



List of full members

with reasons for their respective positions.

Arne Knöchel

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

Andreas Renner

Andreas is a social entrepreneur with passion. He is currently CEO of Gexsi and supported the cooperative as a founding member and former managing director until a few years ago.

Andreas Eke

Andreas is a geographer and has made Latin America his new home. He has been living in Panama for over 30 years, so he now knows his way around very well. Together with Iliana, he developed the generational forest principle. Andreas has been an Ashoka Fellow since 2020. He was on the cooperative's board of directors until mid-2023 and served as its chair for many years. In August 2023, he will move to the supervisory board to continue contributing his expertise.

Iliana Armien

Iliana is a forester, forest engineer and specialist in native tree species. Together with Andreas Eke, she developed the generational forest principle. She is a founding member and covers all reforestation issues. She was on the cooperative's board of directors until mid-2023.

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 the ordinary members.

Dr Hans Joachim Bellmann

Hans Joachim is also a founding member. He has experience working for GTZ in Panama and as an FSC certifier and doctor of forestry, has the ideal background knowledge.

Dr Verena Le Gall

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

André Marius Le Prince

André is a founding member. As a chartered accountant, lawyer and provider of structures for social enterprises, he is able to advise the cooperative very well. André served on the cooperative's supervisory board until the beginning of 2023 and chaired it.

Tania Eke

Tania is a social scientist and MBA graduate, as well as an activist. She grew up in Panama and is also a founding member of our cooperative.



Dr Mathias Hein

Mathias is a founding member of our cooperative and part of the board. He has been chairman of the board since mid-2023. In addition to the cooperative, Mathias is a political scientist and consultant for corporate and personnel 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 has a degree in tropical forestry. Niklas now works as a forestry consultant. As an employee of the cooperative, he has actively supported us from the very beginning.

Keith Eisenstadt

Forestry scientist (YALE University), CO2 and climate specialist, international consultant and brings extensive knowledge of Latin America to the table.

Anke Warneke

Anke has a special eye for social conditions in our organisation. She works in the social and educational sector in Germany.

Axel Kleinfenn

Axel is a member of the supervisory board. He is a geographer and an experienced real estate fund manager.

Stéphane Le Gall

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

Albrecht von Sonntag

Albrecht is an experienced entrepreneur who is involved in many social and ecological initiatives.

Andreas Hartweg

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

Christian Meyer Glitzer

Christian has been working in wood processing for several years. He is a wood enthusiast and an expert on the current sustainable timber market.

Nepada Wildlife e.V.

Nepada Wildlife e.V., represented by Hannah Emde, is committed to the protection of species and raises awareness of the loss of biodiversity. Hannah is an expert in the field of flora and fauna in 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 not only convinced by the social and ecological impact, but also by the cooperative's economic concept.

Markus Mann

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

Kasimir M. Philipp

Kasimir is a scientist and conservationist with a wide range of interests. He volunteers for climate protection in the Bergwaldprojekt e.V. and in environmental education. He joined the cooperative out of conviction, as he sees the long-term economically viable legal form as a guarantee for achieving the social and ecological goals in Panama.

Raphael Schniedertüns

Raphael studied economics with a focus on marketing and currently manages a distance learning institute for professional development. He supports the cooperative in a wide range of areas, such as advertising and cooperation.

Kirsten Lindnthal

Kirsten has been committed to sustainability and environmental protection since her time at high school. After working in medicine, she completed a Master of Education and integrated the 17 ESD goals into her teaching. She also supports other organisations such as Greenpeace and NABU in addition to the cooperative.

Arne Sybrandts

Arne is a graduate economist and geographer with a focus on biology. He finds both areas reflected in the cooperative's approach and has been working for it for several years.

Wiegand Liesegang

Wiegand is an experienced IT expert and long-time executive with a focus on information and AI systems. He brings his more than 30 years of experience in the IT industry - gained as a consultant, project manager, and public expert - to the cooperative.

Ulrich Fürst

Ulrich works in environmental analysis and also has the opportunity to make a sustainable impact as an investor. As a father of five children, the future is particularly important to him. Without an intact environment, there can be no healthy development for humans. Asking questions often means finding new solutions.

Anja Kramer

Anja is a biology teacher and qualified as a Master of Environmental Education in Australia. She has been a member since 2022; since 2024, she has been regularly volunteering to support our Hamburg-based cooperative team with office work and questions about schools and teaching.



Lucas Schäfer

Lucas has been an ambassador for the cooperative since 2018. As managing director of the environmental association BUND, long-time head of fundraising, and trained economist, he brings extensive experience in non-profit governance and member mobilization to the table.

Thomas Koch

Thomas was Global Chief Engineer for project management in the R&D department. He now wants to use his experience to primarily support the development of sustainable projects.

Niklas Krämer

Niklas already had TGF as a guest on his podcast "Finance 4Future" in 2022 on the topic of sustainable finance and impact investing. He is an investment advisor and asset manager with a focus on sustainable shareholder rights, based in Berlin.

Philipp Langenstück

Philipp has been actively involved in environmental and climate protection for many years, including volunteering with Greenpeace and as a member of several sustainable cooperatives. He is convinced by the combination of ecological responsibility and solidarity-based economic activity.

Julian Müller

Julian studied civil engineering and economics and lives by the cooperative principle in his main profession as well. He loves the forest and is fascinated by ecological relationships. That is why he is deeply convinced by the work of The Generation Forest.