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SP - (15775) - THE AUSTRIAN ECOLOG SCHOOLS NETWORK: RESULTS OF A QUANTITATIVE SURVEY

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Short Abstract

ECOLOG is a programme and network for the greening of schools and education for sustainability in Austria. For 25 years over 600 ECOLOG schools and 10 colleges of teacher education have been integrating an ecological approach into their everyday school life and school development. Throughout the ECOLOG-schools network's existence, a series of evaluations, inquiries, and studies have been produced (Rauch & Pfaffenwimmer, 2020). Based on these evaluations and in order to obtain quantitative data on the implementation of ECOLOG at the participating schools, a questionnaire survey was carried out among 154 coordinators (corresponds to 25% of the ECOLOG schools) in the school year 2018/19, with the aim of deriving relevant measures to support ECOLOG schools. The results show that the co-ordinators anchored the ECOLOG principles in their everyday school life through environmentally conscious actions and the pupils learned how to deal with limited resources. But there is still enough room for improvement for instance with respect to cooperation with out-of-school partners.