

List ordinary members

With reasons for their respective positions.

Arne Knöchel

Arne is a sporty environmental activist who became a founding member out of conviction in the cause. He was the managing director of the cooperative for some time.

Andreas Renner

Andres is a social entrepreneur with heart and soul. He is currently CEO at Gexsi and supported the cooperative as a founding member and former executive board member until a few years ago.

Andreas Eke

Andreas is a geographer and Latin American migrant. Since he has lived in Panama for over 30 years, he now knows his way around very well. Together with Iliana, he developed the Generation Forest Principle. No wonder, then, that as a founding member he also became Chairman of the Board. Andreas has been an Ashoka Fellow since 2020.

Iliana Armien

Iliana is a forester, forest engineer and specialist in native tree species. Together with Andreas Eke, she developed the Generation Forest Principle. She is a founding member and currently covers all reforestation issues on the board of the cooperative.

Georg Doll

Georg is a founding member of the cooperative. With his experience in international controlling, he was a great fit as a member of the Supervisory Board. Since 2019, however, he can only be found in the circles of ordinary members.

Dr. Hans Joachim Bellmann

Hans Joachim is also a founding member. He has experience through his work at GTZ Panama and, as an FSC certifier and doctor of forestry, brings optimal background knowledge to the Supervisory Board.

Dr. Verena Sander Le Gall

Verena is a geographer specializing in natural resource management and indigenous peoples of Latin America. She is both a founding and supervisory board member with us.



André Marius Le Prince

André is a founding member. As an auditor, lawyer and structural provider of social enterprises, he forms the perfect supervisory board chair for us.

Tania Eke

Tania is a social scientist, currently completing her MBA and an activist. She grew up in Panama and is also a founding member of our cooperative.

Dr. Mathias Hein

Mathias is a founding member with us and part of the board. Besides the cooperative, Mathias is a political scientist and consultant for corporate and human resources development.

Christian Weisser

Christian is one of our founding members. He is a systems ecologist, entrepreneur and has reforested his own forest with native tree species in Costa Rica. Christian is also an environmental and regional planner in Germany.

HSA Invest (Armingeon family)

HSA Invest is our first major investor in the cooperative. The Armingeon family is internationally involved in philanthropy. The father, Werner Armingeon is a former entrepreneur.

Niklas Veltmann

Niklas is one of our founding members. He is an environmental scientist and currently a student of tropical forestry. Niklas has actively supported the cooperative as an employee from the beginning.

Keith Eisenstadt

Forest scientist (YALE University), CO2 and climate specialist, international consultant, and brings extensive Latin American knowledge.

Anke Warneke

Anke has a special eye on social conditions with us. She works in the social and educational sector in Germany.

Axel Kleinefenn

Axel is a member of the Supervisory Board. He is a geographer and experienced real estate fund manager.

Stéphane Le Gall

Stéphane is a dedicated youth social worker and was one of the cooperative's first employees.



Albrecht von Sonntag

Albrecht is considered an experienced founder who is involved in many social and environmental initiatives.

Andreas Hartwieg

Andreas is a founding partner in Germany and specializes in ecological financial service providers.

Christian Meyer Glitzer

Christian has worked in wood processing for several years, is a wood lover and an expert on the current sustainable wood market.

Nepada Wildlife e.V.

Nepada Wildlife e.V., represented by Hannah Emde, campaigns for the protection of species and raises awareness about the loss of biodiversity. Hannah is an expert in the flora and fauna of the tropics and thus covers a great need in this area of the cooperative.

Yannick Müller

Yannick is a climate protector and works as an ambassador for the cooperative. As a trained banker, he is convinced not only by the social and ecological impact, but also by the economic concept of the cooperative.

Markus Mann

Markus has a lot of experience in forestry due to a long-standing family business. He operates the first large-scale wood pellet plant in Germany, as well as the associated sawmill. In addition, he is active in forestry cooperatives in his home region and is the founder of an energy cooperative, where he is one of the board members.