Energy Cooperatives in Germany

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DGRV – German Cooperative and Raiffeisen Confederation

- National apex organisation
- Top-level auditing federation
- Largest economic organisation in Germany in terms of members:
  - 5,688 cooperatives
  - 19.58 million members (excl. 2,000 housing coops with 2.8 mio. members)
- German cooperatives 160 years of business-tradition

for the cooperative group in Germany
Renewable energy cooperatives
Business models

photovoltaic

wind energy

district heating systems
Reasons for the foundation of energy coops

Motives for the foundation of the cooperative?

- 0 = no motivation
- 3 = very high motivation

- Promotion of renewable energies
- Promotion of regional energy supply
- Independence from big energy companies
- Securing supply “in the own hands”
- Cost-efficient energy supply
- Dividend payment for members

Values:
- Promotion of renewable energies: 2.39
- Promotion of regional energy supply: 1.61
- Independence from big energy companies: 1.47
- Securing supply “in the own hands”: 1.48
- Cost-efficient energy supply: 2.3
- Dividend payment for members: 1.64
Thank you for your kind attention!

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