

Application information:

Energiewende twinning towns

Cities, municipalities and public utilities share knowledge and experience with communities for a sustainable energy transition and a shared Europe

Who can apply?

- All European communities that already have cooperation or plan to launch a partnership with a German community can apply. The cooperation should foster the mutual exchange of knowledge related to promoting the energy transition on a local level. The communities involved can be cities, municipalities or local districts.
- The cooperation does not necessarily need to be a formal twinning agreement. Any form of cooperation or a common letter of intent is sufficient.
- To facilitate a mutually beneficial exchange, we recommend the twinning partners have shared characteristics regarding criteria such as size; urban or rural; island, coastal or inland area; industrial region (former) coal or steel industry; touristic area etc.
- The deadline for applications is 29 May 2017.

Checklist for applications:

- □ You are experienced with projects related to renewable energies or the energy transition on a local level.
- You are willing to share experience and knowledge in a joint workshop at least once a year.
- □ You are able to provide suitable premises to host a workshop.
- You are willing to travel.
- You are able to participate in the kick-off-workshop in Berlin on 19 June 2017. At this workshop, five twinning pairs will present their ideas for the project. A jury will decide on two pairs that will receive funding for further twinning workshops.
- Representatives from both communities have a sufficient level of proficiency in English to actively participate in the workshops.

If you can tick off the questions above, we look forward to receiving your application (see next section).

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Application – Questions for the Energiewende twinning cities

Please answer the following questions in an informal letter (maximum three pages) and send them together with a letter of intent (see next page) signed by representatives from both communities via e-mail to: <u>n.boenigk@unendlich-viel-energie.de</u>

- What kind of cooperation or partnership do you have with the twinning community?
- Please provide some basic information on both towns (size, geographic characteristics, major industries ...)
- What kind of renewable energies do you use in the respective communities? What experience related to the energy transition do you have?
- What challenges and opportunities related to the energy transition do you see in your twinning community?
- What kind of experience gathered in your twinning community could be useful for you? Is one of the communities planning a specific project?
- Which local stakeholders (apart from the municipal administration) would you like to involve?
- Please provide a contact person in each community.

For further information on the project see: <u>https://www.unendlich-viel-</u> energie.de/features/politics/energiewende-twinning-towns

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Letter of intent

for a joint application for the project

"Energiewende twinning towns"

Dear Sir or Madam,

Herewith, we declare our willingness to take part in the project "Energiewende twinning towns".

With our joint application we intend to further elaborate our cooperation or planned cooperation on issues related to the transformation of the energy system. We intend to share knowledge and experience with our twinning community – in a joint approach to a sustainable energy transition and a common Europe.

	Yours sincerely,	Yours sincerely,
Signature		
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Position		
City or Town		