



# WindNODE as a blueprint for a transition towards 100% renewables

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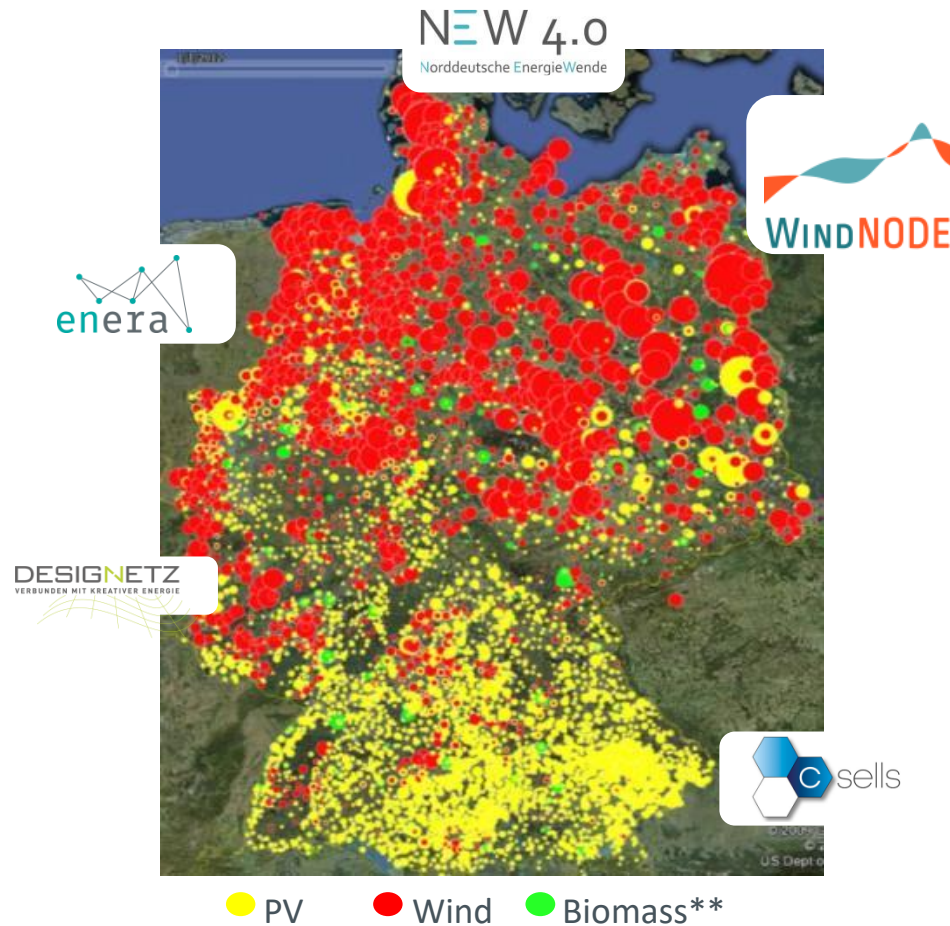
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WindNODE in a nutshell

# Field tests for the next phase of the energy transition

Overview of 5 smart energy showcases (SINTEG program\*)



## Challenge & Targets

Scalable solutions for efficient, eco-friendly and safe integration of large amounts (100%+) of renewables

## Government Funding\*, 2017-2021

230 mio. € for five SINTEG consortia,  
37 mio. € for WindNODE  
(plus equal amount of private funding)

## WindNODE: Renewables frontrunner

- 6 states in East Germany
- > 60% renewables in electricity mix (2019), target: 100% (2032)
- Wind energy prevails
- Energy transition challenges: grid extension, lignite phase-out, ...

