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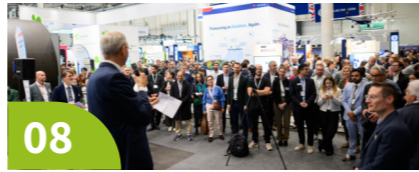
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While 2023 was shaped by a general calming of the energy markets after the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, the last quarter of 2024 in particular really shook our world and certainly provided a worrying outlook for 2025. In 2024, renewable energies accounted for a share of approximately 60 percent and therefore dominated electricity supply in Germany for the first time. Germany's emission reduction targets were also achieved.

For the EEHH Cluster Agency, the fact that the 2025 Cluster Strategy had already been largely implemented proved a fortunate and defining feature of 2024. Rising to 289, the number of members continued its very positive growth so that the 300 mark seems well

within reach for 2025. The hydrogen economy segment continued to expand within the Cluster Agency, and this trend was reflected in the areas of sector coupling and solar energy as well.

Overall, therefore, 2024 was an excellent year for the expansion of renewable energies in Germany. This is evident in the strong upturn in onshore wind energy, a new growth record for photovoltaics and lively interest in the tenders for offshore wind farms. Our network is also feeling the effects of this buoyant mood. After considerable debate on the adoption of the Building Energy Act 2023, the heating market remained subdued in 2024 but returned to its positive trend towards the end of the year. Progress within



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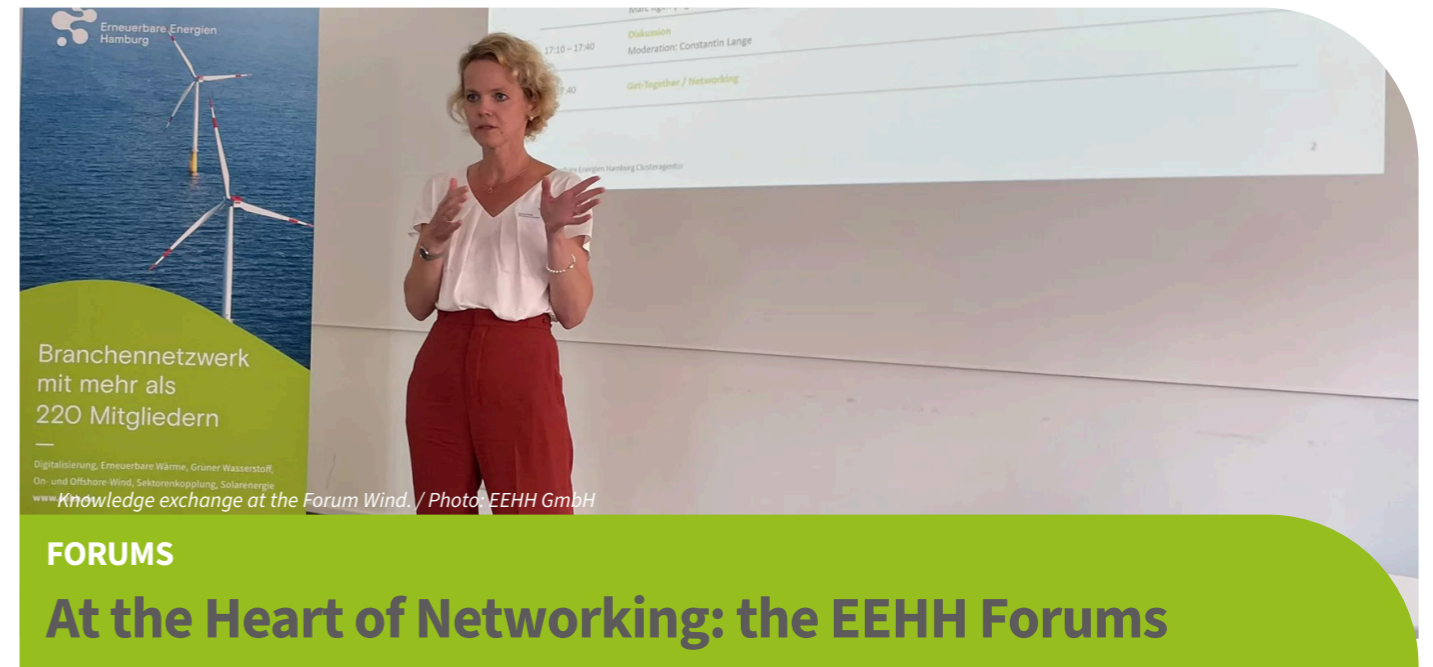
electromobility was sluggish after discontinuation of the subsidy programmes in late 2023. But it is clear nonetheless that the energy transformation in Germany and Europe is continuing at full speed. Meanwhile, the shortage of skilled labour is becomingly quite challenging.

