

We are working on the social balance

Verein
Wohnen

Office: Kerensstraße 14, 3100 St. Pölten

History and development of Verein Wohnen

„Verein Wohnen“ has been established in **1990**.

The **aim** is, to support people in homelessness or people at risk of losing their homes.

Soon after the establishment there was started an **employment project for transit employees** to integrate them in the job market.

This results in a win-win situation. At the one hand renovation of housing can be accomplished in a low price and at the other hand through having a job there can be worked against homelessness.

The foundation for Verein Wohnen's success is the combination of the creation of housing and the assisted temporary homes.

UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE CREATE LIVING SPACE FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE



Social living in Lower Austria

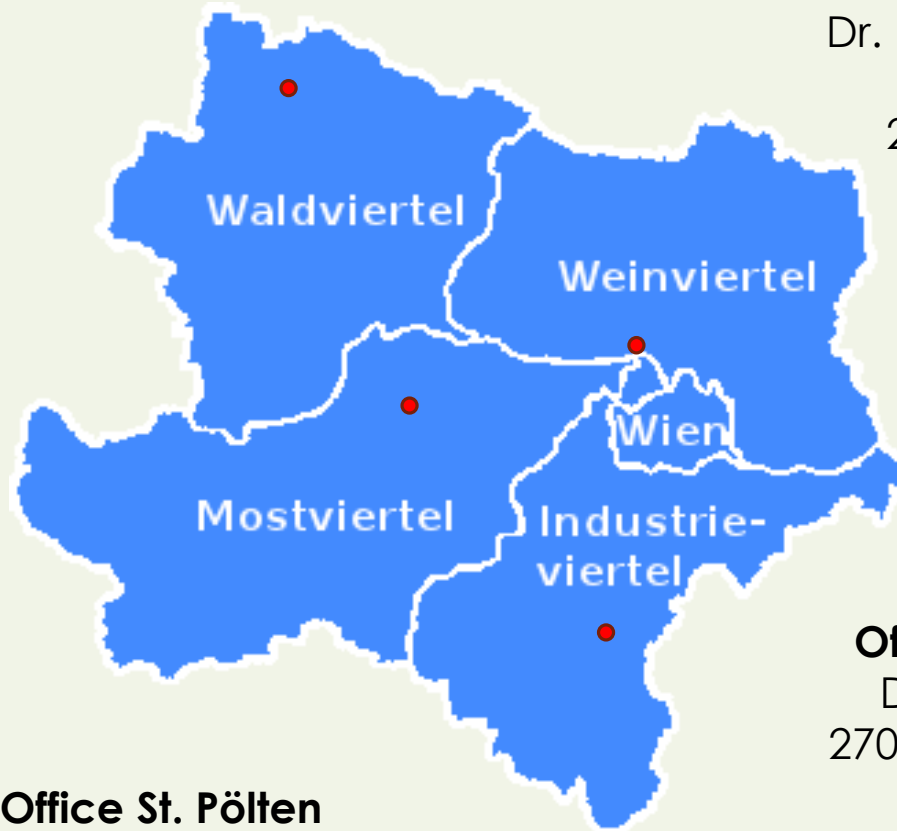
- Establishment Verein Wohnen 1990
 - Many social associations have been established that time
 - Women's shelters
 - Mother-and-child houses
 - Living for people with housing shortage
- Geographically distributed over whole Lower Austria
- Benefits catalogue for people with housing shortage
- Before there were only living places in home institutions
 - Netwo – Network Assistance for homelessness

