
The Role of Decentralized Energy Generation

during the Energy Transition towards Renewable Energy in Germany

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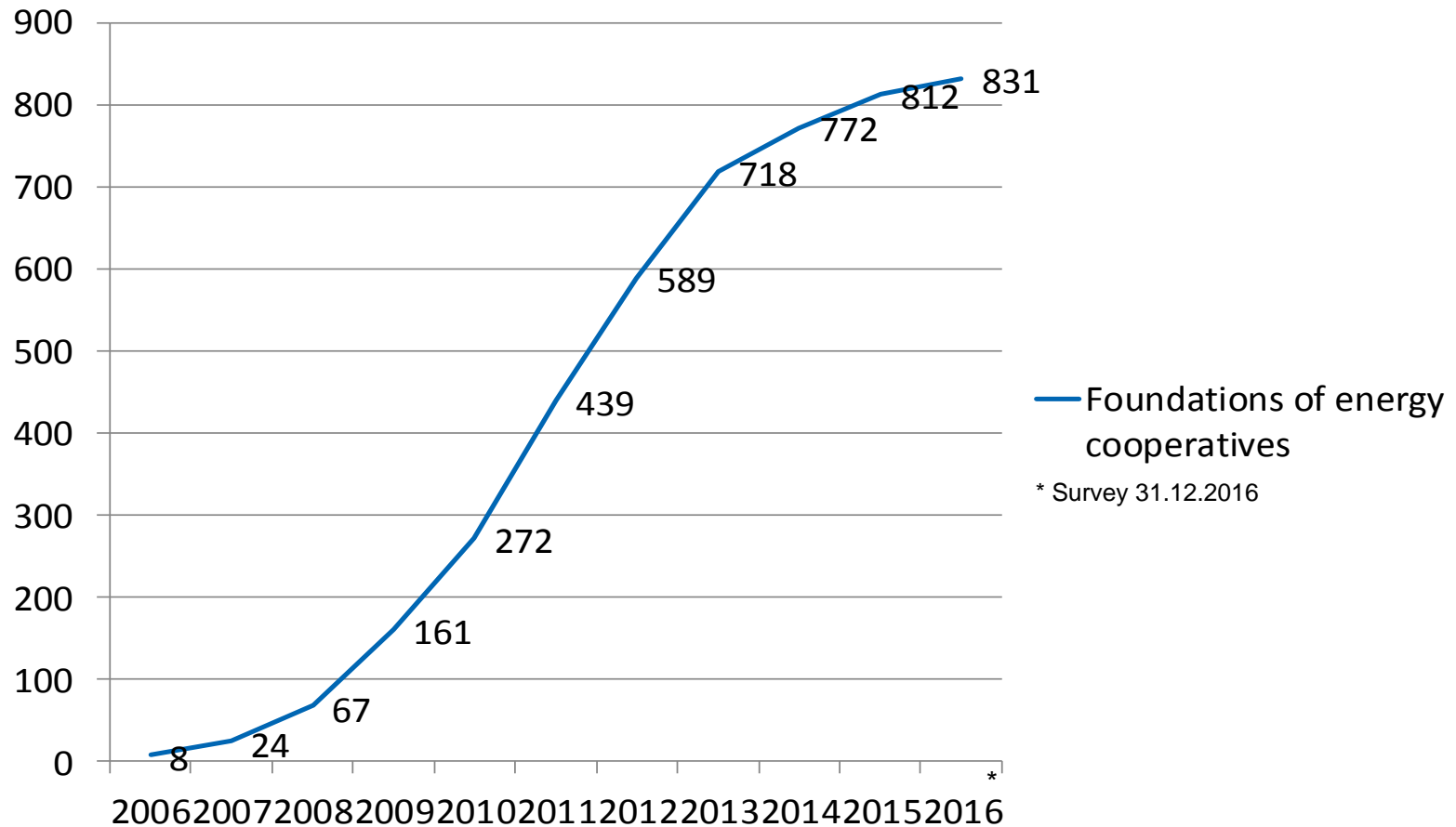


DGRV – German Cooperative and Raiffeisen Confederation

- National apex organisation
- Top-level auditing federation
- Largest economic organisation in Germany in terms of members:
 - 7,931 cooperatives
 - 22.6 million members (Source DZ BANK)
- German cooperatives → 160 years of business-tradition



Energy cooperatives since 2006 (cumulated)



Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG)

