



Dear Energy Consultants from the European Union,

The climate crisis transcends national borders and calls for collective action. As energy consultants, we understand the growing importance of our work in combating climate change. That's why we must connect, collaborate, and learn from one another across borders.

The German Energy Advisor Network (DEN Registered Association) is taking the initiative to bring together energy consultants from as many EU member states as possible. This letter is the first step toward fostering cooperation, with the goal of organizing a personal meeting, such as an international congress of energy consultants. We would be pleased if our initiative sparks your interest.

In preparation for this congress, we propose digital meetings to coordinate presentations and discuss organizational matters. We also believe this initiative could gain support from an EU program, potentially involving political exchange during the congress.

Together, we can amplify our voice at the European level and influence regulations that will shape national policies. Let's unite in the common cause of climate protection and start exchanging ideas across Europe.

We invite you to the **1st European Energy Consultants Meeting on March 17-18, 2025:**

- **Day 1:** Monday, March 17, 2025, 10:00 AM –5:00 PM
- **Day 2:** Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Location: Haus am Dom, Domplatz 3, 60311 **Frankfurt am Main**

Online: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87478682937>, Meeting ID: 874 7868 2937

We look forward to your response and to welcoming you in March. Let's take the first step toward meaningful collaboration at the European level.

Best regards,
Hermann Dannecker
Honorary Chairperson, DEN (Registered Association)

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Agenda for the 1st European Energy Consultants Meeting

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Monday, March 17, 2025, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Opening by DEN (Registered Association) representatives Hermann Dannecker and Raffael Rackwitz
- Welcome speeches by DEN (Registered Association) Board Members Marita Klemnow and Jutta Maria Betz
- Welcome address from representatives of European energy policy (including Ursula von der Leyen, invited)

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM Coffee Break

2. The EU and Its Energy Policy

- Overview of energy reliance in the EU
- Economic dependencies and global interconnectedness
- Insights into energy supply across member states
(This section highlights the importance of European unity as a counterbalance to nationalist tendencies.)

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Lunch

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

3. How Does the European Union Work? – A Case Study of the European External Thermal Insulation Composite System (ETICS)

- Presentation by Ralf Pasker (European Association for ETICS)
- Presentation by Andrea Voigt (European Partnership for Energy and the Environment)

4. Country Highlights: Structures and Funding Opportunities

- Overview of energy consultancy structures and funding models in EU member states
- The profession and current status of the German Energy Consultants Network (DEN)

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Coffee Break

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6. Future Collaboration Among European Energy Consultants: Visions and Goals

- *What should the objectives of such collaboration be?*
- *Which individuals/organizations should be involved?*
- *How should collaboration be structured? (Open discussion and additional suggestions)*

From 6:00 PM Joint dinner at a local restaurant

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

09:00 AM – 12:00 PM

7. Participant Feedback and Suggestions

(Open forum for proposals, ideas, and suggestions for future priorities and the organization of upcoming meetings.)

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

8. Visit to ISH (International Trade Fair for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning)

(Guided tour and expert discussions on the latest technologies and innovations in building technology and energy efficiency.)

Speaker Descriptions:

- **Hermann Dannecker**
Honorary Chairperson, German Energy Consultants Network (DEN Registered Association)
Hermann Dannecker has dedicated decades to advancing energy efficiency and sustainable building practices. As the Honorary Chairperson of DEN Registered Association, he brings invaluable insight into the development of energy consultancy as a profession in Germany and Europe.
- **Raffael Rackwitz**
Chairperson, German Energy Consultants Network (DEN Registered Association)
Raffael Rackwitz is one of the proprietors of Energy Living, an engineering firm renowned for its expertise in building energy and energy efficiency solutions. In addition to his work at Energy Living, Raffael Rackwitz will act as the chair for the upcoming European Energy Consultants Meeting, guiding discussions and fostering collaboration among participants to advance energy efficiency across Europe.
- **Marita Klempnow**
Board Member, German Energy Consultants Network (DEN Registered Association)
Marita Klempnow brings extensive experience in energy policy and sustainable development. As a member of the DEN Registered Association Board, she is committed to advancing the future of energy consulting in Germany. Her focus lies in connecting national initiatives with European strategies to achieve shared climate goals.
- **Jutta Maria Betz**
Board Member, German Energy Consultants Network (DEN Registered Association)
Jutta Maria Betz is an expert in environmental policy and energy consulting. As a member of the DEN Registered Association Board, she is particularly dedicated to promoting innovative energy efficiency projects and supporting the professional development and networking of energy consultants.
- **Representative of European Energy Policy (Invited: Ursula von der Leyen)**
President of the European Commission (invited)
As the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen has championed the European Green Deal and various energy policy initiatives. Her vision for a sustainable and climate-neutral Europe sets the stage for meaningful collaboration.

- **Ralf Pasker**
Managing Director, European Association for ETICS (EAE)
Ralf Pasker is a prominent expert in external thermal insulation composite systems (ETICS). His work with the EAE focuses on promoting energy-efficient building technologies and harmonizing standards across Europe.
- **Andrea Voigt**
Director General, European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE)
Andrea Voigt is a recognized leader in advocating for sustainable cooling, heating, and refrigeration solutions in Europe. Her work emphasizes innovation and energy efficiency as key pillars of the energy transition.