

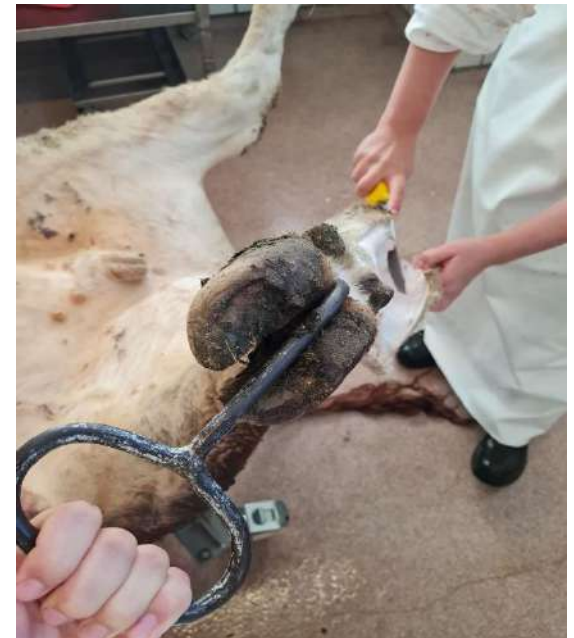
Partial-mobile slaughter in Austria

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Intitiative for stress-free on-farm slaughter on the Koralm

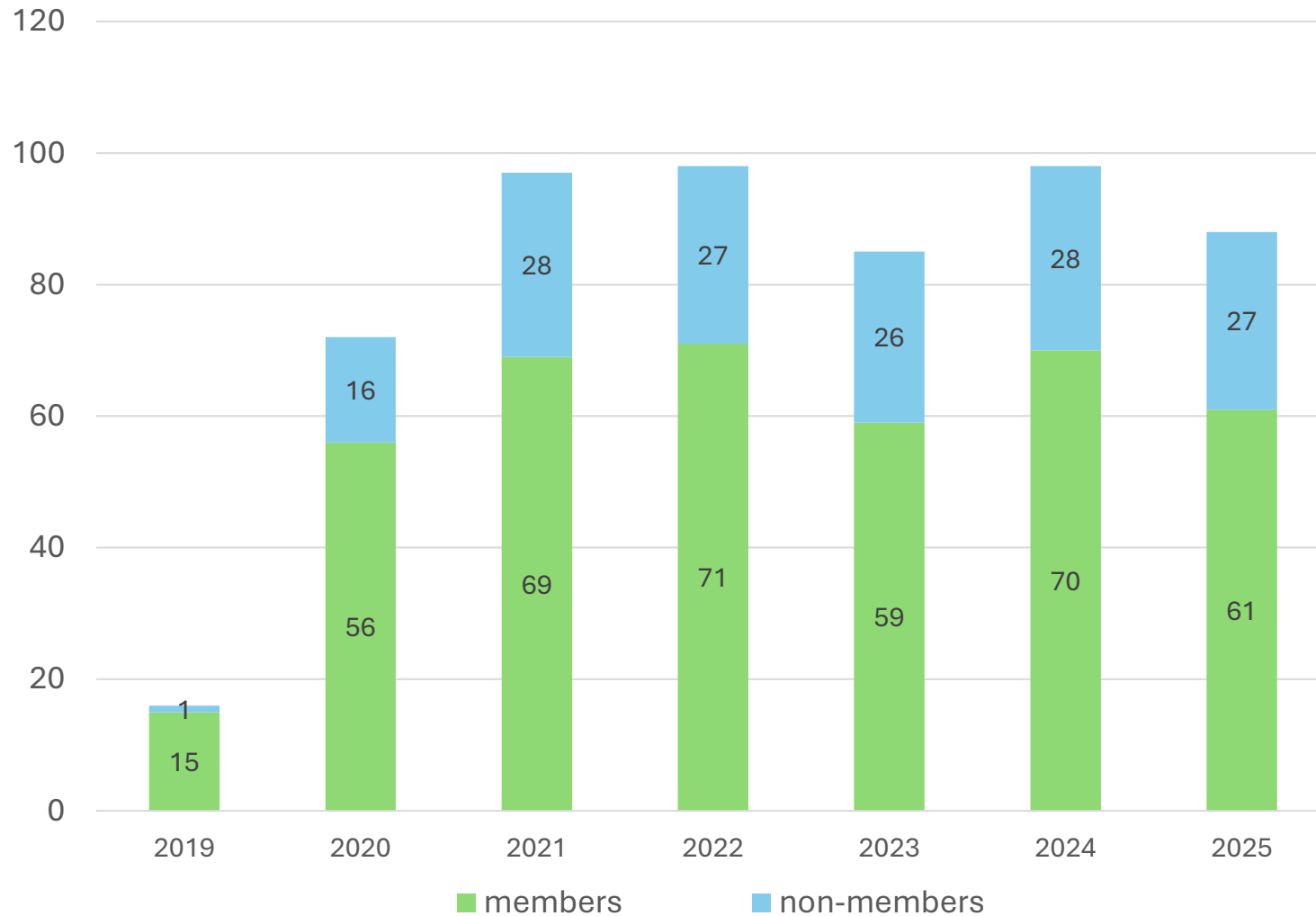
- 12 organic family farms, direct-selling beef, small scale
 - 2 farms also own slaughterhouse
- Aim: alternative way of slaughter for cattle
 - Reduce stress, injury risks
- Built trailer together with regional company
 - LEADER-funding
 - Costs split up (each member owns share)