The year 2024 separated the wheat from the chaff in many projects after important parts of the regulatory framework for the hydrogen economy were defined and clarified in 2023, along with plans for a hydrogen core network. Fortunately, many of the major hydrogen projects in Hamburg reached the construction phase, including the large-scale electrolyser at the Moorburg site and the HH-WIN hydrogen industrial network at the Port of Hamburg. Substantial progress was also made on the plans for terminals to important green hydrogen derivatives. Many of these remaining major hydrogen projects in northern Germany will enter the decisive construction phase in 2025 and then form the nucleus for an emerging hydrogen ecosystem – a crucial period for the market ramp-up.

Overall, 2024 was a very good year for EEHH, both in regard to its membership and from the perspective of market and innovation trends. Despite the fraught political and geopolitical outlook in Europe and worldwide, we are beginning 2025 with confidence, as the available technologies have now acquired a convincing level of maturity, combined with very good and improving competitiveness. Here at the EEHH Cluster Agency, we firmly believe that this momentum is now unstoppable. We look forward to joining with our almost 300 members to drive the energy transition in Hamburg and at national and global level!



**Jan Rispens**  
Managing Director EEHH GmbH



Exchange on current issues, networking, and cross-industry collaboration – the EEHH forums provide the ideal framework for networking within the EEHH cluster.

### Financing & Law Forum

Two events were organised in 2024 within the Financing & Law Forum: the first took place in February and provided a summary of key additions to energy legislation for renewable energies since 2022. The second meeting in November addressed the development of negative electricity prices and their effects on project financing. The increasing share of renewable energies in the electricity mix has led to more prolonged periods with negative electricity prices. This can have a negative impact on project cash flow and hence also affect project business and project funding for renewable energy installations.



Networking at the Financing and Law Forum. / Photo: EEHH GmbH

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Exkursion zu einer Parkplatz-PV-Anlage beim Unternehmen Jungheinrich. / Foto: EEHH GmbH

## Solar Forum

The Solar Forum last year focussed on solar expansion in Hamburg and key new legislation at federal level. The Bundestag passed the long-awaited Solar Package 1 in May 2024. Also in May, the forum took a detailed look at the legislative package. A guideline for PV installations on commercial and logistics properties was developed and presented in July at an event organised jointly with the Hamburg Logistics Initiative. In October, EEHH hosted an excursion to a PV system installed in a carpark at the Jungheinrich company to obtain first-hand information about the experience of mounting and operating the facilities. Events on PV in agriculture and car parks in Hamburg featured on the agenda in November.

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## Sector Coupling Forum

The Sector Coupling Forum held a meeting on battery storage in urban areas & reactive power in October 2024. It emphasised the vital role that battery storage systems can play in the new energy system with its numerous decentralised production plants, firstly as a buffer for volatile renewable energies and secondly in the provision of reactive power. The EEHH Battery Round Table marked its premiere as part of the forum with a total of 30 participants in December. Besides a presentation on the challenges of grid connection contracts for battery-based energy storage systems, the panel was mainly involved in connecting stakeholders from the Hamburg battery sector.