\* "Smart energy showcases (SINTEG), funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs & Energy (BMWi)

\*\* as of 2018, > 1,600,000 plants, 49.628 GW wind, 41.687 GW PV [50Hertz]

# More than 70 distinguished partners from industry & academia



## WindNODE partners

*TSO 50Hertz as manager of the consortium*

### Steering Group



### Partners



### Associated Partners

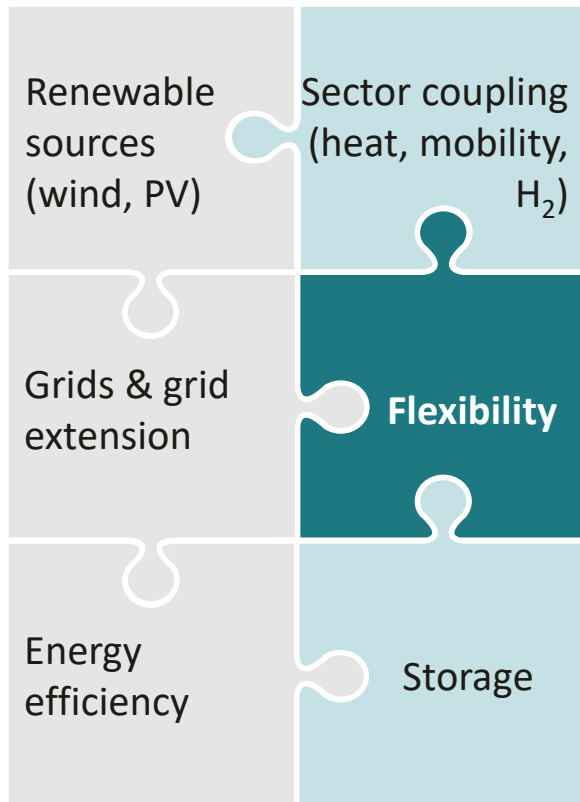


### Subcontractors



# Utilizing flexibility to cope with intermittence

## How to reach 100% renewables?



## The WindNODE approach

- ✓ **Identifying demand-side flexibility options**  
> 200 MW exemplary flexibility in industry, businesses, neighbourhoods
- ✓ **Developing use cases for flexibility**  
Flexibility platform for grid congestion management
- ✓ **Creating value from energy data**  
Smart distribution grid; control centers for sector coupling; AI-based forecasting
- ✓ **Living lab**  
> 30 real-life demonstrators; application of regulatory sandbox

# Abundance of technical flexibility options

Fields of action and results (1/4)

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(technical potential)
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(economic potential)
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(digitalisation in the energy space)
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(blueprints, narrative, dissemination)

- 4 Siemens factories, Berlin
- Flexibility in water & sewage treatment, BWB
- Model supermarkets at Lidl & Kaufland
- PtH/PtC at GASAG Solution Plus
- Germany's biggest PtH (120 MW) at Vattenfall
- High temperature heat storage (650 °C) by Lumenion, GEWOBAG, Vattenfall
- Fluid ice storage unit, ILK Dresden
- ...



