



## Supporting international projects

EnergyAgency.NRW is also acting in a supportive role internationally, setting up regulations and measures for environmental protection, and the implementation and promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

We support benchmarking processes and the setup of institutions for the development and support of regenerative energy.

## Pioneers in new markets

Another important element of the work of EnergyAgency.NRW in the foreign trade area is the internationalisation of the North Rhine-Westphalia based renewable energy industry. At events home and abroad, exchanges, business trips and joint stands at international trade shows, we support the industry as it enters new markets, and give companies a platform to present their products and services.

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## North Rhine-Westphalia – from energy state no. 1 to climate protection state no. 1

Around a third of Germany's power requirement is produced in North Rhine-Westphalia. Of this, three quarters is derived from the greenhouse gas intensive energy sources black coal and lignite. This means the state is responsible for a third of all German greenhouse gas emissions. So the economic and industry hub NRW has a particular part to play in climate protection.

In 2012 the state government took on this responsibility and passed the first climate protection act in Germany, and so laid down in law the aim of a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. By 2020, greenhouse gas emissions should be 25 % lower than the base year 1990, and a reduction of 80 % should be achieved by 2050. The main elements of the Climate Protection Act are the Climate Protection Plan and the Climate Protection Start Program, with measures for climate protection and adaptation to climate change.



You can find more information about the EnergyAgency.NRW and the Energy State North Rhine-Westphalia on our homepage:  
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## EnergyAgency.NRW – a link to the world of politics

Acting for the state government, the EnergieAgentur.NRW (EnergyAgency.NRW) makes a significant contribution to the development and implementation of the climate protection objectives. In consultancy and executive functions, we work very closely with the ministries responsible for climate protection, science and energy. At the same time, we ensure an increased flow of information between politics, research and science in order to guarantee a smooth innovation process, and to identify market potential in the area of renewable energy and energy efficiency. We also provide information about this, and show how to exploit the benefits.

Transferring this know-how in the area of climate protection and energy transition to other countries is an important pillar of our work. Over many years, the Foreign Affairs Division at the EnergyAgency.NRW have fostered good relationships with institutions and authorities in the energy and environmental area worldwide.

## Delegation inquiries – mediation in Best Practice projects

Over 20 inquiries from foreign delegations arrive at the EnergyAgency.NRW every year. The aim of these technical or political groups is to get to know the processes in industrial North Rhine-Westphalia with regard to implementation of the energy transition and the aims of climate protection, and to adopt this at home where appropriate.

As a pioneer in the area of energy change and climate protection, North Rhine-Westphalia can suggest numerous best practice projects. The EnergyAgency.NRW is the first port of call to present the political and economic framework in the state, and can facilitate contacts to model projects such as climate protection communities, energy efficient companies and other best practice projects all round the area of energy transition.

