

Press release

HAMBURG INSTITUT AND PLANENERGI: GERMAN-DANISH COOPERATION FOR THE ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSITION

- Cross-border pooling of skills and capacities, especially in the heating sector
- Strong partnership also for large-volume projects
- 2023 start of a joint project to identify waste heat potential for the city of Hamburg

Hamburg, 06.02.2023. The teams of the Danish engineering firm PlanEnergi and the consulting and research company Hamburg Institut have known and appreciated each other for a long time. Over the past ten years, the companies have worked together on numerous projects. Now, Hamburg Institut and PlanEnergi are strengthening their cooperation on a strategic and operational level and have signed an agreement for this purpose. This agreement concerns cooperation only; both companies remain independent and continue to operate on their own responsibility.

It was agreed to pool the respective competences and capacities across the countries. The aim is to further promote the use of resource-saving and environmentally friendly energies and systems as well as innovations. To achieve this, it is planned to cooperate in Germany, Denmark and other countries, for example in project development and implementation and through joint participation in tenders.

Knowledge transfer and exchange of experience across national borders

"This cooperation provides even more power to implement largescale projects with broad know-how and under one roof, and is intended to boost innovative solutions," says Dr Matthias Sandrock, Co-founder and Managing Director of Hamburg Institut. The transfer of knowledge and exchange of experience across national borders is particularly exciting: "Denmark is a pioneer in the expansion of district heating **infrastructure, so we in Germany can draw inspiration from many aspects.**"

Per Alex Sørensen, Team Manager and Co-founder at PlanEnergi, is also looking forward to the intensified exchange: "Both companies contribute highly specialised know-how, especially in the field of district heating - for example in the areas of heat planning, heat grids, large heat pumps and storage. We can **benefit from this for each other, but above all it is a benefit for our clients.**"

Effective support for current topics such as municipal heating planning

Hamburg Institut Managing Director Robert Werner is convinced that there are more issues than ever where joint expertise is needed: "Due to climate targets and legal requirements, for example, the need for municipal heating planning and transformation plans is currently increasing noticeably. Here, we can offer even more effective support as a group."

Cooperation on study of waste heat potential in Hamburg

The topic of waste heat utilisation is also high on the agenda of many cities and municipalities - including Hamburg. A study on the spatial registration of waste heat potential and its integration in the heat cadastre, commissioned by the Hamburg City Authority for the Environment, Energy, Climate and Agriculture (BUKEA), is the first project that Hamburg Institut and PlanEnergi are working on together as part of the newly established cooperation.

"In the future, the cooperation should also go beyond our traditional intersections in the field of district heating. It would be worth considering the further expansion of competencies in research and in advising municipalities on the path to climate neutrality," says Dorte Skaarup Østergaard, Head of Copenhagen Department at PlanEnergi. "We have such a good match in terms of our skills, ways of thinking and approaches that there is still a lot we can achieve together."

ABOUT HAMBURG INSTITUT

Hamburg Institut is a consulting and research company with a focus on the energy and environmental sector. Since 2012, it has been supporting ministries, municipalities, companies in the energy industry, associations and other stakeholders in Germany and abroad in the successful implementation of the energy transition. Hamburg Institut combines many years of know-how from politics, administration, business, law and technology and offers interdisciplinary research work in addition to consulting and strategy development. For the overall goal of a sustainable energy supply, Hamburg Institut focuses on renewable heat, municipal and corporate climate neutrality, climate policy, the green energy market and guarantees of origin. The company is based in Hamburg-Altona and currently has a staff of around 30.

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ABOUT PLANENERGI

PlanEnergi is a Danish engineering company founded in 1983 with a focus on renewable energy and efficient energy use. As a service provider, PlanEnergi supports district heating companies in Denmark as well as municipalities and cooperatives in planning, consulting and monitoring tasks - especially in the fields of energy and heat planning, solar thermal, heat pumps, bioenergy, wind energy, photovoltaics and renewable district heating systems. With over 30 years of experience, PlanEnergi is familiar with all conceivable combinations of district heating production systems. The staff of about 30 is based at three locations in Skørping, Aarhus and Copenhagen. As a foundation, PlanEnergi works independently and always pursues the common good: the development of renewable energy.

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Signing of the cooperation agreement between Hamburg Institut and PlanEnergi in Hamburg: Dr Matthias Sandrock, Robert Werner, Dorte Skaarup Østergaard, Per Alex Sørensen (from left to right)