

GRÜNDONNERSTAG / GREEN THURSDAY

What does Gründonnerstag mean in Austria?

Searches for the word 'Gründonnerstag' spiked overnight due to eastern Austria's lockdown - but what exactly does the term mean?



Austrian Health Minister Rudolf Anschober referred to “Gründonnerstag” as the starting day for restrictions in the east Austrian states of Vienna, Burgenland and Lower Austria on Wednesday night.

The declaration sent many people scrambling for the internet to try and work out what exactly ‘Green Thursday’ meant – and when it was.

Exponentieller Anstieg bei [#Gründonnerstag](#) Suchanfragen auf Google pic.twitter.com/NQ3stJRc4D

– Radio FM4 (@radiofm4) [March 24, 2021](#)

Austria’s FM4 station posted this image joking the use of the word had prompted a spike in Google searches for “Gründonnerstag” as the rest of the world tried to work out what exactly Anschober was talking about.