



SECURING THE FUTURE OF WIND ENERGY

BWE offers you ...

exceptional expertise
in wind energy

forward-looking
representation of interests

professional media and
public relations

strong networks
and further training



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A RELIABLE FRAMEWORK FOR WIND ENERGY

If your company is involved in the wind energy industry, then the German Wind Energy Association (BWE) is the ideal partner for you. As one of the largest renewable energy associations in the world, the BWE promotes both a stable regulatory framework for wind energy in Germany and the best possible use of wind power – and therefore represents your interests.

Together with international associations like WindEurope, the Global Wind Energy Council and the World Wind Energy Association, BWE staff and committees work on the national and international development of wind energy. And that makes sense – because ultimately, the wind energy industry is the mainstay of the energy transition. The BWE and its members are doing everything possible to ensure that the success story of the energy transition continues, and that 100 percent renewable energy becomes a reality in Germany. Climate change, the

non-renewable nature of fossil fuels and the growing hunger for energy make a forward-looking energy policy imperative. The BWE is committed to ensuring that wind energy remains at the centre of political decision-making. More than 30,000 onshore and offshore turbines now supply Germany with clean and secure energy. The BWE has played a major role in this since its foundation in 1996. Together we can make the energy transition happen.

Benefit from the BWE's expertise, its professional press and public relations work and its strong training programmes. The BWE is your political representation in Berlin, the federal states and in Brussels.

Become a member now!

Forward-looking policies



Berlin's Government District – the political centre of the city

POLICY WORK: THE CORE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES

One of the association's key tasks is to develop the diverse individual interests of its members into coherent technical and political positions. The opinion-forming processes required for this are controlled and anchored in the Policy Department, which brings together the activities of various departments.

The Energy Economics Department coordinates and builds on political and technical expertise regarding the operation of wind turbines as well as issues related to the overall system and its regulatory framework. The Legal Department works closely with the Legal Advisory Board to evaluate draft legislation from a legal perspective or formulate legally sound legislative proposals. During this evaluation and development of positions, the Energy Economics Department and the Legal Department maintain close contact with various federal ministries.

The Government Relations Unit acts as a reliable point of contact for Berlin's political circles, facilitating communication with political stakeholders.

The Communications and Federal States Department combines technical work with the support of expert committees. As well as dealing with technical issues such as planning, permitting and financing, and together with nature and species conservation, the department's focus is communication in a cross-cutting approach.

The BWE's Policy Department is characterised by its unique personnel, expertise and political assertiveness, which ensure it holds a prominent position in the renewable energy sector.

Forward-looking policies



Kristina Hermann (third from left) welcomes a delegation from the Green Party faction of the Baden-Württemberg state parliament.

Political work of the BWE

Government relations

- Discussions in the Bundestag and the federal parliaments
- Collaboration and exchange with ministries
- Escorting delegations
- Political correspondence

Events

- Parliamentary breakfasts and dinners
- Thematic workshops
- Expert speeches at events
- Meetings of the Energy Policy Working Group

Publications

- Statements
- Key issue and position papers
- Commissioning studies and expert opinions
- Templates for the work of the Executive Board
- Key dates onshore/offshore
- Information papers

Partnerships

- German Renewable Energy Federation (BEE)
- WindEurope
- World Wind Energy Association (WWEA)
- German Engineering Federation (VDMA)
- Onshore Wind Energy Agency (FA Wind)

The BWE promotes:

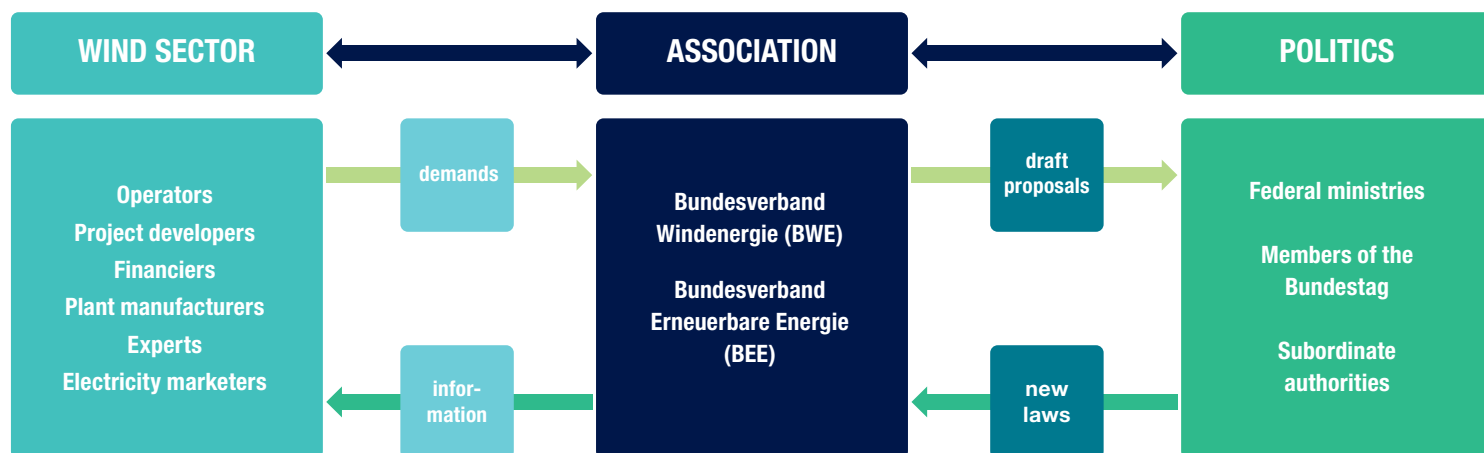
- priority for grid feed-in of electricity from wind and other distributed renewables.
- comprehensive privileges for wind energy use in building and spatial planning law.
- extensive, decentralised use of existing wind potential.
- democratic production and marketing structures with special consideration for small and medium-sized enterprises and the local population.

Forward-looking policies



BWE President B. Heidebroek and Minister-President of the State of Schleswig-Holstein Daniel Günther

LINKING THE WIND INDUSTRY AND POLICYMAKING





Forward-looking policies

POLICYBRIEFING

The BWE PolicyBriefing, which is open to all interested parties, provides a monthly insight into the current status of key industry issues. In particular, it reports on the progress of discussions on legislative proposals and when to expect results.

In the webinars, Wolfram Axthelm provides information on the latest developments and, following an update on the political situation, answers many questions in direct dialogue with the industry. The briefings take place

online and occasionally at the trade fairs in Husum or Hamburg. On average, more than 2,500 people attend the PolicyBriefings. The presentations from the briefings are available for download from the restricted area on the BWE website as a service to our members.

Together for 100 percent

- The BWE is the driving force behind strong inter-association collaboration. It works closely with other renewable energy associations, both geographically and professionally.
- The BWE is represented in the Executive Committee of the German Renewable Energy Federation (Bundesverband Erneuerbare Energie, BEE).
- Our goal is 100 percent renewable energy for electricity, heat and transport.

Strong expert committees



Expert Advisory Board field trip to Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy



