The German-Brazilian Energy Partnership was signed through the “Agreement on Cooperation in the Energy Sector” in May 2008, approved by the National Congress in December 2009 and ratified in March 2012 by the Presidency of the Republic. The focus areas of the Energy Partnership are renewable energies and energy efficiency.

Major events of the Energy Partnership

- 25/6/18: Panel discussion on energy efficiency in industry at the German-Brazilian Economic Meeting in Cologne.
- 10/5/18: Implementation of the first Consultative Council for Local Business, in São Paulo, with more than 20 representatives of German companies in Brazil, with the participation of BMWi, the German Consulate in São Paulo and the German Embassy in Brasília.
- 9/5/18: First "Brazil-Germany Energy Day", in São Paulo, which consisted of a visit to BASF’s Eco-Efficiency House, a workshop on “Energy Efficiency in the Construction Sector” and an evening reception at the travelling exhibition “Energiewende” (AA).
- 26/4/17: Meeting of the Secretary of State with German and Brazilian business representatives, Berlin.
General Information

Brazil already has one of the cleanest electricity matrices in the world due to its abundant renewable resources. More than 60% of the electric energy generated comes from hydroelectric plants, but at the same time, the country still has a great potential for the development of renewable energy sources, especially for solar, wind and biomass energy.

The Energy Partnership provides a platform for high-level policy makers and industry representatives, associations, financial and research institutions to support Brazil in developing and implementing national energy policies that drive sustainable, secure and affordable energy supply.

Institutional Framework

Actors and responsibilities
The Federal Ministry of Economy and Energy (BMWi) is responsible for implementing the Energy Partnership on the German side. The cooperation and negotiation partner of the Energy Partnership on the Brazilian side is the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME).

Other key players on the German side are the Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety (BMU), the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) and the German Embassy in Brasilia. On the Brazilian side, the Ministry of Exterior Relations (MRE), the Energy Research Company (EPE) and the National Electric Energy Agency (Aneel) are involved in the dialogue. Representatives of industry associations, companies, financial and research institutions from both countries are invited to actively participate in the Energy Partnership.

Operation
The operationalization of the Energy Partnership takes place under the leadership of the responsible ministries, BMWi and MME.

The structure of the cooperation includes a high-level steering committee with the deputy ministers of the respective ministries, BMWi and MME. Two thematic working groups “Renewable Energy, Including Biomass” and “Energy Efficiency” carry out in-depth dialogue at the operational and technical level and the implementation of cooperation projects. The working groups are open committees in which not only government representatives, but also private sector, research and civil society actors can participate. In addition, the Energy Partnership includes specialized workshops, energy policy conferences and technical study trips.

GIZ has been designated to support the implementation of the Energy Partnership. Offices in Brasilia and Berlin support the organization and follow-up of committee meetings and other activities of the Energy Partnership. In addition, it serves as a competent contact for all actors involved and interested.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN PARTNERSHIP?

If you are interested in the topics of cooperation, or would like to participate in activities or meetings of the Energy Partnership working groups, please contact us:

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