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## Heat Forum

The Building Energy Act (GEG) and the Heat Planning and Decarbonisation of Heating Networks Act (WPG) entered into force in 2024 and, as central and groundbreaking new legislation, shaped the work of the Heat Forum. Its first session explicitly explored the technical potential of decentralised heat pumps. Among the challenges that heat pump manufacturers are facing is the European F-Gas Regulation, which prescribes the use of new refrigerants with a lower global warming potential (GWP). Although geothermal heat pumps are generally more efficient, their development costs are significantly higher when compared with

their air-to-water counterparts. Another meeting on the new AVB District Heating Ordinance was held in October. It focussed on the use of local and district heating networks to supply heat. In addition to a legal appraisal of the ordinance, participants discussed specific practical examples of expanding the heating networks in current neighbourhoods and residential areas.



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## Wind Forum

At the Wind Forum in September, participants discussed the necessary enlargements of port infrastructure for wind expansion. The forum highlighted the expansion of port capacities in Cuxhaven along with the circular economy in the wind industry. The steering committee also used the 35th Meeting of Renewable Energy Hamburg organised by the EEHH in cooperation with the German Wind Energy Association to beat the drum for the designation of wind energy sites in Hamburg's zoning plan. Forum Wind also developed a digital industry directory for stakeholders in Hamburg's wind energy sector.



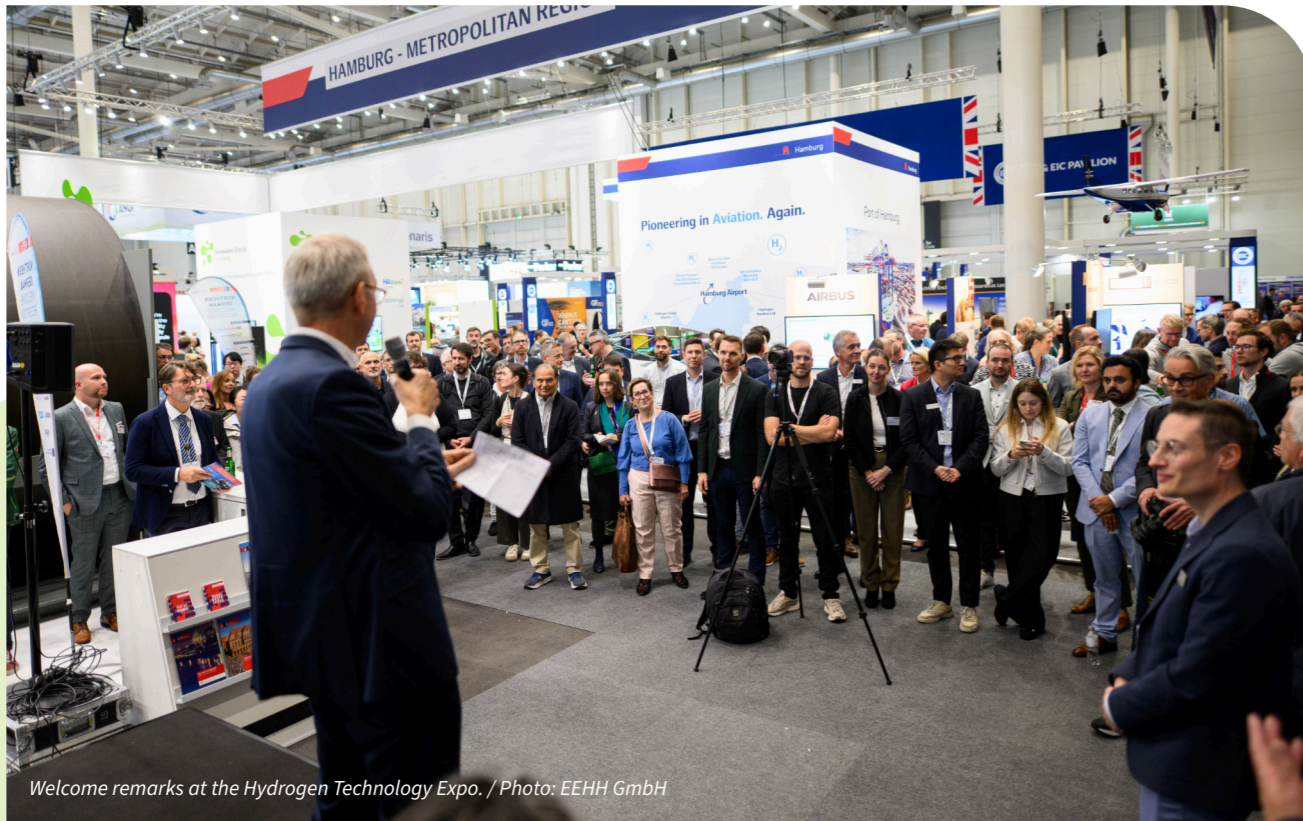
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Brainstorming at the Forum Personnel. / Photo: EEHH GmbH