Bettina Wilkening from the Nature Protection Advisory Board speakers' circle

OUR STRENGTH IS OUR SKILLS

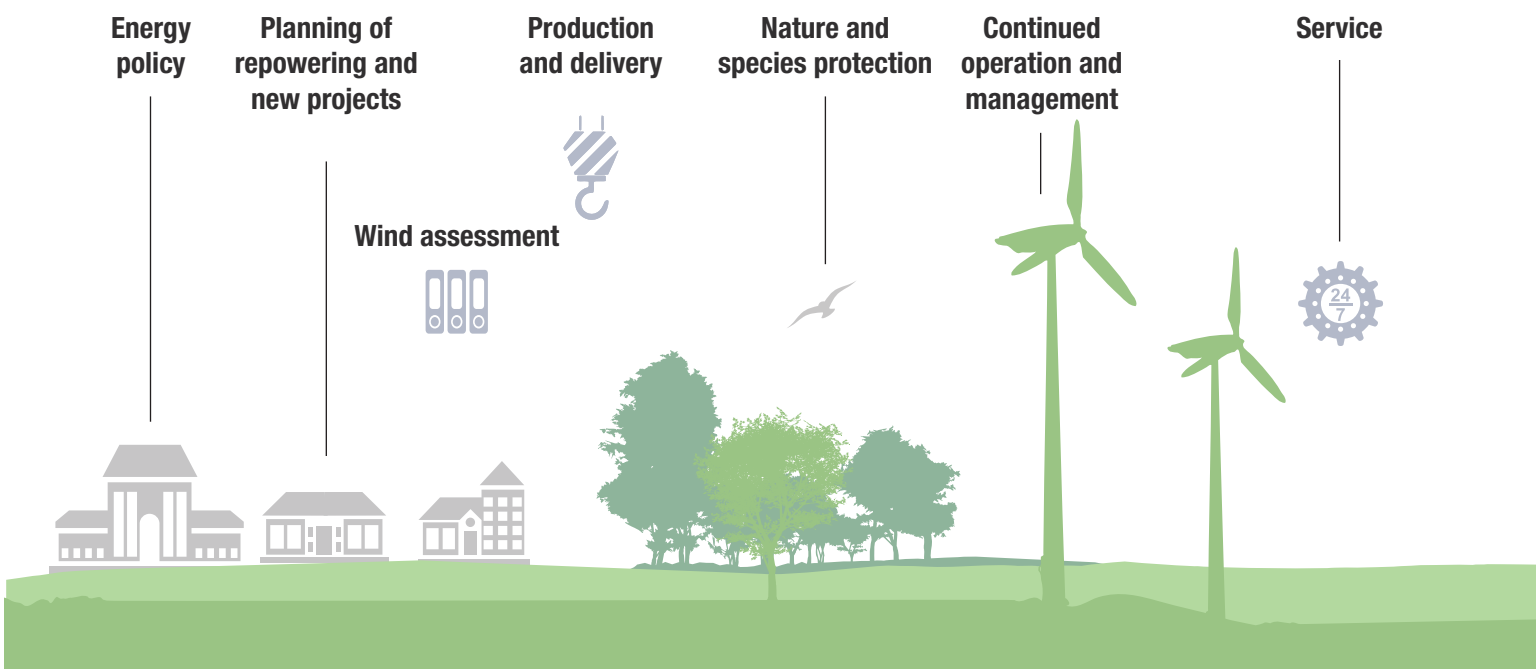
Members from various professions and having various functions are organised into advisory boards and working groups. The members bring their expertise and experience to specific issues. They develop common positions and actively shape the BWE's policies. The chairpersons of the advisory boards are elected to the Executive Board and represent the expert committees – thus ensuring the professional basis of the association's positions.

There are currently ten advisory boards and eight working groups representing the full range of issues and value chains of the wind industry. These are the cornerstones of the BWE. As new issues arise, the BWE can quickly establish new working groups, which, in turn, can

respond rapidly and bring in external experts.

Each advisory board and working group is supported by a competent professional advisor from the association. Advisory board membership is by application and in accordance with the rules of procedure. Information on how to participate in BWE expert committees, including contact details, can be found on the website:

www.wind-energie.de/verband/fachgremien.