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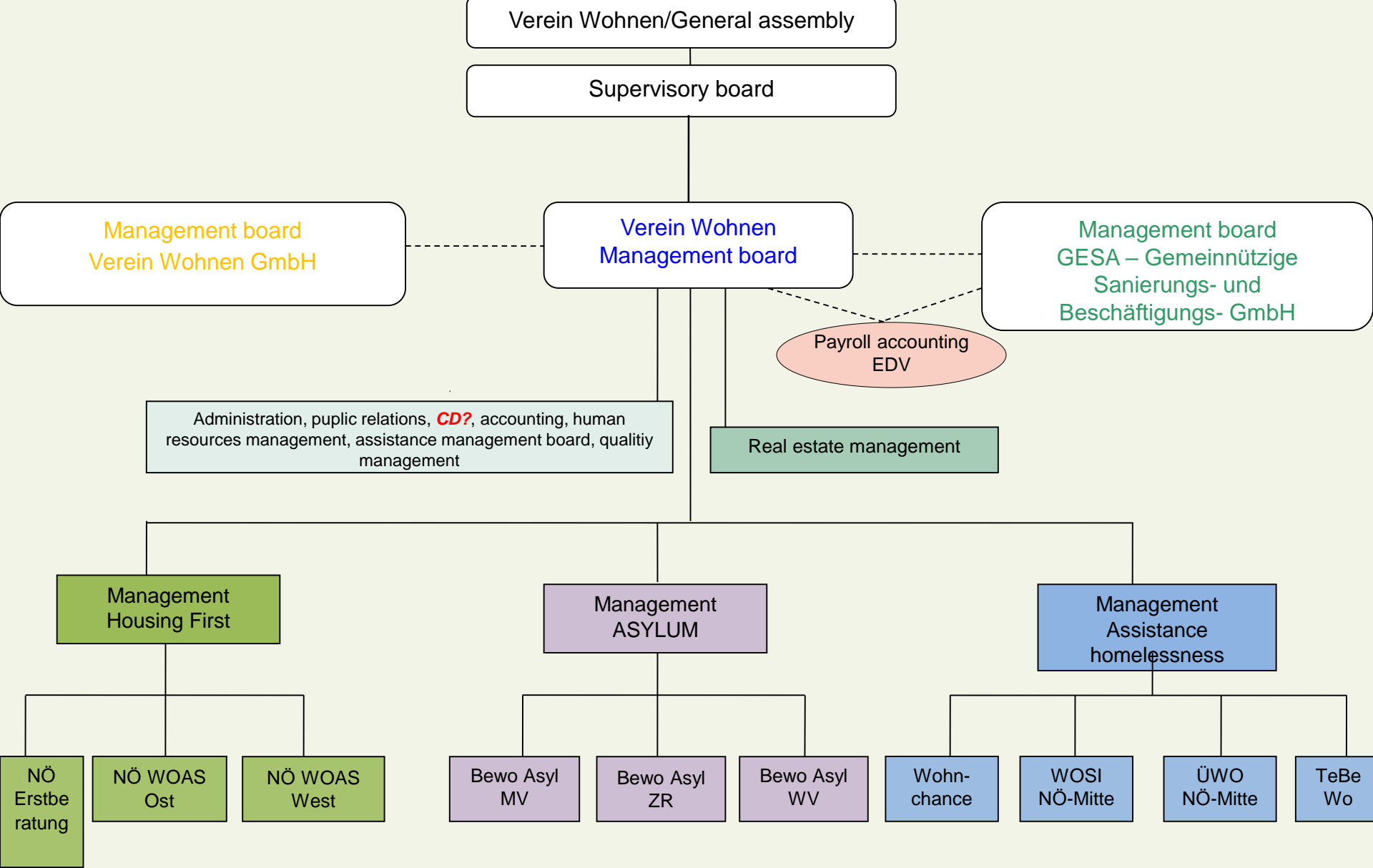


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Supervisory board Verein Wohnen

The supervisory board consists of the following persons:

- Helmut Neidl (president),
- Mag.^a (FH) Irene Schogger (representative president),
- Mag. Susanne Karner (representative president),
- Mag.^a (FH) Christine Haselbacher,
- DSA Maria Hahn,
- DSA Brigitte Kirmann,
- DSA Sonja Stacherl-Hauser,
- Mag. Leopold Dirnegger,
- Mag. (FH) Peter Eigelsreiter,
- Mag. (FH) Franz Purer,
- Mag. Anton Steurer

Houses and unassisted apartments at Verein Wohnen

- Bürgerspitalhauser – 3 houses, 3100 St. Pölten 37 apartments
- Stephan Buger-Gasse, 3100 St. Pölten 5 apartments / old construction
4 apartments / new construction from 05/18
- Goldeggerstraße 3a, 3100 St. Pölten
- Bahnhofstraße 23, 3125 Absdorf 5 apartments
- Weiglstraße/Reuenthalgasse, 3140 Pottenbrunn 11 apartments
- Marktplatz 3, 3233 Kilb 4 apartments
- Hauptstraße 3, 3141 Kapelln 3 apartments
- Kerensstraße 6g, 3100 St. Pölten 1 apartment
- Trautsonstraße 12, 3100 St. Pölten 1 apartment
- Jörgerstr., 3100 St. Pölten 5 apartments
- And many more

