

### Fachagentur Nachhaltende Rohstoffe e. V. (FNR)

The Agency for Renewable Resources (Fachagentur Nachhaltende Rohstoffe e. V. - FNR) was founded in 1993 as a government initiative intended to support research and development projects in the field of renewable resources. As a project management organisation, FNR answers to the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).

FNR manages the "Renewable Resources" funding programme on behalf of the BMEL. The funding programme is part of the government's high-tech strategy to improve Germany's competitiveness. It also supports the government's "Policy Strategy on Bioeconomy", which aims to create a resource-efficient economy that makes use of renewable resources.

The programme is intended to support the further development of a sustainable bio-based economy. This involves developing innovative, internationally competitive bio-based products, as well as processes and technologies for their production. Furthermore, the programme also supports the development of approaches aimed at improving the sustainability of the bio-based economy, while taking the expectations and demands of society into account.

Over the course of time, FNR has taken on additional tasks: Since 2019, the FNR has been the key partner of the BMEL in funding measures in the forest sector. As project executing agency of the Forest Climate Fund of the BMEL and the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), supporting research topics on sustainable forest management FNR oversees the BMEL's "Guideline for Grants for Climate-Adapted Forest Management" and coordinates projects on innovative wood use as part of the BMEL's Charter for Wood 2.0. Additionally, FNR implements measures for peatland protection, peat use reduction and emission reduction in the fermentation of manure on behalf of the BMEL. Together with the project management organisation VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH, FNR is also responsible for the funding guideline for the development of renewable fuels of the Federal Ministry of Digital Affairs and Transport (BMDV). Finally, FNR's portfolio also includes the participation in European and international projects and committees.

### Tasks of the FNR

- Participation in the planning and implementation of federal funding programmes under the legal and technical supervision of the BMEL (project management),
- the collection and processing of relevant technical information, and
- the provision of information, in particular to the federal government and the federal states as well as to industry, agriculture, forestry and consumers in the field of renewable resources, forests and wood as well as peatland protection and peat use reduction, public relations work.

In this context, the FNR is creating additional offers:

- the Competence and Information Centre for Forests and Wood (KIWUH)
- the Bioenergy Information Centre,
- the specialist information on building and housing,
- the project "Renewable raw materials in purchasing" and
- the support of EU projects.

### Foundation

- 1993

### Employees

- 160

### Key topics

- Renewable Resources
- Research and Development
- Sustainable Bioeconomy

### Key services

- Project Management
- Consultation
- Information

## Project funding

Project funding is the primary task of FNR. On behalf of the BMEL, FNR supports applied research and development in the field of sustainable production and use of renewable resources. In addition, FNR oversees the other funding programmes presented here: <https://www.fnr.de/projektfoerderung>

## International / European cooperation

Renewable raw materials and their applications are increasingly valued not only within Germany, but worldwide. The diverse efforts in this field must be coordinated and harmonised in order to exploit multiplier and synergy effects.

FNR strives to contribute to this necessary coordination and therefore attaches great importance to active participation in transnational activities. This is done through direct participation in European projects, but also increasingly through participation in advisory and expert bodies.

## Information and public relations

FNR is the main point of contact for all matters concerning renewable resources. Consultation and public relations advice also play an important role. Regular events and industry and consumer expos round off the spectrum of activities.



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