

## CV

Alumni

## Thomas Dworak



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Thomas Dworak worked at Ecologic Institute from 2003 to 2010. From 2003 to 2007, he worked for its Berlin headquarters in the field of water management, particularly with the implementation of water framework directives (WFD), climate change adaptation, agricultural economics and renewable energy. In June 2007, he took over the management of Ecologic Institute's office in Vienna (Austria). Since 2010 he runs his own company [Fresh-Thoughts Consulting GmbH](#) [1] in Vienna. As a native Austrian, he works in both German and English.

Thomas Dworak's work focuses on:

- **Water and Agriculture:** Thomas Dworak is a regular advisor to the European Commission, where he is preparing several scientific expert opinion reports. He was the leader of the EU-sponsored research project [Water Framework Directive meets Common Agricultural Policy - Opportunities for the Future \(CAP & WFD\)](#) [2]. In his research on this topic, he paid particular attention to the regions of the Baltic and Black Seas.
- **Water Scarcity and Drought:** Thomas Dworak was the head author of the study "Report on EU water saving potential," which contributed greatly to communication within Europe. This was followed by further studies spanning both technical and economic aspects of water conservation.
- **Implementation of WFDs:** In this field, he dealt with issues such as the monitoring of water bodies, water prices, strongly modified water bodies, exceptional cases, impact assessments, agriculture and water as well as effects of climate change on water management. His work was carried out on the European level as well as within several Member States. In addition, Thomas also collaborated with the [International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River](#) [3] (ICPDR).
- **Bioenergy:** Thomas Dworak initiated, negotiated and organised the project [Backgrounds and effects of EU bioenergy policies \(AGRINERGY\)](#) [4], one of the EU's first projects on this issue. Through this project, he established this new field of research at Ecologic Institute.
- **Climate Change:** In addition to his project work, the development of a [manual for establishing regional](#)

[adaptation strategies](#) [5] constituted a core element of his work.

Before joining Ecologic Institute, Thomas Dworak worked for the [Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy](#) [6], first in the research group "Eco-Efficiency & Sustainable Enterprises" and then in the department for climate policy. There he focused on sustainable water management, organic farming, information technologies and sustainable development.

From 1994 to 2000, Thomas Dworak studied landscape architecture at the [University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna](#) [7] (Austria) and at the [Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences](#) [8] (SLU) in Alnarp (Sweden). There his focus was on waste management and water protection. In 2002, he was also certified as a waste management advisor under Austrian law at the Vienna University of Economics and Business.

Thomas Dworak is presently writing his doctoral dissertation at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (Austria) to provide an "Assessment and economic analysis of different measures to reduce water pollution under the terms of the EU Water Framework Directive" in co-operation with the water division of the [Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management](#) [9].

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