# Flexibility platform for grid congestion management

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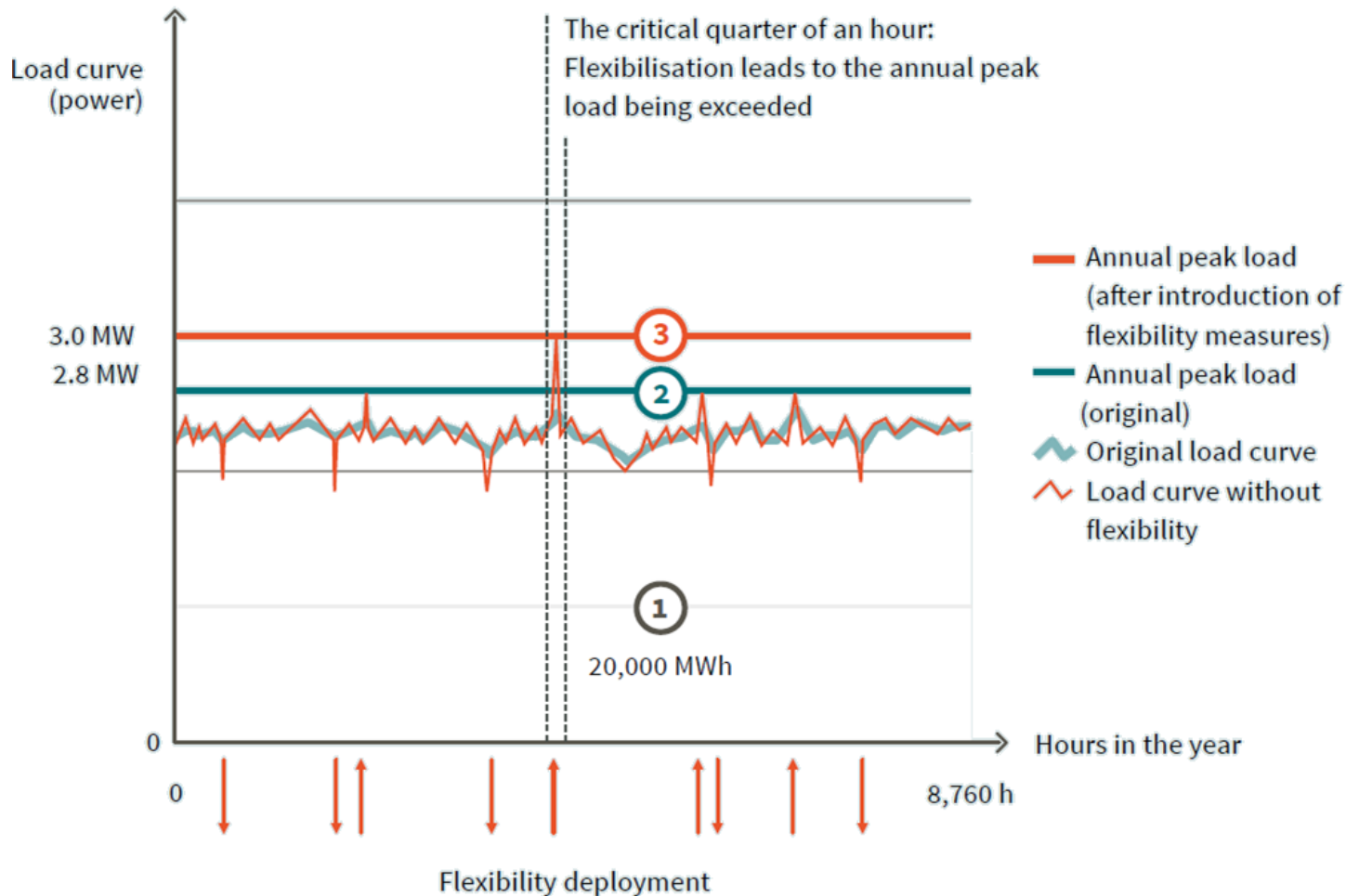
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- WindNODE flexibility platform starts test operation, 11 Nov 2018, by 50Hertz, Stromnetz Berlin and various DSOs
- First real trade at the flexibility platform, 14 March 2019, with offers by Lidl, Siemens and Vattenfall
- Continuation of test operation



# Regulatory sandboxes – exploring the right rules of the game

Effects of § 19 (2) 2 StromNEV and the *regulatory sandbox* SINTEG-V (§ 119 EnWG)





# Digitalisation in the energy industry

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- Hackathon „Energyhack<sup>2</sup> – enery for a smart city“ at Stromnetz Berlin
- Demonstrator „KEMS – Community energy management system“ at IBAR, Cottbus
- Energy data market place at Fraunhofer FOKUS
- High-resolution forecasting of RES generation, by Solandeo
- ...



# Living lab („Reallabor“): making energy transition tangible

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- 30 “visitor sites“
- “energy & art“
- Solar Punk Festival SPF2018
- e-stories
- WindNODE Academy
- WindNODE Challenge
- Various international visits and delegations
- ...



