



# WELCOME

to our visit of the Ministry for Energy Transition, Climate Protection, Environment and Nature of Schleswig-Holstein (MEKUN)

- Discussion with experts  
from MEKUN, Ministry of the Interior and FH Westküste -

*Rural Energy Communities<sup>LV</sup>*

*Study Visit of Latvian experts to Schleswig-Holstein and Kiel, 8-11 October 2024*

# Key project data and figures

- Funding: Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt (DBU)
- Thematic project cluster „Citizen energy in Central and Eastern Europe“
- Project lifetime: January 2024 to September 2025
- Partners: Heinrich-Böll-Foundation SH (Coordination), Latvian Rural Forum
- Overall budget: 178,016 EUR
- DBU funding: 70% (124,614 EUR)
- Website: <https://www.boell-sh.de/de/rural-energy-communities-lv>

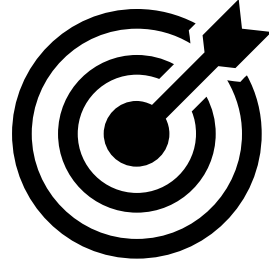
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# Overall Objective



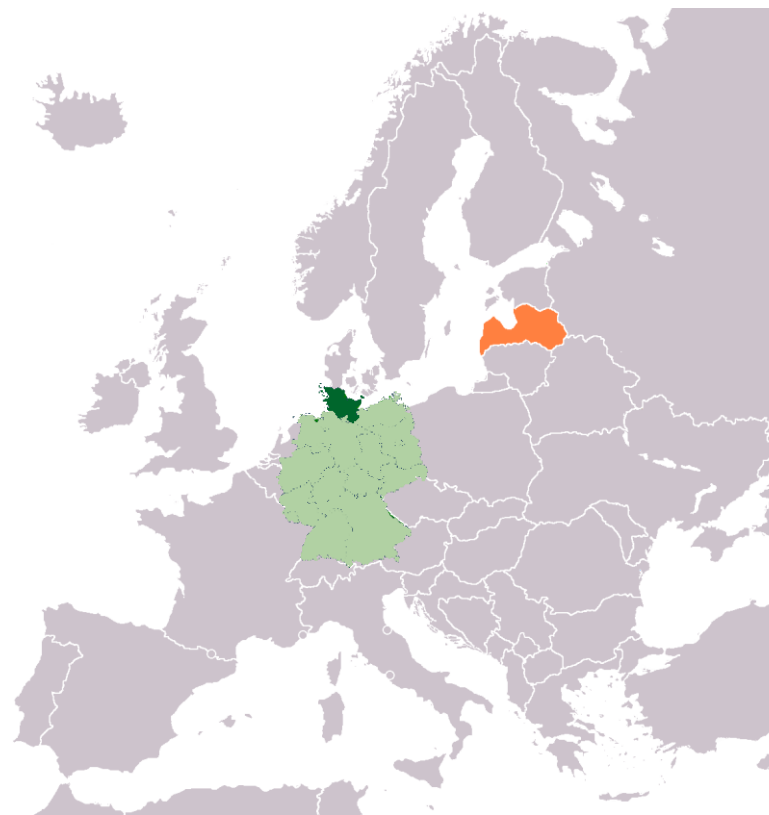
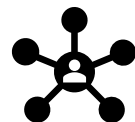
- To enhance the development of renewable energy communities, particularly in rural regions of Latvia