## HYDROGEN

# Hydrogen Projects from Hamburg feature at Major National and International Events



Welcome remarks at the Hydrogen Technology Expo. / Photo: EEHH GmbH

### The hydrogen sector in the EEHH cluster experienced its fourth very industrious year in 2024.

The community gathered at regular network meetings such as **The Green Hydrogen Sofa** (six dates) and the **Hydrogen Forum** (seven dates) to share views on topics such as hydrogen transport by rail, financing for hydrogen projects, hydrogen regulation, energy management for electrolysis, hydrogen inno-

ventions, the role of start-ups as well as hydrogen safety and insurance for projects. Adopting a **lessons learned** format, members discussed successful and failed projects alike.

They also **toured** the Hydrogen Aviation Lab H2 demonstrator at the Lufthansa Technik base, the tesa plant in Hamburg and the hydrogen drone laboratory at the Center of Applied Aeronautical Research (ZAL), among others.

## 4. Cross-Cluster Conference: the Role of Hydrogen in the Energy System of the Future

The EEHH again used the occasion of the 4th Cross-Cluster Conference on 13 February to cooperate with the Hamburg Aviation, Hamburg Cruise Net, Logistics Initiative Hamburg and the North German Maritime clusters to address the role of hydrogen in the energy system of the future. Speaking to the 200

guests, experts reported on the interplay between electricity and hydrogen as a means of defossilising mobility, the role of ports in the import of renewable energies and the use of hydrogen at airports and in shipping.

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Interdisciplinary exchange at the 4th Cross-Cluster Conference. / Photo: EEHH GmbH



## 2. North German Hydrogen Conference

The 2nd North German Hydrogen Conference on 27 November in Hamburg brought together 250 experts from the five coastal states to discuss what needs to be done to accelerate ramp-up of the hydrogen economy in Germany. Notable industry experts stressed that the market ramp-up is faltering and that there are considerable delays in investment commitments, despite the decision to build the hydrogen core network – both for production plants in Germany and for import projects. The current status of the North German Hydrogen Strategy was also presented.



Hydrogen Conference



## Hydrogen Technology Expo

The Hydrogen Technology Expo celebrated its premiere in Hamburg, and the EEHH organised Hamburg's joint stand with a total of 20 participating companies. The EEHH also released a new edition of the Hydrogen Brochure for Hamburg.



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## North German Living Lab (NRL)

Hydrogen played a pivotal role in the **North German Living Lab (NRL)** collaborative project. The four innovative Transformation Labs have been particularly productive. Their aim is to bring together various stakeholders within the energy transition. Three of the four labs [KS1] discussed the topics of the hydrogen applications in industry, Hydrogen production, transport and storage and hydrogen propulsion on the road: opportunities and obstacles to H2 mobility. Another milestone was the delivery of the first electrolyser funded under

the NRL programme. It will be used by the municipal cleaning company Stadtreinigung Hamburg at the biogas and composting plant in Bützberg to harness green hydrogen in the fermentation of biowaste and in doing so speed up the process. Operation of SRH's first H2 waste collection vehicle also received a thumbs up this year. The vehicles demonstrated sufficient energy reserves and a daily performance comparable to diesel or battery-powered models on routes of 80–100 km involving around 900 container emptying operations.



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## NEW SEGMENT

## Battery Sector

Conference on Energy Systems in Transition – Gas, Electricity, Transport, Heat in Hamburg. / Photo: EEHH GmbH

In 2024, the EEHH Cluster Agency engaged in a number of programmes in the battery sector in order to promote this segment. Among them was the QuW-LIB project, which was intended to qualify and train specialists along the entire value chain of sustainable lithium-ion batteries. 50 stakeholders gathered in May 2024.

