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## The EnergyAgency.NRW

### Service provider of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia in all energy matters

The **EnergyAgency.NRW** is - on behalf of the State Government of North Rhine-Westphalia – an operational platform with wide-ranging competence in the energy domain: from the all-through funding of research, technical development, demonstration and market launch to energy consultancy and continuous vocational training. In times of continuously rising energy prices, it is more important than ever before to forge ahead with the development of innovative energy technologies in NRW and to indicate, from an impartial standpoint, ways in order to support companies, local authorities, private households to handle the increasingly precious asset of energy more economically and to make meaningful use of renewable energies. The EnergyAgency.NRW will, by means of Competence Networks, offer companies in NRW platforms for strategic alliances. Furthermore, energy consultancy services will be provided in the form of initial and contracting consulting for companies and administrations as well as information and continuous training services for specialists and private households. The *Agency's* fields of work also include seminars to make the people using electric and electronic devices and facilities more aware of the saving potentials of the rational use of energy.

In the focal areas of "Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies for Companies and Local Authorities", "Energy Efficient and Solar Construction", "Innovative Power Plants", "Biomass", "Fuels and Drive Systems of the Future", "Fuel Cells and Hydrogen " and "Solar Energy", great efforts are made to advance technological innovations and to forge ahead with know-how transfer between science and industry. Moreover a comprehensive range of consultancy and continuous training services are offered and companies from NRW are supported in specific matters of foreign trade. The EnergyAgency.NRW therefore is available as a central contact point for all matters related to the subject-matter of energy.

Selected instruments of the EnergyAgency.NRW:

In **Competence Networks** for companies, higher education institutions and research centres, the activities of the EnergyAgency.NRW are concentrated on forging ahead with innovation processes in NRW, paving the way for co-operations and operational alliances and for speeding up market launches for innovative products nationally and internationally.

By providing **initial consultancy**, engineers from the EnergyAgency.NRW

pass on information on energy weak spots – from facility management to production processes, from the heating system and heat recovery to insulation against heat and cold in large factory shops, from leak detection to the development of energy concepts. The engineers give advice on the possibility of obtaining funds, they help companies to reduce energy costs and thus help enhance competitiveness.

**Continuous training in energy:** The EnergyAgency.NRW offers a series of continuous training seminars – including seminars for end-consumers. About 50 seminars have been developed for the use by continuous training institutions, energy supply utilities, federations, institutions of higher education, local authorities and companies in NRW. As part of the activities in vocational training, the "E-fit" campaign weeks are also offered for company workforces. With its energy knowledge portal, the EnergyAgency.NRW provides an on-line platform to facilitate basic and continuous vocational training on the Internet, too.

State-wide **campaigns** such as "My House saves Energy" ( [www.mein-haus-spart.de](http://www.mein-haus-spart.de) ), "50 Solar energy estates NRW" ( [www.50solarsiedlungen.de](http://www.50solarsiedlungen.de) ), the new "Photovoltaics Campaign NRW" ( [www.photovoltaik.nrw.de](http://www.photovoltaik.nrw.de) ) and the "Wood Pellets Campaign" ( [www.aktion-holzpellets.de](http://www.aktion-holzpellets.de) ) or the "NRW Heat Pump Marketplace" ( [www.waermepumpen-marktplatz-nrw.de](http://www.waermepumpen-marktplatz-nrw.de) ) are intended to promote energy saving and innovative heating technologies in NRW.

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