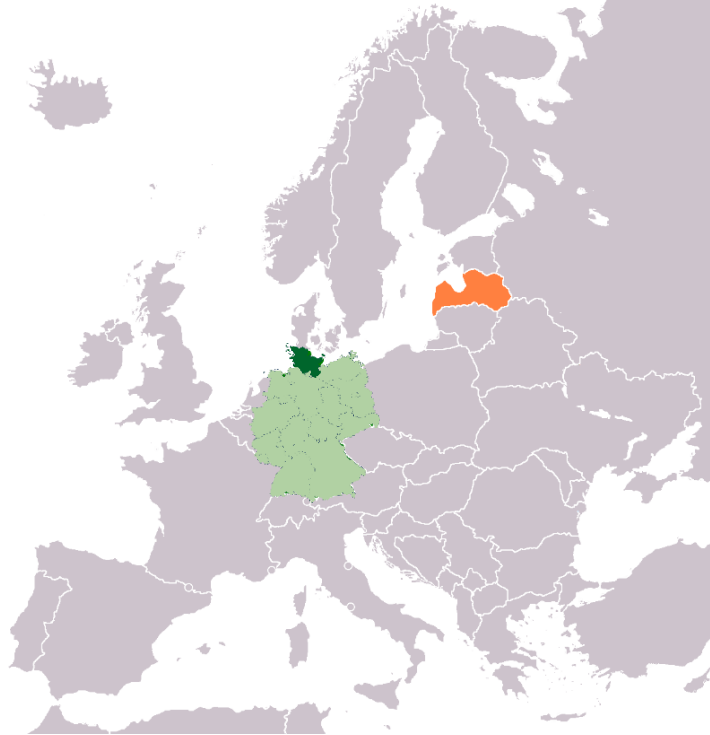


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# Subtargets

- Policy dialogue
- Knowledge transfer
- Good practice/guidance
- Awareness-raising
- Networking
- Training
- Mentoring





## May 2022: Visit of the **Latvian President Egils Levits** in Schleswig-Holstein

- Announcement of **Minister President Günther** and **President Levits** that SH and LV want to work more closely together in the future
- Possible areas of collaboration: **renewable energy**, medical technology, education and science
- **Rural Energy Communities<sup>LV</sup>** contributes to **bringing this vision to life**

## Agenda

10:00

### **Opening**

*Michael Krug, Project Coordinator, Heinrich Böll Foundation Schleswig-Holstein*

10:05

Short Tour de Table

10:15

### **Welcome**

*Dr. Markus Hirschfeld, Head of Energy Policy and Energy Law Division, MEKUN*

10:20

### **Renewable Energy Policies of Germany and Schleswig-Holstein**

*Dr. Markus Hirschfeld, Head of Energy Policy and Energy Law Division, MEKUN*

10:40

### **Implementation of the RED III in Germany and Schleswig-Holstein: Status quo**

*Cornelia Pankratz, Officer for Renewable Energy Sources Act and Bioenergy, MEKUN*

11:05

### **Spatial planning and designation of priority zones for wind energy/open space PV in SH**

*Ulrich Tasch, Officer for Wind Energy Planning, Ministry of the Interior, Municipal Affairs, Housing and Sport*

11:30

### **Energy communities, collective self-consumption and energy sharing in Germany and Schleswig-Holstein (Implementation of RED II and Electricity Market Directive)**

*Dr. Marlies Wiegand, Research Group Leader, FH Westküste, University of Applied Sciences*

12:00

### **Citizens' Energy Fund Schleswig-Holstein**

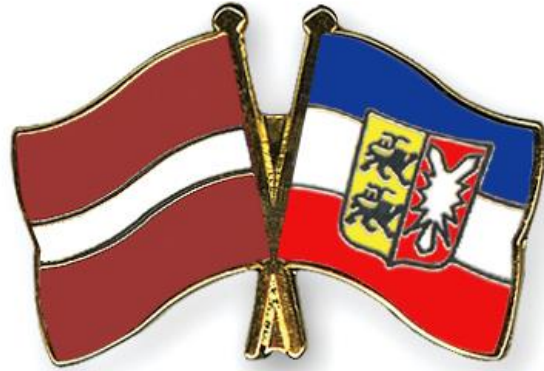
*Laura Paulsen, Officer for Financial RES Support Programmes, MEKUN*

12:30

Closing of the meeting

12:45

Lunch at the Ministry's Canteen



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# EU Definition: Renewable Energy Community

- **Legal entity**
- **Open and voluntary participation**
- **Autonomy**
- **Effective control by shareholders or members** located in the **proximity** of the RE projects that are owned and developed by that legal entity
- Shareholders/members: **natural persons, SMEs or local authorities incl. municipalities**
- **Primary purpose: environmental, economic or social community benefits** for the shareholders/members or for the local areas where it operates, **rather than financial profits.**

(Renewable Energy Directive (RED II), Article 2(16))