

# Renewable Energy Research Association (FVS)

In the past few years, the general conditions for research into solar and renewables have consistently improved: they have been intensively developed, have demonstrated their technical viability and gained recognition. This trend will logically lead to the need for significantly greater promotion of renewables.

Intensive research and development is necessary so that the renewables can rapidly take on their tasks in the energy industry, becoming a significant and sustainable economic factor.

The Renewable Energy Research Association is headed by the directors of the member institutes. The board of directors advises on the division of labour, teamwork and the coordination of joint research programmes. The association's spokesperson is elected annually.

*Various German federal ministries are involved in research promotion via project sponsorship and institutional support, as are the federal states in which the member institutes are based.*

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### **BMELV**

*Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz (German Ministry for Nutrition, Agriculture and Consumer Protection)*

## Office

The FVS office in Berlin is the Association's information and communication centre. It is the point of contact for the scientific, business and political communities and conducts the association's general public relations work.



Visit the FVS website where you will find a host of free information:

[www.FV-Sonnenenergie.de](http://www.FV-Sonnenenergie.de)

or

[www.Renewable-Energy-Research-Association.org](http://www.Renewable-Energy-Research-Association.org)

- Concise, easy-to-understand introductions to all research topics
- Links to the promotion programmes run by German ministries
- Downloads of special brochures and workshop proceedings
- Announcements of FVS event dates
- News and press materials
- Images related to renewals
- Renewable energy arguments for political discussion
- Information about member institutes

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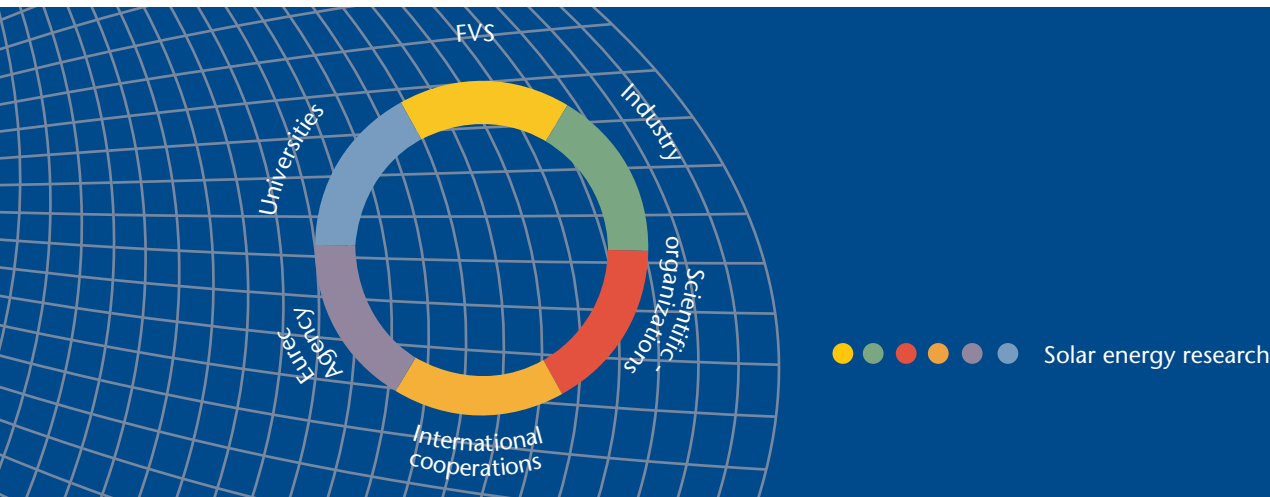


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# Networking research and development



In addition to collaboration with its member institutes, FVS offers an open cooperative structure for all interested parties from industry, universities and non-university institutions. This enables:

- Joint research projects,
- Joint workshops and
- Joint financing.

Cooperation with the business community is particularly important as application-oriented research can only lead to swift market launches – and hence success – in partnership with industry.

The following industries are interesting for potential investors:

#### ► **BMU**

The German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety promotes research and development in the following fields:

- Geothermal
- Solar thermal power plants
- Solar thermal
- Electricity from wind energy
- Subsidy concepts for photovoltaics: research and the promotion of cluster research in PV
- Overall strategy for the further expansion of renewables

[www.erneuerbare-energien.de/inhalt/20028/](http://www.erneuerbare-energien.de/inhalt/20028/)

#### ► **BMBF**

The German Ministry for Education and Research promotes research

[www.bmbf.de/de/1398.php](http://www.bmbf.de/de/1398.php)

#### ► **BMWi**

The German Ministry of Economics and Technology promotes research and development in the fields of energy efficiency and conversion/combustion technology

[www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Navigation/Energie/energieforschung.html](http://www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Navigation/Energie/energieforschung.html)

#### ► **BMELV**

The German Ministry of Nutrition, Agriculture, and Consumer Protection promotes the “Research, Development, and a Demonstration Program for Renewable Resources”

[www.bmelv.de](http://www.bmelv.de)

#### ► **Project Management Jülich**

offers an overview of means of project promotion and applications for the BMU, BMBF and BMWi.

[www.fz-juelich.de/ptj/index.php](http://www.fz-juelich.de/ptj/index.php)

#### ► **Electronic application system for online applications to German ministries**

[www.kp.dlr.de/profi/easy/index.html](http://www.kp.dlr.de/profi/easy/index.html)

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