



### OÖ Energiesparverband (ESV): Shaping the Energy Transition in Upper Austria

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#### ESV's Story

The Energiesparverband (ESV) is the regional energy agency of Upper Austria, founded in 1991 by the regional government. **ESV has a key role in achieving the region's success in energy decarbonisation and climate neutrality:** It drives the energy transition with comprehensive activities on **energy efficiency, renewable energy, e-mobility and innovative energy technologies** by working with the entire range of stakeholders.

With a broad portfolio of information, training and funding programmes, the **agency serves households, companies (SMEs and industry) and municipalities.** For example, over 10,000 face-to-face energy advice sessions are held and over 70 information events (training courses, conferences etc.) for businesses across the energy transition value chain and public bodies are organised annually (2,000+ participants). ESV manages the Cleantech-Cluster Energy, a network of over 150 companies active in sustainable energy.

A key activity is also the **support to the regional government** in developing and implementing a comprehensive and well-designed policy portfolio based on long-term vision and strategy. The approach, coined "carrots, sticks and tambourines", consists of a **combination of financial incentives, regulatory measures, and information and training activities** for all sectors.





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As the competence centre for energy funding and energy technologies, **ESV supports investments in the residential, public and business sector with tailor-made solutions.**

- ESV supports municipalities in the region with a range of services, including training, support for investment decisions and development of carbon neutrality roadmaps (developed in the context of the LIFE project REMARKABLE).
- It runs a "one-stop-shop" for home renovation in the context of which over 10,000 homeowners are supported every year.
- A third OSS is dedicated to Energy Communities.

Since its start in 2021, **ESV has provided support to over 1,600 citizens, municipalities and SMEs** and implemented comprehensive information and awareness raising actions (including events for 3,500 participants). To date, there are over 800 Energy Communities with 36,000 members in the region.

ESV manages the regional facilitation service and "one-stop-shop" (OSS) for energy contracting which supported and funded over 450 EPC projects.

**ESV is strongly networked at national, European and international levels:** it organises the annual World Sustainable Energy Days (an international conference on the energy transition and climate neutrality with 600+ participants from 50+ countries). It has coordinated over 30 EU-funded projects and is member in several EU networks (FEDARENE, EUFORES and ECEEE).



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