## Stakeholder analysis for the battery sector

EEHH also commissioned a stakeholder analysis as a basis for evaluating the battery sector environment in the Hamburg Metropolitan Region. VDI/VDE brought the study to a successful conclusion in 2024. Key insights: With around 120 identified stakeholders, the Hamburg Metropolitan Region holds significant potential for a regional battery network. The majority of these stakeholders are situated in Hamburg (services sector, electronics) and Schleswig-Holstein (customs and component manufacturing). The construction of a gigafactory also presents substantial potential for value creation and may exert a powerful 'pull effect'. Also important is the well-appointed university and research landscape in the Hamburg Metropolitan Region, which offers high innovation potential for economic players.



Exchange at the E-World. / Photo: EEHH GmbH

At the first EEHH battery round table, 30 battery enthusiasts learnt about the findings of the stakeholder analysis and discussed the latest trends in the area of battery storage systems. The battery round table is a brainchild of the EEHH members Suena and Flex-Power. As part of its own network activities, EEHH will continue the battery round table in 2025 as a basis for gradual development.



Various clusters come together in the joint ClimateReady project. / Photo: EEHH GmbH

## PROMOTING CREATIVE IDEAS

# Research and Innovation

**The format entitled ‘Problem is seeking a solution; solution is seeking a problem’ was launched specifically to address the challenges that companies are facing. Member companies were twice encouraged to submit their concerns, an invitation that over 15 of them have already been eager to accept. EEHH then**

**connected the companies, depending on their needs. Six companies presented their projects at each of the pitch events and then got down to some serious networking. The programme for the second gathering included workshops, advice on subsidisation options and the presentation of graduation theses.**

A CO2 Task Force was established to address the needs of the business community. It brings together stakeholders from science and business to investigate how to manage carbon emissions that are either difficult or impossible to prevent. The Task Force collaborated with 13 companies to prepare an impulse paper that summarises the business viewpoints in the Hamburg Metropolitan Region.



Kick-off workshop for the ClimateReady project. / Photo: EEHH GmbH

## New ClimateReady project

Applied for in January, the ClimateReady project got underway around the middle of 2024. Over its three-year term, seven Hamburg cluster agencies will work together to support their member companies to adopt active policies that meet the changing requirements of climate change. Together with the member companies, they will develop project ideas and oversee their implementation. The Renewable Energy Hamburg Cluster Agency assists its members with expertise in the area of energy transformation and other fields in order to develop solutions. The first project will involve intercompany collaboration to explore the potential for the energy transition in the Allermöhe industrial estate.

## Cooperation with the EFH

The successful cooperation with the Hamburg Energy Research Association (EFH) continued. Aside from regular knowledge-sharing sessions, the research formed an integral part of the EEHH forums. Events organised by the EFH – including the Energieschnack (Energy Chat) or the NEIS Conference – were also supported and promoted. What is more, the EEHH cooperated with three of the universities and the MintForum Hamburg to organise a bus tour for school kids on the topic of renewable energies.

The EEHH also held a workshop on the topic of artifi-

cial intelligence in cooperation with member company GFA Consulting Group GmbH. This gave the cluster insights into the needs of our member companies; permitting conclusions on the topic of knowledge management in 2025. Another workshop identified opportunities to promote the ramp-up of the hydrogen economy in Hamburg.

The EEHH also got together with Steife Brise (Stiff Breeze), an improvisation and business theatre group, to take part in the Hamburg Innovation Summit. The group demonstrated ways in which employees can develop future skills using theatre methods.



