

Targets and Policies for the Renewable Energy Transformation in Europe

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Biography

Rainer is an experienced Renewable Energy expert. Since May 2014, he has been serving as a Vice-President of EREF (European Renewable Energies Federation), the voice of independent producers of energy from renewable sources. From 2010 to 2014 he was EREF's President. Furthermore, he was the President of the European Renewable Energy Council (EREC), the umbrella organization of Renewables in Europe, until it had to be dissolved in March 2014.

Rainer is also a Board Member of the German Renewable Energy Federation (BEE), a mandate which he has been holding since 2006. He is BEE's Spokesperson for European and international affairs, and he is the Chairman of BEE's related working group.

He is a Member of the WREN-Council, the advisory structure of the World Renewable Energy Network and he is the Chairman of WREN's Policy Committee. Rainer is closely cooperating with various international organizations in the area of Renewables, such as IRENA, the IEA, the Global100%Renewables-Campaign and others.

From November 1998 to December 2005, he was a Director General in the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), in charge of – among other things – renewable energy and climate protection. As a representative of BMU he was one of the two chairmen of the International Steering Committee preparing the renewables2004-conference in Bonn. After the conference, he served as BMU's representative and a founding co-chair and later a member of the Bureau of the Global Policy Network, now known as REN21.