## More than 30 “visitor sites“ have been opened

Here: Siemens showroom for industrial flexibility



Experience Demand Side Management  
@ Siemens Showroom (Berlin, Nonnendammallee)

# Energy meets Art



## Making energy transition exciting

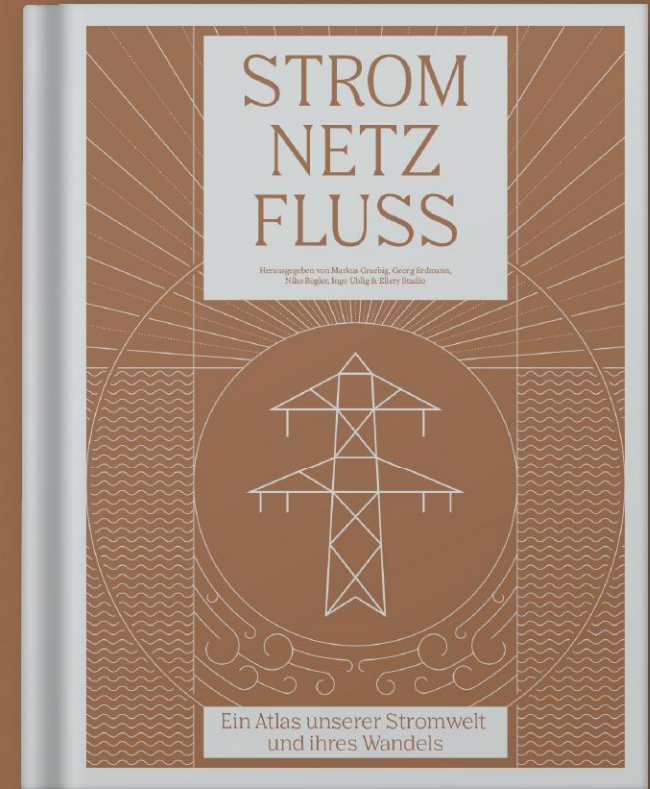
# STROM, NETZ, FLUSS

Ein Atlas unserer  
Stromwelt und  
ihres Wandels

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studio**

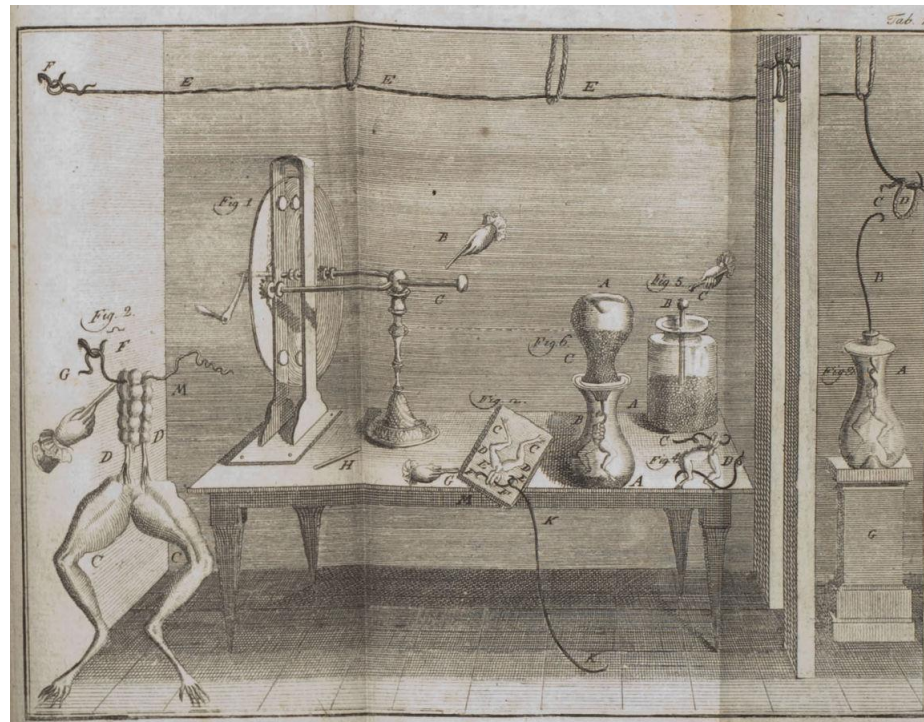