**MEDIA**

## Building an Excellent Platform for Projects

Participants of the unconference "Fail or Future." / Photo: EEHH GmbH

**New technologies, the issue of acceptance, solar boom – the media channels of the EEHH cluster reflected the vast range of topics within the network. Especially on the EEHH blog and the LinkedIn channel, renewed high access numbers testified to the cluster's popularity.**

### EEHH-Blog

Whether it was ongoing hydrogen projects, international collaborations or fresh trends in the offshore wind sector, the EEHH blog again picked up on the hot topics among EEHH members in 2024. Around 90 posts were published, and some of them amassed up to 6,000 impressions. Contributors are EEHH employees and external authors. The interview format featured most prominently. Here are a number of examples: **Antoine Becker**, Head of Offshore Wind, Germany, Total Energies, **Albert Winnemuller**, Vestas, and **Dr. Christoph von dem Bussche**, Gascade Transport GmbH, who all donated their time to answer questions in the run-up to the 2024 Hamburg Offshore Wind Conference.

**Energiewende auf den Punkt bringen.**

**EEHH Media Award**

Ultimately victorious over 21 competitors, **Matthias Jauch** took home the 2024 EEHH Media Award for his focus magazine article entitled 'Let there be light', which charted the decline of the German solar industry. The winner was selected by a jury that included the journalists **Kai Eckert**, **Daniel Hautmann** and **Monika Röbiger**. The EEHH Cluster Agency has presented the Media Award each year since 2018 to recognise serious journalism. It is part of the German Renewables Award.

### LinkedIn channel

With almost 11,800 followers – around 2,100 more than at the end of 2023 – the EEHH LinkedIn channel again experienced significant organic growth in 2024. It is therefore among the strongest channels operated by municipal companies in Hamburg. The Marketing Team published series on the job fair, the EEHH forums, the New Energy from HH podcast, the German Renewables Award and various major events. There were also a few humorous posts in summer about the Summer Olympics in Paris and the European Football Championships in Germany.

### Press trip on the topic of hydrogen

EEHH press trips aim to showcase renewable energy projects in person and on site. In summer 2024, 15 journalists accompanied the EEHH team on its trip to Still to view the fuel cell-powered forklift trucks, as well as to Storengy, which is building a storage facility in Harsefeld. **Dr Melanie Leonhard**, Hamburg's Senator for Economic Affairs, was on hand to answer questions about the city's hydrogen projects.



Austausch bei der Unkonferenz "Fail or Future." / Foto: EEHH GmbH

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34. Podcast-Folge

### Podcast „New Energy from Hamburg“

Eight episodes of the EEHH podcast entitled New Energy from Hamburg were produced, each featuring one interviewee. They achieved a monthly reach of around 300 listeners. Prominent guests included **Prof. Mojib Latif**, Christian-Albrechts-Universität Kiel, who received the German Renewables Award in the Lifetime Achievement category, **Carolin Dähling**, Head of Communications and Policy at Green Planet Energy, and **Karina Würtz**, Managing Director of the Offshore Wind Energy Foundation.

## From Hamburg to the World



Hamburg delegation for the International Partnering Forum for Offshore Wind. / Photo: EEHH GmbH

### Hydrogen Cooperation with Canada

**Dr Robert Habeck**, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, and Canadian Energy Minister **Jonathan Wilkinson** signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a joint H2Global financing window at a hydrogen conference in Hamburg in March. Mabanft, a Hamburg-based company, and the Hamburg Port Authority concluded further agreements with Canadian partners on the supply and import of green hydrogen from Canada to Germany.



Canada-Germany Hydrogen and Ammonia Producer-Offtaker Conference at the Handelskammer Hamburg. / Photo: EEHH GmbH

### German Pavillon at the International Partnering Forum in New Orleans

The BMWK coordinated the first joint German stand at the IPF (International Partnering Forum for Offshore Wind) in New Orleans, Louisiana. Co-exhibitors included the EEHH Cluster Agency and seven other companies from Hamburg. US plans for offshore expansion are grappling with a difficult market environment. Supply chain difficulties and high inflation have led to delays or even cancellations in the planning of some wind farms. But there was progress nonetheless. Ørsted put South Fork, the first commercial offshore wind farm in the USA, into operation in March 2024. Also on the

itinerary for the German delegation was a tour of the ports in New Orleans and Fourchon on the Gulf of Mexico. The traditional Beer and Brats Reception was attended by 350 international guests.



