

Germany

For Germany the following financial instruments and funding programmes were reported on national level:

Germany	Instrument	Source	Sector	Technology	Impact
EEG	Feed-in tariff	Federal funds	Plant operator	Biomass, biogas, PV, wind energy and other installations for renewable electricity	23.6 billion Euro (forecast 2014)
Climate Protection Initiative	Investment grant	Federal funds	Companies, research institutions, universities, municipalities, public institutions, private persons and associations	Biomass, production of heat, development projects	280 Mio. Euro for Germany, 120 Mio. Euro international (in total)
Subsidy for Mini CHP plants	Investment grant	Federal funds	Plant operator	Mini CHPs (up to 20 kW) Natural gas, liquid gas, biogas, oil	8.9 Mio. Euro (April 2012 to June 2013)
Funding programme for Micro-CHP-heating devices	Investment grant	Energy supplier	End customers	Micro CHPs Natural gas	100,000 Euro (in total)
Compensation for electricity generated by CHP plants	Feed-in tariff	Electricity system operator	Plant operator	High efficient CHPs (new and refurbished)	
Climate Initiative – Measures for industrial cooling plants	Investment grant	Federal funds	Companies of the industrial economy	More efficient industrial cooling, waste heat recovery	
Environment Innovation programme	Loan or investment grant	Federal funds	Companies of the industrial economy, other natural or judicial private persons, municipalities, public institutions and associations	Energy efficiency and renewable energies Large scale plants with demo character	10 Mio. Euro (in 2012)
BMWi-Innovation Bonuses (go-inno)	Investment grant	Federal funds	Industrial companies incl. handcraft, esp. SMEs	Consultancy for energy efficiency projects	

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KfW- Funding Initiative Energy Transition	Loan	Bank	Companies of the industrial economy	Investments in energy efficiency, innovative and efficient technologies and utilization of renewable energies	65 Mio. Euro (in 2012)
Funding of measures to adapt to climate change	Investment grant	Federal funds	Municipalities and municipal companies, associations, SMEs, initiatives and organisations	Energy efficiency measures Concepts, pilot and demo projects	
KfW- Energy Efficiency Funding Programme	Loan	Bank	Companies of the industrial economy	Energy efficiency measures (building applications, process heat, control tech)	3.5 billion Euro (in 2012)
KfW-Program: Renewable Energies – Standard	Loan	Bank	companies that are mostly privately owned, others	Renewable energies CHPs, Grids (applying to EEG)	7.9 billion Euro (in 2012)
KfW- Programme: Renewable Energies – Premium	Loan	Bank	Natural persons (only for own usage), SMEs, regional administration bodies, enterprises for solar thermal energy, geothermal power, heat storage or district heating that are contractors	Renewable energies: Solar heat, Biomass, Biomass CHPs, heat storage, heat supply grids, ...	
KfW – Program: Energy Consulting for SMEs	Grant	Bank	SMEs and freelance professionals, if energy costs exceed 5000 Euro/a	Initial and detailed energy efficiency consulting	
Refurbishing energy efficiently – Supplementary credit	Loan	Bank	Persons who refurbish their home or are the first buyer of refurbished homes	Renewable energies: heating systems based on RES (solar, biomass, heat pumps)	

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Investment grant for the use of highly efficient cross-sectional technologies in medium-sized businesses	Investment grant	Federal funds	Companies	Energy efficiency measures (Pumps, Ventilation, Compressed Air, Heat Recovery)	
Market Incentive Programme	Investment grant	Federal funds	SMEs	Solar energy, biomass, heat pumps	144 Mio. Euro (in 2012)

Table 0-1 Financial instruments and funding programmes in Germany

EEG

EEG is part of the Gesetz für den Vorrang Erneuerbarer Energien (Law for the Preference of Renewable Energies). The short term for this law is Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz (Renewable-Energies-Law).

The articles 23 - 33 regulate the compensation for electricity fed into the grid on a federal level, whereas the electricity has to be produced by the named sources like biomass, biogas, PV or wind.

The funding is offered by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety.

For biomass, the plant operator can gain the following feed-in tariff:

Rated power	Feed-in tariff
≤ 150 kW	14.3 cent/kWh
≤ 500 kW	12.3 cent/kWh
≤ 5 MW	11.0 cent/kWh
≤ 20 MW	6.0 cent/kWh

For electricity from wind power plants (on shore) operators can get a basic compensation of 4.87 cent/kWh for the feed-in into the grid.

Details to the feed-in tariffs and regulations of other renewables can be found in the EEG - Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz.

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<http://dejure.org/gesetze/EEG, §§ 23- 33>

Climate Protection Initiative

The Climate Protection Initiative - research and development for climate efficient optimisation of biomass energy recovery subsidises the following kinds of projects:

- Projects for practical development of trendsetting and competitive technologies
- Flexible system technologies and concepts
- Biomass products aimed at a
 - Sustainable and efficient electricity generation
 - Sustainable and efficient production of heat

Companies, research institutions, universities, municipalities, public institutions, private persons and associations can gain a grant from the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety. This subsidy is basically running for three years.