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## Excitement

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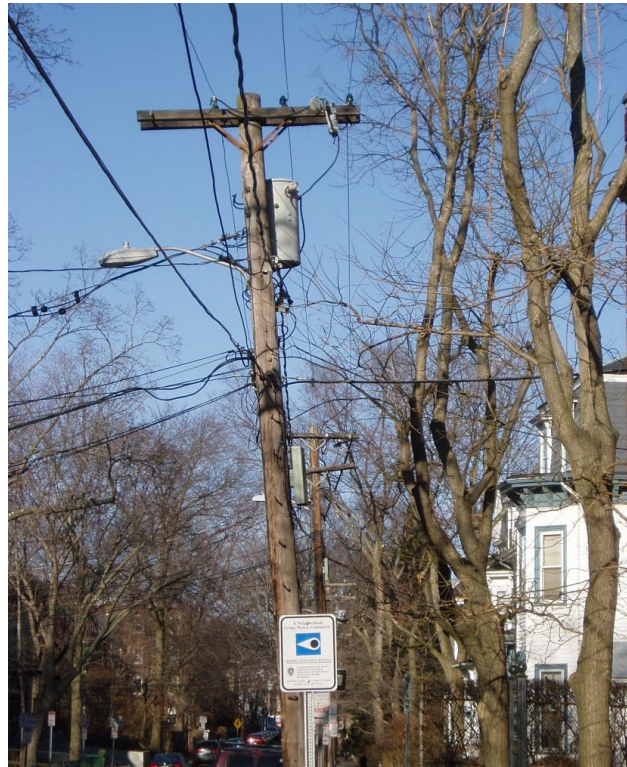
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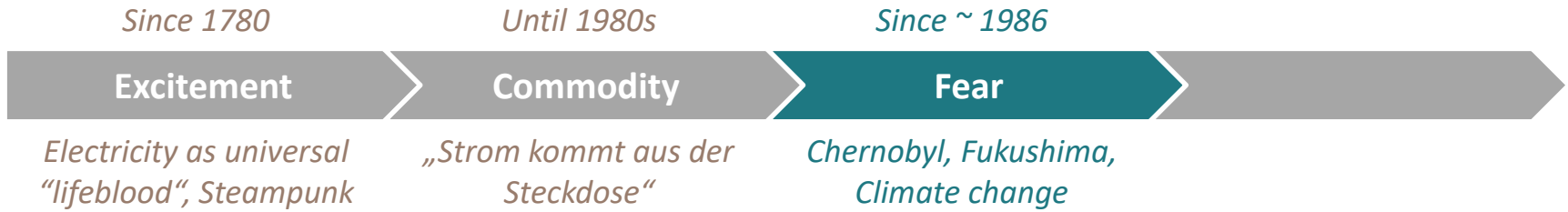
*Until 1980s*

**Commodity**

*„Strom kommt aus der  
Steckdose“*

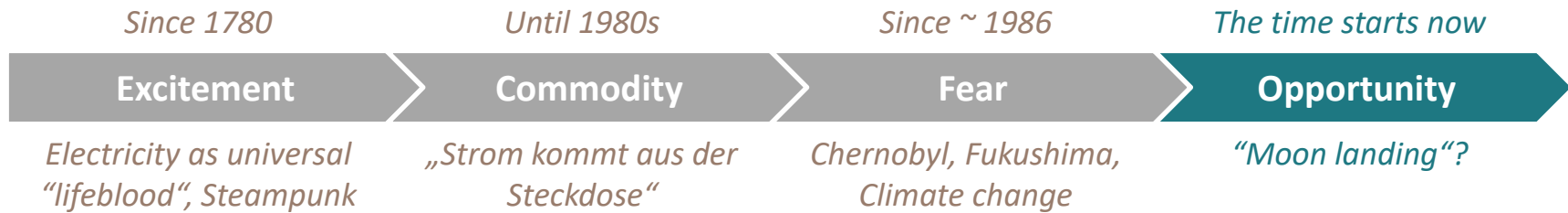


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Bundesumweltminister  
Peter Altmaier, 2012-10-30