Currently Verein Wohnen consists of the following business fields:

- Erstberatung (first consulting by telephone)
- Wohnungssicherung NÖ Mitte (advice center to prevent eviction)
- Wohnchance (intensively assisted temporary homes)
- Übergangswohnen NÖ Mitte (temporary homes for transition periods)
- NÖ Wohnassistenz (transmission of affordable apartments with the support of social work)
- Betreutes Wohnen für Asylwerber (Assisted living for asylum seekers)
- Teilbetreutes Wohnen für Menschen mit intellektueller Behinderung (partially assisted living for people with intellectual disabilities)
- Sozial Bauen und Wohnen - Wohnraumschaffung- und sanierung (social building and living – creating housing space and renovation)

Overview Verein Wohnen

- About **2100 households** received 2017 consultation and support in their emergency situation, which was combined with housing shortage!
- About **1400 people** lived in apartments from Verein Wohnen in 2017! With the support of social work they worked on an improvement of their life situations!

Overview Verein Wohnen

NÖ Erstberatung für Menschen in Wohnungsnot

Catchment area: entire Lower Austria

Offering: first consulting by telephone for people in housing shortage

Consulted households 2017: 1684

Wohnungssicherung NÖ Mitte

Catchment area: district St. Pölten, Lilienfeld, Tulln, Purkersdorf

Target group: people in difficulties with rent payment, who are threatened to lose their house/apartment

Consulted households 2017: 390

Wohnchance

Catchment area: possible for people all over Lower Austria

Offering: 15 living places in 6 apartments in St. Pölten, intensively assisted temporary homes

Number of occupants 2017: 31 people (35,5% women, 35,5% men, 29% children)

Übergangswohnen NÖ Mitte:

Catchment area: people all over Lower Austria

Location: St. Pölten and surrounding

Offering: temporary homes for transition periods for people in housing shortage

Number of occupants 2017: 104 people (36,5% women, 28% men, 35,5% children)

Overview Verein Wohnen

NÖ Wohnassistenz:

Catchment area: people in housing shortage all over Lower Austria

Location: all over Lower Austria, where affordable housing is available

Offering: apartments and support of social work with the possibility to take over the apartment as a main renter

Number of occupants 2017: 654 people (32,1% women, 19,3% men, 48,6% children)

Betreutes Wohnen für AsylwerberInnen:

Assignment: coordination base of the government Lower Austria

Offering: assisted living for asylum seekers

Number of occupants 2017: 559 people

Teilbetreutes Wohnen für Menschen mit intellektueller Behinderung:

Offering: partially assisted and permanent living for people with intellectual disabilities

Location: building in St. Pölten

Number of occupants 2017: 13 people

GESA

Gemeinnützige Sanierungs- und Beschäftigungs GmbH

GESA is offering with their stage model for work and development a wide range for unemployed people with their needs. From hourly, assisted work to transit employment the chances for re-employment in the first job marked can be developed and used with the attention of the personal life situation and the individual performance capacity.

Target group are people

- who are seeking employment for a long period of time
- who are fit for limited employment because of health problems
- who can't find employment because of a handycap

Aims:

- clarification of employability
- stabilisation of the personal life situation
- chances of re-employment
- development of future perspectives
- long-lasting integration in the first job marked

Employees

Verein Wohnen: 85 employees

Gesa: 25 permanent staff
45 transit employees



Guiding principles

- ▶ People, with their dignity and integrity, are in the main focus
- ▶ We see ourselves as companions in our clients specific life situation
- ▶ We stand up for our clients interests and needs in the context of living and work in respect of their individual responsibilities and autonomy.
- ▶ Our work is oriented towards the national and international standards for social work
- ▶ Together with societal groups and social institutions we are a part of the development of the social network in lower Austria.
- ▶ We, as an organisation and as employees, are respecting our limits. According to the sustainability, an attentive dealing with personal and financial resources is „meaningful“ for us.
- ▶ We see ourselves as an innovativ center of competence, which is walking new paths and has a needs-oriented development.

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