Linz's Building-Greening Rules & Subsidy — Green-Roof Duty in Zoning Plans, but an Audit Found Only Four Grants Paid (Austria)

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Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Linz has required green roofs in zoning plans for decades and in 2019 moved to extend a >100 m² green-roof rule to 1,000+ plans. Yet Austria's Court of Audit (2021) found its 2019 greening subsidy paid just 4 grants (€4,266) by Oct 2020.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-20

City of Linz (Magistrat Linz) — accessed 2026-11-20

Austrian Court of Audit — Anpassung an den Klimawandel in der Stadt Linz (2021) — accessed 2026-11-20

Tips Linz — 1,000 zoning plans to be changed for greener roofs (Nov 2019) — accessed 2026-11-20

City of Linz — façade and roof greening subsidy — accessed 2026-11-20

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