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Alexander Buck studied forestry at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna, and law at the University of Vienna, Austria. He started his professional career at BOKU University where his research focused on forest certification.

From 1998, he was part of a small team which prepared the 4th Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, held in April 2003 in Vienna, Austria. He played a key role in shaping a pan-European approach to national forest programmes (nfps) which has since become one of the most important policy tools of the Forest Europe process.

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