Operator forum at the trade fair in Husum, Germany



Communications Advisory Board

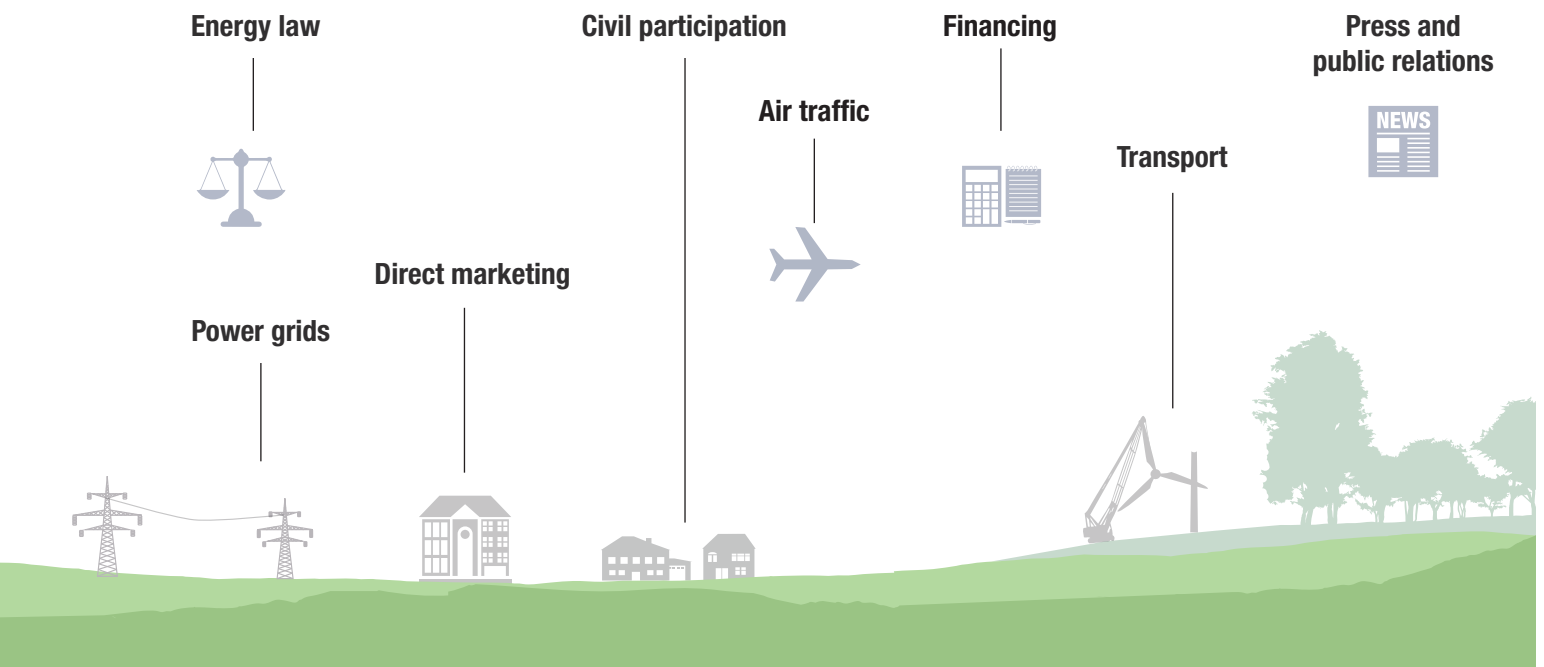
Strong expert committees

Wind turbines registered with the BWE



There are currently
8,032 wind turbines with
16,656 megawatts registered

(as of June 2026)



BWE EXPERT COMMITTEES BY THEME

The crucial part of the internal opinion-forming process, which is closely linked to the association's position finding, takes place in the BWE's expert committees. These committees bring together the diverse and necessary expertise of around 800 BWE members serving in an honorary capacity. The Communications and Federal States Department is responsible for the central task of supervising a large component of these expert committees – the advisory boards and working groups.



Advisory boards

Advisory boards comprise members from a variety of professional backgrounds and roles.



Operators Advisory Board: Information exchange between operators and BWE-organised wind turbine manufacturers.



Management Advisory Board: Considers plant operations and is involved in the development of guidelines and standards.



Communications Advisory Board: Focuses on participation and acceptance, as well as press and public relations.



Nature Protection Advisory Board: Develops solutions for an environmentally friendly expansion of wind energy.



Community Wind Advisory Board: Encourages communities to participate in and represent the interests of community wind farm operators within the BWE.



Financial Advisory Board: A forum for cross-company discussions on financing wind energy projects.



Legal Advisory Board: Brings together legal expertise in areas such as energy law, planning and licensing.



Developers Advisory Board: Discusses the requirements and implementation of land designations and wind farm approvals.



Expert Advisory Board: Examines guidelines and technical innovations for testing wind turbines.



Wind Evaluators Advisory Board: Focuses on ensuring the quality of inland wind forecasts.

Forums

Operator forums
(by wind turbine manufacturer)

BWE members who operate wind turbines can exchange information on turbine operation in operator forums:

- Enercon
- Nordex
- Siemens & Senvion
- Vestas
- Senvion
- (Independent maintenance forum)

Strong expert committees



The Legal Advisory Board and its working groups exchange views on legislative projects and proposals



Working groups

The Executive Board has established working groups to carry out topic-specific and cross-advisory board work.



Direct Marketing Working Group: Brings together members involved in the marketing of wind energy.



Energy Policy Working Group: Assesses policy issues and develops recommendations for the German Federal Executive Committee.



Labelling Working Group: Discusses solutions for labelling systems with ministries and air traffic control.



Aviation and Radar Working Group: Dedicated to achieving the best balance between wind energy interests and air traffic.



Human Resources and Recruitment Working Group: Responsible for developing measures to attract skilled workers and for improving the wind industry's reputation as an attractive employer.



Grids Working Group: Focuses on grid connections, grid operations, flexibility options and system transformations.



Participation Working Group: Formulates recommendations and guidelines for fair and transparent participation opportunities.



Continued Operation of Wind Turbines Working Group: Examines technical possibilities and regulatory requirements for the continued operation of wind turbines.



WE REACH NEW AUDIENCES

The Industry Report (Branchenreport) is one of the BWE's standard publications. As the organisation's flagship economic publication, it showcases all companies in the industry and presents their innovations and future plans.