Hamburg delegation for the International Partnering Forum for Offshore Wind. / Photo: EEHH GmbH



Visit to the Fukushima exhibition booth. / Photo: EEHH GmbH



Conversations at the Hamburg Offshore Wind Conference. / Photo: EEHH GmbH

### EEHH trip to Japan

Japan is an important energy partner for Hamburg. At the end of February, the EEHH cluster, represented by **Jingkai Shi**, participated for the first time in the World Smart Energy Week in Tokyo and met with EEHH members RWE and Siemens Gamesa. In a consortium with Japanese business partners, RWE secured the contract at the end of 2023 for the development of a 684MW offshore project. Siemens Gamesa was awarded a contract at the beginning of 2024 to supply 14 wind turbines (8MW each) and a 15-year service and maintenance agreement.

### European Hydrogen Week (EHW)

Inadequate support and overregulation have recently weakened the confidence of entrepreneurs and investors in hydrogen. At present, green hydrogen cannot be provided at economic prices, despite the available quantities. There is plenty left to do in the area of imports as well. But industry experts are cautiously optimistic about the future. In the midst of geopolitical tensions, the EU is focused on diversifying and securing the global supply chain. The EU strengthened its cooperation with India at the EHW in Brussels.



## MOVERS AND SHAKERS IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION

# EEHH Cluster Agency holds the 13th German Renewables Award to honour industry pioneers

Prices at the German Renewables Awards. / Photo: EEHH GmbH

From drone inspections and smart trailer control for hydrogen transports to power grid calculations in response to the growing number of heat pumps and PV systems – winners of the 2024 German Renewables Awards reflected the main trends of our times. The Renewable Energy Hamburg Cluster Agency (EEHH) reviewed a total of 27 candidates in the four technical categories of Product Innovation of the Year, Project of the Year, Student Thesis of the Year and Hydrogen Innovation of the Year. There were 22 journalists nominated for the 2024 EEHH Media Award. The jury named the winner of the Lifetime Achievement award directly. The EEHH Cluster Agency yesterday held the thirteenth German Renewables Award to recognise ideas and innovations.

See the award show



Watch the video here



Winners and presenters of the German Renewables Award 2024. / Photo: EEHH GmbH

## Project of the Year

“It is not easy to reconcile aviation with climate protection. This prompted the jury to send out a deliberate signal. Using an all-electric airport tractor from Trepel Airport Equipment enables a massive reduction in ground-based emissions”, says **Martin Oldeland**, Deputy Chairman of the Board of B.A.U.M. e.V. Trepel Airport Equipment pocketed the award in the Project of the Year category in recognition of its Aircraft Extended Towing Procedure, a pushback method for long-haul aircraft using an all-electric airport tractor. Lothar GmbH was another strong contender with race2 Cero2 – a project involving a catalytic converter for the refinement of e-fuels. GP Joule Wärme GmbH & Co. KG put forward a large heat pump intended for the heating network in the municipality of Mertingen. Five companies entered the running for Project of the Year.

## Product Innovation of the Year

“The jury chose the winner due to its preservation of the current system and in favour of cost efficiency”, says **Dr Ursula Prall**, Managing Director of cruh 21, about the award-winning Aero Flight Intelligence System. The Aero Flight Intelligence System from Buss Energy Group GmbH, an adaptive flight system that optimises drone inspections of wind turbines, took home the award in the Product Innovation of the Year category. Other nominees were Fuchs Euro-poles GmbH with its concept for hybrid wind turbine towers and SkySails Power GmbH with a high-altitude wind energy system to harness hitherto untapped high-altitude winds for energy generation. A total of ten companies submitted entries in this category.

## Student Thesis of the Year

“Studying the combination of PV and heat ultimately tipped the balance for the jury”, revealed **Dr Kai Hü-nemörder**, Head of ZEWU at the Hamburg Chamber of Crafts. The Student Thesis of the Year was written by **Nicholas Tedjosantoso** with his “Analysis of the Impact of Household Heat Pumps and Photovoltaics on the Electricity Distribution Grid in Hamburg” at HAW Hamburg/CCE4. He investigated the effects of domestic heat pumps and PV on the load and production profiles in Hamburg’s electricity distribution grid. The second-placed master’s thesis from GP Joule and TU Braunschweig explored strategies for the operation of hydrogen production plants in a system network. The third thesis, completed at HAW Hamburg and DACMa GmbH, dealt with Aspen Adsorption software for separating carbon dioxide from ambient air. A total of seven students submitted entries in this category.

