

Insights from Germany's Energy Transition: the role of local energy cooperatives in creating economic opportunities in rural communities

Please join us for this informal gathering where you'll have a chance to gain a deeper understanding of Germany's energy transition from the Cooperative viewpoint.



In Germany, much of the push towards a clean energy transition comes through a bottom-up approach from the local level. There is literally a small-town revolution underway where towns and rural communities are striving to become more self-sufficient and less vulnerable to world energy markets by relying increasingly on domestic renewable energy.

Come hear from two German Coop officials:

Dr. Andreas Wieg, from the German Cooperative and Raiffeisen Federation in Berlin, and **Michael Diestel**, from Agrokraft, a rural electric cooperative in Bavaria, will talk about the role cooperatives are playing in Germany. They will discuss ways in which – through a cooperative model – renewable energy is spurring local business opportunities that can revitalize entire communities through well-paying jobs, tax revenue, strengthened community engagement and more.



Dr. Andreas Wieg

There will plenty of time for candid and informal discussion.

June 13 – 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm Urbandale Library
3520 86th Street
Urbandale, IA
Recommended audience includes decision-makers and policy advocates

June 13 – 7 pm to 9:30 pm
Crown Point Community Center
6160 Pioneer Parkway
Johnston, IA
Recommended audience includes the general public

June 14 – 1 pm to 3 pm
African American Museum of Iowa
55 12th Ave SE
Cedar Rapids, IA
Recommended audience includes the general public



Michael Diestel

Food will be provided. Reservations are requested but not required. Please RSVP by June 11 to pjmtaylor@aol.com.

This event takes place as part of the Midwest Clean Energy Tour organized by the Heinrich Böll Foundation as part of its Climate Network activities and the **International Year of the Cooperative 2012**. During the week-long tour, these two rural electric cooperative experts will share practical insights on the role of rural electric cooperatives in Germany's energy transition.



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