The BWE's Operators' Letter (BetreiberBrief) is aimed at plant operators, facility managers and service providers involved in plant operations. It provides practical information and details where and how you can receive support from your association.

The portfolio is complemented by the BWE association magazine new energy (neue energie). This is the leading publication for industry decision-makers, experts and thought leaders seeking guidance and inspiration, as well as anyone interested in the transition to a sustainable economy and energy supply.



“A” rating

average rating by attendees for BWE events.

97 percent

of participants would recommend the event they attended.



Integrated communication

The Berlin office staff coordinate the association's work across Germany

WE PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS!

The goal of the BWE's communication is to inform, explain and motivate. We use the full range of external and internal communication tools, including press relations, publications, social media and presence at key industry events.

The aim of strategic association communication is always to create a positive climate in politics and the public. In this way, association communication serves all members. Ultimately, a positive public perception of wind energy is the basis for the successful development of the industry.

Newsletter

BWE WindBrief: news from the BWE
 Branchenticker: insights and news from experts in the wind energy industry
 neue energie Newsletter: analysis and insights

Press relations

Press releases
 Background press briefings

Publications

neue energie (new energy): BWE member magazine
 Windindustrie in Deutschland: wind industry report for Germany
 BetreiberBrief: information for operators

Websites

www.wind-energie.de: the BWE website
www.ee-hub.de: the portal for further education
www.windindustrie-in-deutschland.de: the industry portal
www.neueenergie.net: the news portal

BWE WINDBRIEF

Exclusive offers and information

Stay informed!

WindBrief – the BWE newsletter.
 Delivered to your inbox every two weeks.

Integrated communication



Our mission: Achieving acceptance by involving citizens and local authorities

A STRONG LOCAL NETWORK: YOUR NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Our 13 federal and 43 regional associations are the driving force behind energy transition in Germany. Through our expanded structures we now work closely with the Federal renewable energy associations (Landesverbände Erneuerbare Energie, LEE) in many of the federal states. Together, we form a strong family of associations, pooling and effectively representing the interests of the entire renewable energy spectrum.

Your membership makes all the difference – the more members we have, the stronger is our voice in the political arena and the more effective we can be in promoting the interests of renewable energy. By working closely with local and regional policymakers, we can improve the conditions for renewable energy in every region. But we can only do this together – with your help.

Your contribution will strengthen our work on the ground, enable targeted education and information campaigns, and help us drive the energy transition forward. Use this opportunity to play an active role and enjoy the benefits of a strong community. Visit our website and become a member – every voice counts, every member strengthens our mission. Together we can make the energy transition happen!

www.wind-energie.de/verband/landesverbände



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across all the federal states.**

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How you benefit from the BWE



Regular communication with our members is of paramount importance to us

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

If you want to ensure the success of wind energy, then you need a strong association to represent the interests of the wind industry. The benefits of this are compelling:

Forward-looking political representation

We maintain contacts with decision-makers in the federal states, in Berlin and in Brussels so that you and your partners are well represented.

Comprehensive wind knowledge in expert committees

The ten advisory boards and eight working groups develop positions for the industry or set standards based on many years of wind expertise.

Strong press and public relations

Our communication channels promote the benefits of wind energy in print and online media, through campaigns and at trade fairs. We also advertise for you!

Nationwide network

Competent staff and volunteers represent the wind industry throughout Germany – including in your region.

Strong alliance with other renewable associations

The BWE works closely with all renewable energy associations to ensure the entire spectrum of energy conversion is considered.

Member support

We see ourselves as a service provider to our member companies and provide members with exclusive offers and information.

Training and events

Online and face-to-face events with attractive discounts offer specialist information and industry contacts.

Always well informed

Our newsletters, information papers, brochures and the BWE podcast keep members up to date on the latest political developments, key industry issues and the association's work.

WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Every member of the BWE pays fees according to the membership categories that are defined in our membership fee regulations. Membership fees are charged annually in January. Find detailed information on the various memberships as an operator, company or private individual at wind-energie.de.

Membership fee examples:

Wind farm A operates three turbines, each with a rated output of 3.5 megawatts. Wind farm A pays a BWE membership fee of **€ 4,725** per year.

Company B has several divisions, with 20 employees working in the wind division. Company B pays a membership fee of **€ 2,500** per year.

Company C develops software that is useful for turbine operators. The company has ten employees and does not have its own wind division. Company C pays **€ 1,200** in membership fees per year.



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