

Full Council Member

Fields of Expertise:

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Professional Experience

2014 – present	Executive Director, Agora Energiewende
2012 – 2013	Deputy Director, Agora Energiewende
2007 – 2012	Head of the Unit for Energy and Climate Change Policy, BMUB
2004 – 2006	Personal Assistant to the Secretary of State, BMUB
2001 – 2003	Staff of Unit for International Climate Policy, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)
	PhD in Environmental Economics, University of Heidelberg

About Agora Energiewende

Agora Energiewende develops scientifically based and politically feasible approaches for ensuring the success of the Energiewende (Energy Transition). We see ourselves as a think-tank and policy laboratory, centered around dialogue with energy policy stakeholders.

Together with participants from public policy, civil society, business and academia, we develop a common understanding of the Energiewende, its challenges and courses of action. This we accomplish with a maximum of scientific expertise, oriented towards goals and solutions, and devoid of any ideological agenda.

The focus of our work is on the electricity sector. Using scientifically calculated methods, we want to demonstrate how the transformation can lead to a system based almost entirely on renewable energies. These courses of action must be developed, well-conceived, debated and understood – in a process that brings experts and decision-makers into dialogue with each other. The Council of the Agora is a central location for conducting this discussion process.

Because the Energiewende also affects other countries in Europe, we look beyond Germany's borders in our work. Through dialogue, workshops and studies, together with our partner organisations in neighbouring countries, we hope to achieve a mutual understanding of each other's energy policy challenges and advance cooperation in this area. In addition, we are active in Brussels, helping to convey to the relevant European actors the issues and approaches to solutions for a power system based on renewable energies.

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