



The RENN hubs constitute a regionally organised platform for information exchange and activity surrounding the topic of sustainable development.

- We link stakeholders and consolidate societal dialogue
- We provide impulses for societal transformation
- We help encourage innovation, strategy, projects and the exchange of ideas
- We foster the flow of information between sustainability stakeholders at municipal, state and federal level

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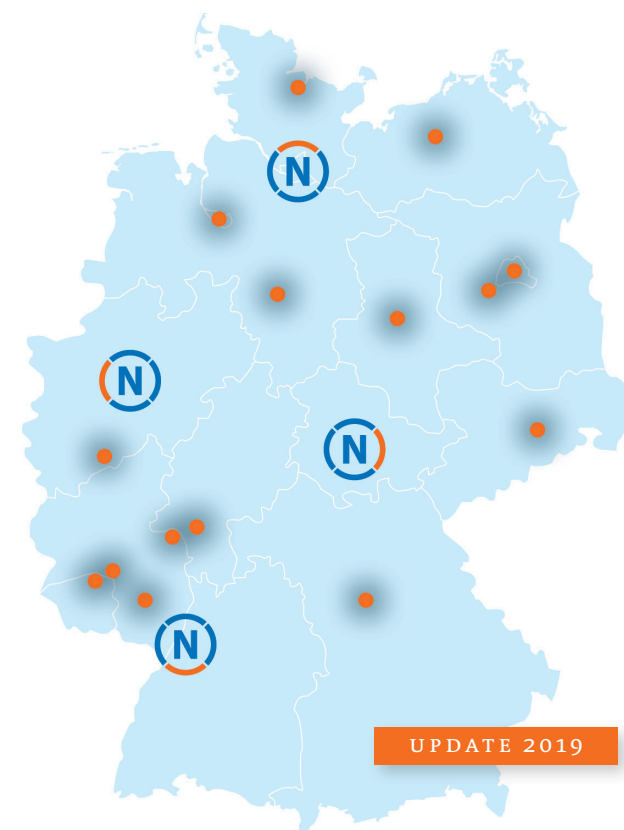
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Linking stakeholders
Sharing experiences
Experiencing sustainability



Regional Hubs for Sustainability Strategies

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People all around the world share a joint responsibility for sustainable development. Fundamental changes to the way in which we do business and the way we live are needed in order to enable future generations to live their lives with dignity and prosperity in an intact environment.

The four Regional Hubs for Sustainability Strategies (Regionale Netzstellen Nachhaltigkeitsstrategien, RENN) create links between various players and initiatives to promote sustainable development, foster dialogue on experiences gained and provide impulses for societal change. The RENN thus make the complex concept of sustainability something which can be experienced across regions and national borders.

The RENN are funded by the Federal Government. The German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE) was tasked with the selection of the hubs and established a coordination centre in Berlin that supports the four RENN and promotes their nationwide impact.

“I’m banking on the RENN hubs’ success. Sustainability is – despite the complex subject matter – very simple: focus on people, encourage long-term thinking and make the unaccustomed possible.”

PROF. DR. GÜNTHER BACHMANN,
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE GERMAN COUNCIL
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (RNE)

RENN.north

Germany's north, with the Länder Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-West Pomerania, Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein, faces very different challenges. The region is shaped by the disparity between the high population growth in major cities and the opposite development in the countryside. This results in a wide variety of demands being placed on the implementation of sustainability strategies; these can be met through linking all stakeholders.

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RENN.west

Hesse, North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland: all four Länder are characterised by border regions and constant structural change. Not only do both come with opportunities for sustainable development but they also bring substantial challenges as well. It is this special context that plays a decisive role in the work of RENN.west – a network of seven organisations from the spheres of civil society and science.

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RENN.central

In the Länder Berlin, Brandenburg, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia, the civil society partners of RENN.central want to give impetus to a transformation aimed at sustainability gaining a firm foothold. Here, we are appealing equally to major cities and the rural regions. RENN.central focuses on strengthening existing structures and networks. We actively promote the 2030 Agenda at municipal and state level and we play a part in the implementation ourselves with regard to selected topic areas.

Zukunftsfähiges Thüringen e. V.

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RENN.south

Numerous civil society stakeholders and initiatives are already committed to promoting sustainable ways of life. RENN.south aims to support these activities, link them and increase their adoption throughout Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg. At the same time, municipalities and regions, in the vein of a local Agenda 21, have to act as both enablers and role models. The goal is to expand networks linking initiatives, municipalities, associations, churches and the scientific community in order to reproduce and strengthen sustainability processes.

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