

# Energy Policy in Germany – Program for Decision Makers from the UK

Date: 21 - 25 May 2012

Participants: 7 / scientists, decision makers and journalists from the UK

Location: Berlin, Germany

Sponsor: Federal Foreign Office

Visitors Program

## Ecologic Institute service:

Planning, organization and implementation of a program for seven UK participants from 21 to 25 May 2012

- Development of the event program consisting of meetings, roundtables, discussions, presentations and field trips as well as one or more dinner events with external guests.
- Organisation of all logistical arrangements, including communication with participants, organization of travel and accommodation, catering, technical equipment for the meetings and photo reportage
- Development of a brochure including all necessary background information on the visitors program
- Organisation of meetings and events with stakeholders of the German energy sector, including a:
  - Meeting with Franzjosef Schafhausen (Deputy Director General; Environment and Energy; Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety) on the political framework for renewable energy and climate policy in Germany and Europe
  - Roundtable discussion with Rainer Hinrichs-Rahlwes (German Renewable Energy Federation BEE) and Alexander Knebel (Press and public relations; Renewable Energies Agency)
  - Dinner discussion with Dr. Christian Hey and Prof. Dr. Miranda Schreurs (German Advisory Council on the Environment)



Feldheim wind farm



Group photo with Prof. Klaus Töpfer at IASS

## Energy Policy in the UK and Germany

The UK and Germany share similar climate change goals, but pursue rather different energy policy strategies. These differences include the technological focus (such as nuclear vs. renewable energy) and the choice of instruments – creating a space for mutual exchange and learning. From 21 to 25 May 2012, Ecologic Institute organized and implemented a program for seven scientists, decision makers and journalists from the UK that focused on the Energy Transition ("Energiewende") in Germany and included discussions with members of parliament and representatives from ministries, think tanks and NGOs.

Over the course of these days, the participants were able to engage in discussions with various experts, allowing for a broad overview of in-depth insights into the manifold opportunities and challenges related to the German experience with the Energiewende - and for them to provide examples from the UK perspective in comparison, all participants being energy experts themselves.

The programme of this high-level delegation included meetings, presentations, discussions and field trips with different policy makers and experts in the field of the German energy sector. The program was sponsored by the German Federal Foreign Office and organized by the Ecologic Institute in close cooperation with the German Embassy in London.



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