*“(...) In the course of its history, every country needs a project every few decades that is fascinating and captivating. That was the **Americans' moon landing**. That was the reconstruction, it was the German unity. And now comes **the energy transition: take risks seriously, but embrace the opportunities even more (...)**”*

## Speaking of the moon landing ...

Kennedy's "We choose to go to the moon" speech



President John F. Kennedy,  
1962-09-12

*"(...) But why, some say, the moon? Why choose this as our goal? And they may well ask why climb the highest mountain? Why, 35 years ago, fly the Atlantic? Why does Rice play Texas?*

***We choose to go to the moon.** We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, **not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win (...)**"*

What is a *living lab* („Reallabor“)?

What are the management insights?

# Much more than just another research grant: narrative & network – and regulation as part of the experiment

Why did partners participate in WindNODE?

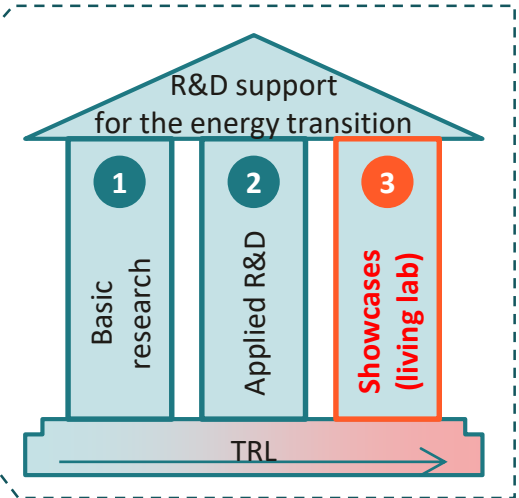
Traditional  
research grant



Grant



F&E-Ziele



Living lab  
(„Reallabor“)



Network



Regulatory  
sandbox



Narrative,  
visibility,  
reputation

## About *moving targets and carrots without sticks*

Experience from the WindNODE management

- (1) Research grants are no speedboats
- (2) Coordination by a strong, neutral trustee
- (3) Multi-stakeholder management: *carrots without sticks*
- (4) Mind the synthesis of results
- (5) Keep the network alive

What's next –  
on the way towards 100% renewables?

# Coal phase-out by 2038: opportunity for future model regions?

## Germany's coal phase-out



○ Share of total structural aid per lignite mining region

### Lignite will be phased out by 2038 ...

- ... currently mined in open pits in 3 active regions
- ... contributed 28.7% to German electricity mix and 54.3% of the sector's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (2018)

### ~ EUR 50 bn. total support for coal phase-out:

- EUR 14 bn. for major investment in the regions
- EUR 26 bn. of projects of common interest (e.g., infrastructure)
- ~ EUR 10 bn. compensation payments

## Concerns about the decarbonized future

Protests at the 1<sup>st</sup> Lausitz Conference (09 Nov 2019) in Schwarze Pumpe





# How can coal regions master the transition?

Results of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lausitz Conference\* (09 Nov 2019) in Schwarze Pumpe



Convention of leading incumbents, innovative start-ups & entrepreneurs led to concrete proposals, e.g.:

- **BASF Schwarzheide:** energy transformation of the chemical industry with “Power-to-Chemistry”
- **E-Shelter** (part of the NTT group): large data center
- **ENERTRAG & Partners:** Lausitz hydrogen region
- **IBAR Systemtechnik:** municipal energy management systems as a core of “smart city” solutions
- **Lumenion & KSC:** establish the manufacturing of heavy steel cores for high-temperature storage units

## What we need:

- (1) Ambitious targets and management for a “transition model region”
- (2) “Regulatory sandboxes” for transition regions
- (3) International networks for best practices of structural change

\* On invitation of the Brandenburg Prime Minister together with IKEM and WindNODE



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