

## FACHAGENTUR NACHWACHSENDE ROHSTOFFE E.V. (FNR)

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### Agency

The Fachagentur Nachhaltende Rohstoffe e.V. (FNR) is promoting the use of agricultural and forest resources on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMELV). FNR coordinates activities on renewable resources in Germany.

FNR is the central coordinating agency in Germany for the funding of research, development and demonstration projects. However, its tasks also include providing information and advice to a wide range of different targets groups as well as supporting the market introduction of products made from renewable resources.

By means of various publications and events, FNR not only ensures that specialists can keep up-to-date with the latest scientific developments, but also increases public awareness of renewable resources.

### Activities

As part of the funding programme „Renewable Resources“ and the „Directive on Bioenergy Demonstration Projects“, the BMELV, through FNR, funds about 500 research, development and demonstration projects on renewable resources each year. The aim is to make domestically produced renewable resources a realistic and viable alternative to fossil fuels.

In case when products are ready for the market but unlikely to be competitive as yet, the BMELV helps with the market introduction through specific funding initiatives.

The activities of FNR received major boosts by the Federal Government's action plan for the industrial use of renewable resources which was adopted in 2009. Especially for bio-based raw material including natural fibre reinforced plastics and wood-plastic composites an own action area was defined. Therefore, the biopolymer network was established as the Information und Communication Platform for Science, Industry, Politics and Public. The network is coordinated by FNR with the objective to increase the proportion of bio-based materials in total plastics production in Germany while also taking into account a holistic and case-specific life cycle assessment.

Since 2003, bioenergy has been one of the major focuses of FNR's advisory services. This service targets people who operate bioenergy plants, those planning them and those wishing to invest in them, as well as at consumers who are considering using renewable energy from biomass.

The Building and Home advisory service is intended for house-builders, architects and craftsmen who wish to use the wide range of innovative products from renewable resources that are available for building, decoration and furnishing homes.

In 2010 FNR established an additional advisory service especially for communities that are interested in the usage of bioenergy and products from renewable resources.

On European level FNR is coordinating several EU-projects in the field of renewable resources.

