:45) /// From Railway station Gutenstein (8:33) to Vienna Main Station  
(10:03) to Vienna airport (10:27)

**Deadline of the registration:** 16.06.2025

Registration link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerMEEq\\_s1NyYzXvoNcQEX1ID4Oi1JPCv9sS9StSCTyQPiCHg/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerMEEq_s1NyYzXvoNcQEX1ID4Oi1JPCv9sS9StSCTyQPiCHg/viewform?usp=header)

If you have any questions, please write to us!

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WG4 Environmental History – EU PoTaRCh Workshop

**Resin harvesting and charcoal burning: Traditional craft techniques and their impact on the environment**

1– 5 SEPTEMBER 2025

2770 Gutenstein, Niederösterreich  
(Lower Austria), Austria



## **Preliminary Program**

### **Day 1**

Arrival at Gutenstein railway station, shuttle to the hotel, stay overnight

### **Day 2**

Breakfast (together)

Workshop in Gutenstein at the Forest Farmer's Museum (Waldbauernmuseum Gutenstein)

Lunch (together)

Excursion resin harvesting: Visit to the forest by bus (Waidmannsfeld); Demonstration of the method and opportunity for interview and discussion with local resin harvesters; Resin processing

Dinner (leisure time)

### **Day 3**

Breakfast (together)

Excursion: Pitch trail and Pitch-museum Hernstein; Guided tour in the forest (environmental impact) by a local forest engineer

Lunch (together)

Workshop (Forest Farmer's Museum Gutenstein): topic: resin harvesting and processing, discussion with local stakeholders

Dinner (leisure time)

### **Day 4**

Breakfast (together)

Excursion: Methods of charcoal burning:

a. Rohr im Gebirge: Long charcoal kiln (Köhlerei Peter & Gertrud Wieser)

Visit to the forest (environmental impact)

b. Michelbach:

Visit to a round charcoal kiln (Fam. Hochegger)

Lunch

Workshop in Michelbach (topic: charcoal burning, environmental impact, marketing issues)

Return to hotel (evening)

### **Day 5**

Breakfast (together)

Departure: Shuttle to the railway station

The excursion will take place using a hired bus (no local bus connection to the places of interest available)



Venues for workshops:

