

# ELISABETH HÖNIGSBERGER



She has been teaching at the Wine School in Krems, Austria for over 42 years. The school runs its own winery and provides vocational education and training on EQF levels 4 and 6. Her special field is English in the vocational context, consequently publishing the brochure 'English for winelovers'. In addition to being a teacher, she held the position of executive coordinator of the Women Farmers Association and the adviser for the Rural Youth Club in the district of Krems for almost 20 years. She was involved in school development projects and acted as educational coordinator for English teachers in the province of Lower Austria, thus organising numerous in-service teacher-training seminars.

In 1997, she joined the Agricultural Coordination Office (LAKO) to strengthen international relations. She has been President of EUROPEA Austria, the network of training institutions in the green sector and became Secretary General of EUROPEA International, the umbrella organisation with 25 EU member state countries. She has coordinated more than 12 Leonardo da Vinci and Erasmus+ mobility projects for teachers and trainers of Austrian green VET schools. She received the Leonardo da Vinci seal of quality in innovation for the mobility project PEAT, connecting teacher mobility with the production of teaching material in different agricultural sectors. Moreover, she participated as partner or steering group member in numerous international projects such as ALIE, ALIVE, ANGIE 2.0, Digitalis and ERASDG. Topics of these projects were authentic learning in green VET, competences for teachers working in authentic learning, informal learning during work placements abroad, digital challenges in VET and learning approaches to implement several strategic development goals, SDGs. In her Master's Thesis paper (2013) she dealt with the European Qualification Framework in viticultural education. In addition, she was involved in the development of the EUROPEA International student competitions in Forestry and Viticulture & Oenology. In 2018 she was nominated as European of the month October in Austria.