Mobile slaughter trailer



Slaughter numbers of the initiative



- Average:
 - 90 animals/year
 - 7 animals/month
- 554 animals (2019-2025)



Slaughtering process

Stunning





Bleeding in mobile slaughter trailer



Transport to slaughterhouse



Processing



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Legal requirements in Austria I

- People performing slaughter → certificate of competence
- 3 required documents
 - Application for an extension of the slaughterhouse's authorization
 - Application for approval of on-farm slaughter by farmer
 - Written agreement between the slaughterhouse operator and farmer
- Applications for approval must be submitted to the veterinary department of the relevant federal state government

Legal requirements in Austria II

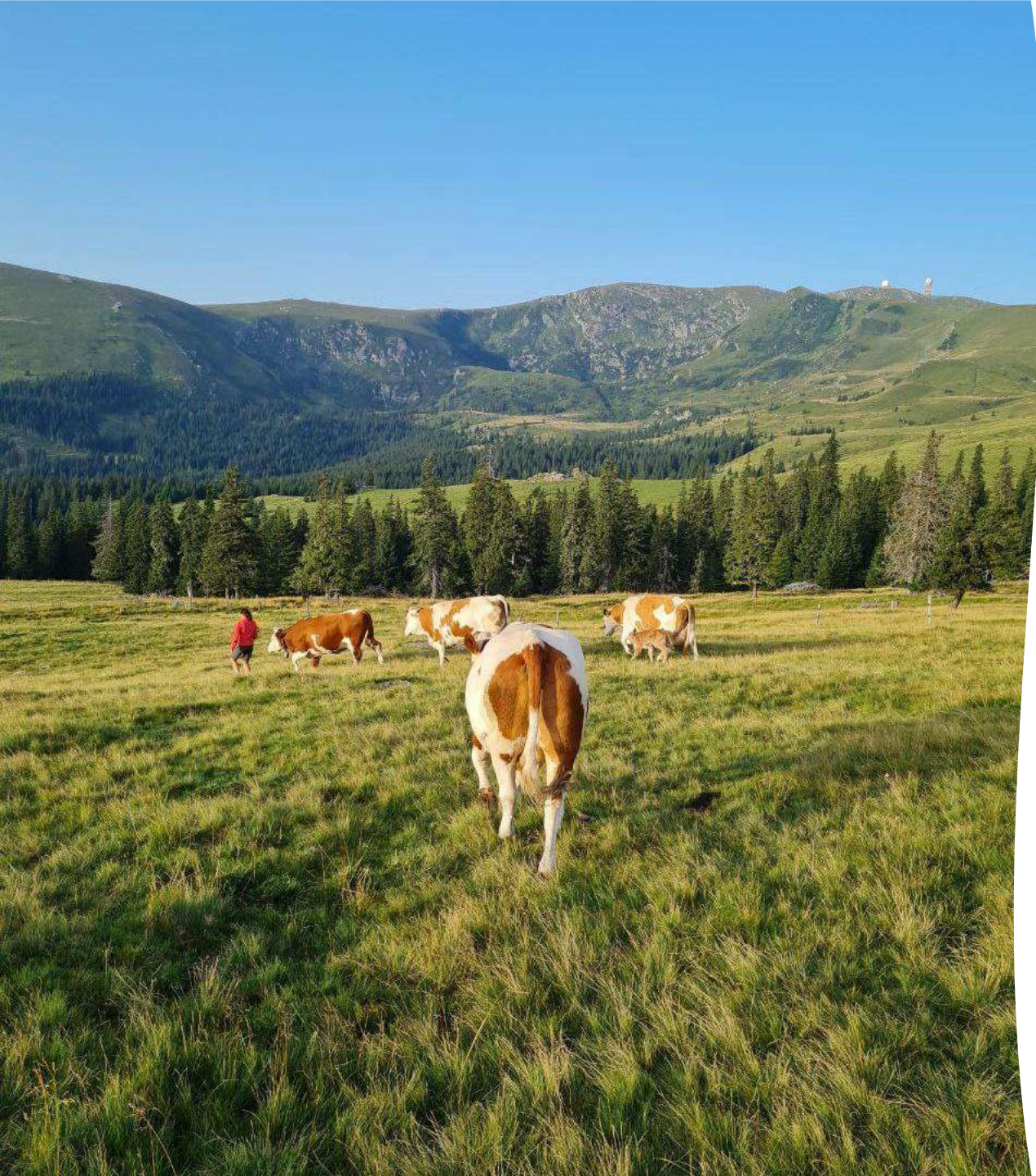
In 2021 amendments to Annex III of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004

- Max. 3 domestic cattle, 6 domestic pigs, 3 equines, 9 sheep/goats per slaughter run
- Animal secured for stunning
 - Securing device available on-site or provided by the slaughterhouse operator
- Bleeding in a mobile unit or outdoors (special permit)
 - Blood must be collected
- Transport: 2 hours between stunning and arrival at the slaughterhouse
- Mandatory presence of a veterinarian during the slaughter process
 - Notify at least 3 business days in advance

Requirements for mobile slaughter unit

- Approval granted only as an extension of an existing slaughterhouse
 - Blood collection tank
 - Handwashing station
 - Liquid-tight
 - Cleaning/disinfection after each slaughter
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- Use of multiple animal husbandry and slaughter facilities permitted





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