

## Declaration of the Benediktbeuern Oberland Economic Forum

### Sustainable economic activity in Upper Bavaria

#### Preamble

Based on regional basic values concerning nature and homeland on the one hand, and worldwide interdependence on the other, the Economic Forum Oberland developed the following sustainability declaration:

We commit ourselves to preserving and strengthening the natural basis of existence in Upper Bavaria in order to secure and further develop the welfare of the people who live and work here and for the future. We aim to meet the regional challenges which are a result of the global shortage of resources. With this, we intend to make Upper Bavaria a model region of sustainability in Germany. To this end, we want to create and promote the essential prerequisites:

#### Secure energy supply:

We adopt the aim of Bürgerstiftung Energiewende Oberland to be independent of fossil fuels from 2035 on, and switch to the consistent use of existing saving and efficiency potentials in energy consumption as well as the exclusive use of renewable, regional resources. By using domestic energy sources, we will become more independent of increasingly insecure and cost-driven external energy supply.

#### Regional Recycling economy:

We also follow our experience that prevention is better than cure when it comes to the water supply and all other raw materials. We increase the regional security of supply by intelligent internal and external resource management and by expanding

recycling and waste management. This includes using raw materials more efficiently, processing waste in order to recycle it and significantly reducing consumption from now on.

### **Motivated people:**

We strengthen ecological, economic and social regional potential for innovation by including all parties in the proceedings: employees, suppliers, customers, schools, policy makers and companies. We generate corporate cultures and incentive schemes that ensure the implementation of our sustainability goals. We strengthen the competence and personal responsibility of our employees and take care of their health and security.

### **Increased competitiveness:**

With these measures we safeguard our companies and region against crisis and permanently ensure our working bases and our livelihoods. By responsibly creating value, we will take advantage of our business opportunities to achieve profitable growth. By doing so, we intend to take a pioneering role in our markets and set a clear example for the extraordinary quality of the business location Upper Bavaria.

### **Implementation**

We commit ourselves to define clear goals and to control and record their achievement. We aim to publish the progress in sustainability reports.

Economic Forum (Wirtschaftsforum) Oberland, ARGE 21 Umwelt, Energiewende Oberland and Lernende Region provide support to companies and communities in the creation and expansion of networks for sustainable economics.