## Hydrogen Innovation of the Year

GP Joule emerged victorious in the Hydrogen Innovation of the Year category, beating four competitors with its smart trailer control system with mobile storage units for hydrogen transport. Other candidates included Apex Energy GmbH with its innovative hydrogen storage technology H2cycle. Cebcon Technologies GmbH developed a standardised, modular r2-fuel production plant for the decentralised production of green methanol.

## Lifetime Achievement award

**Prof. Mojib Latif** – the ‘influencer without followers’ who calls on people ‘to take action’ – received the Lifetime Achievement Award from **Prof. Daniela Jacob**, Climate Service Center (GERICS).

**Prof. Mojib Latif** studied meteorology at the University of Hamburg and earned his undergraduate degree in 1983. In 1987, he completed a doctorate in oceanography on the weather phenomenon El Nino. His supervisor was **Prof. Klaus Hasselmann**, later recipient of the Nobel Prize. He progressed to his senior lecturing qualifications in 1989. From 2003, he worked at what is now the Geomar Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel at Kiel University. He has been President of the Academy of Sciences in Hamburg since 2022. Fields in which **Prof. Mojib Latif** has conducted research include seasonal and interannual climate variability, century variability and human influences on the climate.

Listen to the interview with **Prof. Mojib Latif** in the EEHH podcast New Energy from Hamburg at:



**Listen to the interview**

## Media Award of the Year

**Matthias Jauch** from focus magazine provided an enthralling description of the impending second decline of the German solar industry, explained jury member **Monika Rößiger**. Entitled ‘Let there be Light’, his article appealed to German politicians to grasp what is happening. This achievement earned him first place in the Media Award of the Year category.

Second place went to **Dirk Asendorpf** for the SWR podcast ‘The Hydrogen Transition – Expensive, Late, Complicated’, with third place going to **Dagmar Hotze** for her article ‘Win (Almost) Everything with a Little Foresight’ in Deutsche Wohnungswirtschaft and to **Markus Strehlitz** for ‘Panacea for the Heat Market’ in Gebäude-Energieberater. A total of 22 journalists applied for the 2024 EEHH Media Award.



LHS: Hamburg's Environmental Senator Jens Kerstan. / Photo: EEHH GmbH, RHS: EEHH Chairman Sebastian Averdung and EEHH Managing Director Jan Rispens with moderator Andrea Thilo. / Photo: EEHH GmbH



Hamburg's Green Bunker. / Photo: CopyrightMediaserver Hamburg

## Outlook

After almost 15 years, the Renewable Energy Hamburg Cluster Agency is about to mark a significant milestone in its development. We will probably exceed 300 members in the near future. And this fills us with pride. It makes us north Germany's largest network of renewable energy and hydrogen enterprises. Moving forward, we will seek to continue growing together with the industry and working with our members to advance the energy transition in northern Germany, nationwide and across Europe. And in doing so, we will strengthen and transform the Hamburg Metropolitan Region as a hub of industry. Hamburg is already a pioneer with its ongoing revolution of the heating sector.

Nonetheless, the EEHH Cluster Agency is determined to make a difference in Hamburg's wind and solar segments as well. The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg has already identi-

fied various new potential sites for onshore wind farms. The obligation to harness solar power is also mandatory after building renovations, and the city itself wants to lead by example with its municipal properties. As a core component in the hydrogen ecosystem, we will naturally remain engaged in the major IC-PEI projects involving EEHH members to support market ramp-up in the hydrogen sector. And we will, of course, remain committed to our strategy of assisting members with national and international networking.

Inspiring young people to become involved in energy transition and the renewable energy sector is close to our hearts as well. This has prompted our involvement in the WindSchool project by the Offshore Wind Energy Foundation and our commitment to raising the industry's visibility among young people.



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