■ **Obligation to purchase and transmit**

Grid operators must give immediate priority to connecting installations for the generation of electricity from renewable energies and from mine gas to their grids and to purchasing and transmitting all the electricity available from these installations

■ **Guaranteed feed-in tariffs**

Grid operators must pay fixed tariffs for the feed-in of electricity from renewable energies (guaranteed payment period is generally 20 years for commissioned installations, payment is geared around the costs)

Business models

photovoltaic



wind energy



district heating



- € 1.8 billion investments in renewable energy
- 1 GW installed capacity

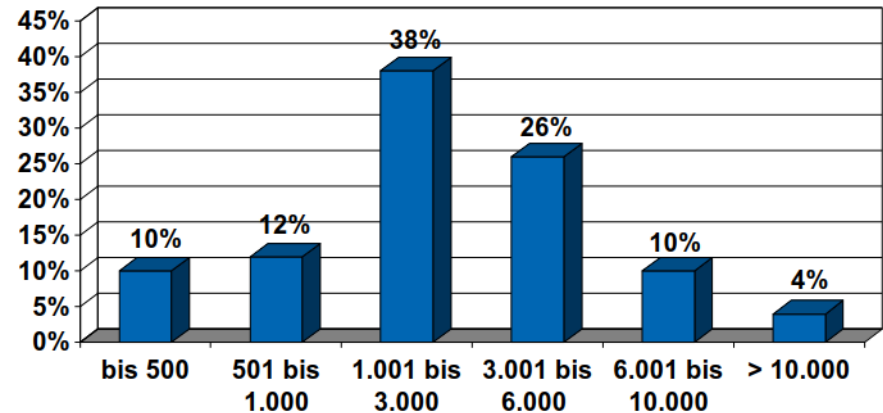
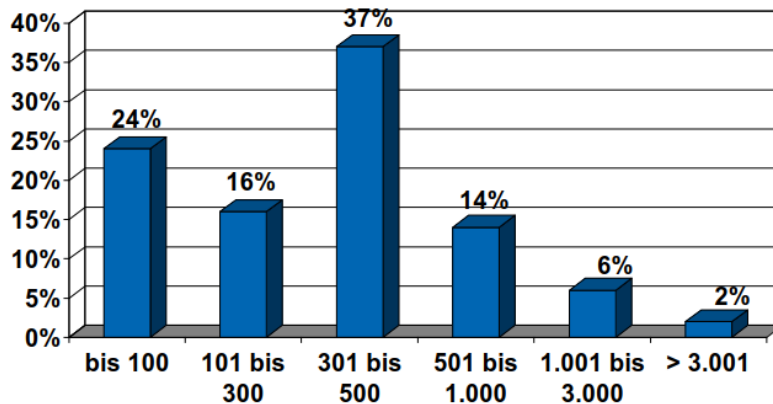
Member shares

Minimum share:

- average value: € 652
- minimum value: € 50

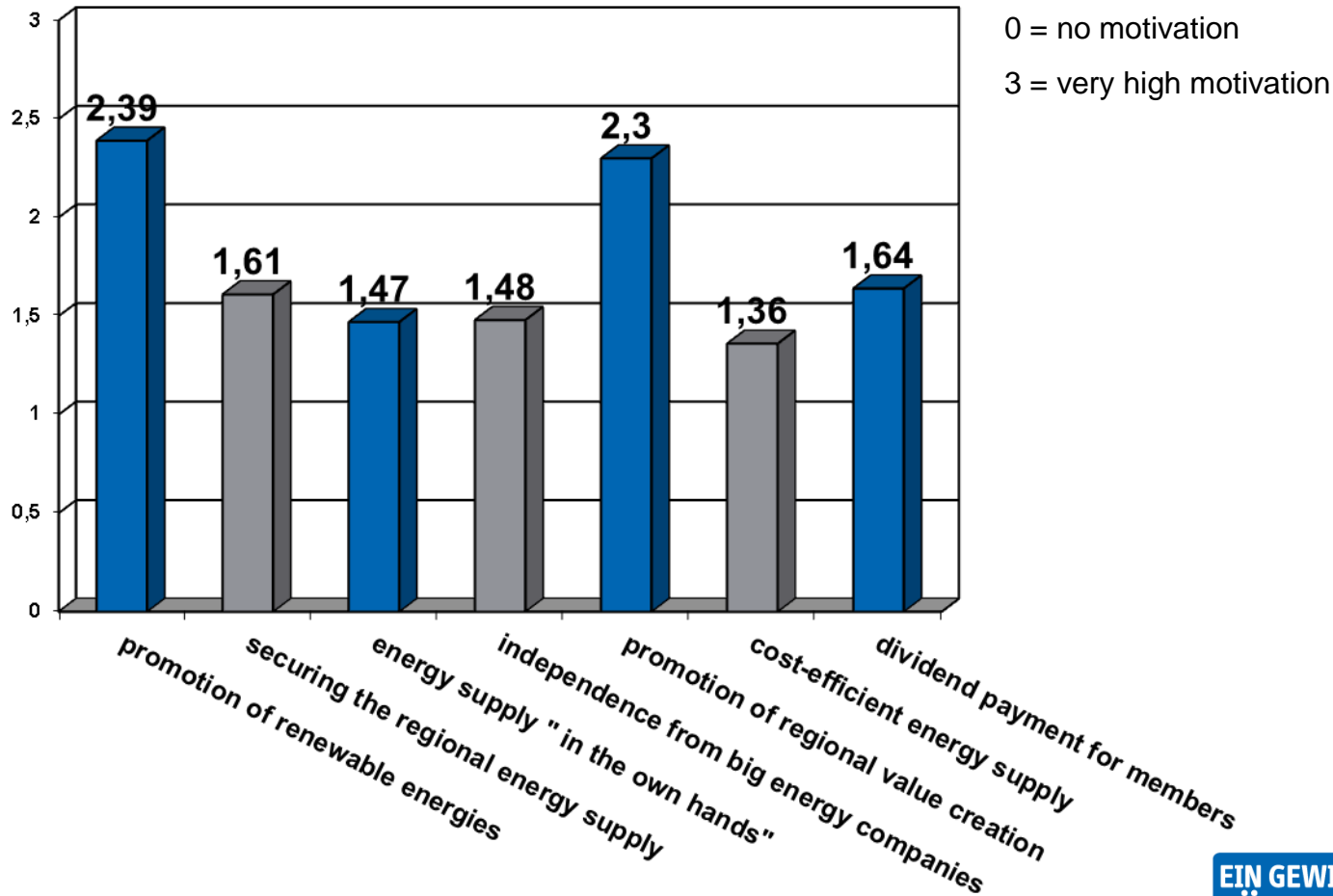
Average participation:

- average value: € 3,652



Reasons for founding energy cooperatives

What's your motivation?



Energiegenossenschaft Odenwald

→ Boosting local economy

- Founded in 2009
- 3,000 members
- € 11 m
- **€ 50 m investments**
- 83 solar plants (wind)
- 11 MWp installed capacity
- Energy provider
- **„House of Energy“**
- Kindergarden (150 children)



Energiegenossenschaft Odenwald

House of Energy



Former Brewery



Kindergarten



Parking Lots



Energiegenossenschaft Odenwald

€ 17.5 m → 2,400 orders → 250 local companies!



Energiegenossenschaft Odenwald

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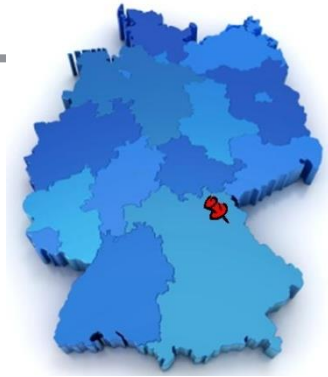


3rd Hessian Barbecue Contest



NEW Neue Energien West eG

- Cooperation of communities and municipal companies/utilities
- Common umbrella cooperative for many regional projects
- Citizen energy cooperative ist member of the umbrella cooperative
- Mayors and local representatives are board members



Climate community Saerbeck / Saerbeck citizen cooperative

- 7,200 inhabitants → 100% renewables in 2030
- Bioenergy park (90 hectare former military arsenal)
- Photovoltaic investments by the citizen cooperative
- Windenergy investments by the community owned company, citizen cooperative etc.
- Biomass and biowaste plants run by farmers
- 400 private photovoltaic projects
- Community owns the local grid (since 2012)
- Local heating plant for the school, sports club, church etc.
- Energy education trail and program for students



German Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG)

- Amendments of the EEG
 - Auctions for wind energy (onshore)
 - ‚Competitive rule‘ for citizen energy
 - Exemption for solar energy (750 kw)
 - FIT adjustment for solar energy
 - Delivery inside buildings
- Business Opportunities for Community Energy
 - District heating?
 - Energy efficiency?
 - Mobility?
 - Regional development?

Thank you for your kind attention!

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