

Grids in the German Energy Transition

Grids, Gardens & Community

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Germany is transitioning from Coal and Nuclear towards Renewables



An energy system based on renewable energy sources means that fluctuations in electricity generation need to be levelled out

This can be achieved through flexibility resources (flexible power generation sites or energy storage) as well as through better connectivity within the electricity grid

The energy transition will require a massive build out of electricity grids throughout Europe



Public opposition

Public opposition is one of the main factors for delay in the build-out of grids



- Transmission lines currently take many years from planning to completion
- Public opposition can delay grid projects from the outset as well through lengthy court proceedings
- Key solutions are early participation with a high degree of transparency and a real possibility to influence the outcome
- Creating (visible) local benefits is another, often underused possibility to foster support



The region

The former lignite regions in Germany are undergoing a significant structural transition



- North Rhine Westphalia is a traditional hard and lignite coal region, with the lignite mines still in operation
- Phase out is planned until 2038
- Existing power lines are reinforced to accommodate renewables (close to border Belgium/Netherlands, transfer between North and South Germany)







The Beginning



Some of the Crew



Hard Work



First Success



Many Working Hours Later



Colourful Diversity













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One of our new Residents





Thank you!

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Pächter	Tenants
Parzellen	Plots
Fluktuation	Fluctuation
selbstorganisiert	Self-organised
Netzbetreiber	Network
Erlaubnis	operator
Warteliste	Permission
gutes	Waiting list
Miteinander	Good
Lernen	cooperation
miteinander und	Learning with
voneinander	and from each
Beiträge	other
	Contributions