Companies of the industrial economy can gain a grant of up to 50% of the eligible costs. Universities and non-university research institutions can gain a grant of up to 75% of the eligible costs.

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Subsidy for Mini CHP plants

The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety subsidises new CHP (Combined Heat and Power) systems with an electrical power of up to 20 kW in existing buildings. The Federal Office of Economics and Export Control (BAFA) administers this funding system.

The plant operator of highly efficient and modern CHP systems can gain a one-time investment grant. The CHP plant has to be accredited by the general decree and listed in the type and manufacturer list of the BAFA as an eligible system.

The amount of the grant depends on the electric power of the plant. For example: Small plants, suitable for single and semi-detached houses, with an electric power of 1 kW are subsidised with 1,500 Euro. Large plants with an electric power of 19 kW are subsidised with 3,450 Euro.

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Funding programme for Micro-CHP-heating devices

The German energy supplier E.ON Energie Deutschland subsidises the installation of Micro-CHP-heating devices for private customers that are living within the sales region of E.ON. The first 100 customers can gain a grant of 1,000 Euro. Micro-CHP-heating devices have an electrical power output of roughly 1 kW and a varying thermal power.

The device has to be installed from an installer from a defined company mentioned on the website or a qualified/certified installer.

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Compensation for electricity generated by CHP plants

The Federal Office of Economics and Export Control (BAFA) subsidises highly efficient new or refurbished CHP plants according to the Law for the Maintenance, Modernisation and

the Expansion of CHP (Gesetz für die Erhaltung, die Modernisierung und den Ausbau der Kraft-Wärme-Kopplung).

The plant operator of highly efficient and modern CHP systems can gain a so-called CHP compensation over a certain period of time for the produced electricity fed into the grid. The payment is done by the energy supplier on whose electricity grid the plant operator is connected.

The CHP plant has to be accredited by the general decree and listed in the type and manufacturer list of the BAFA as an eligible system.

Rated power	Feed-in tariff
≤ 2 kW	5.41 cent/kWh
≤ 50 kW	5.41 cent/kWh
> 50 - 250 kW	4 cent/kWh
> 250 kW – 2 MW	2.40 cent/kWh
> 2 MW	1.80 cent/kWh

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Climate Initiative – Measures for industrial cooling plants

This subsidy is based on the Integrated Energy and Climate Protection programme (Integriertes Energie- und Klimaschutzprogramm - IEKP) of the federal government. The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety subsidises the following kinds of measures:

- Energetic baseline study for existing cooling devices (Status- Check- Funding)
- Measures for renovation of existing cooling devices and measures for future systems, for which the use of more efficient technologies ensure energy savings (base funding)
- Measures for the use of waste heat resulting from production processes and cooling systems (bonus funding)

The energetic baseline study (status check) has to approve an energy saving potential through the application of more efficient components and systems of at least 35%. New installations have to use CO₂, NH₃ or non-halogenated refrigerants and installed components have to work highly efficient. The yearly electricity use of the cooling system has to be 100,000 kWh at minimum or the costs for the electricity and power of the plant has to be 10,000 Euro per year at minimum. The system has to have a separate remote reading of the electricity meters, it has to be maintained by a specialised company and provisions to minimise emissions of cooling solvents have to be made.

Companies of the industrial economy can gain the following subsidies:

The status check is subsidised with 75% of the costs according to invoices, but 1,000 Euro maximum. In case of systems with extraordinary calculation effort the maximum amount is 1,300 Euro.

In case of base funding the subsidy is 15% of the net investment costs or in case of the use of CO₂, NH₃ or non-halogenated refrigerants 25% of net investment costs are subsidised.

In case of bonus funding the subsidy is 25% of the net investment costs and in case of the use of CO₂, NH₃ or non-halogenated refrigerants 35% of net investment costs are subsidised.

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Environment Innovation Programme

The Environment Innovation Programme (Umweltinnovationsprogramm – UIP) offers an investment grant or an interest subsidy for large scale technical plants with demonstration character.

The Federal Environment Agency in Germany (Umweltbundesamt – BMU), the KfW-Bank and the Federal Environment Agency (UBA) subsidise demonstration projects with the following character:

- Environmental protection facilities
- Facilities for disposal, supply or treatment
- Environmentally friendly production processes
- Installations for the production or utilization of environmentally friendly products or substitute materials
- Environmentally friendly products or substitute materials

if investment is necessary for a significant reduction of

- Emissions of pollutants to air, water or soil,
- Waste by type and quantity,
- Noise emissions,
- Impairment of soil

The systems and techniques have to correspond to the advanced state of technology or should show new operating and technique concepts or the project should be specifically advanced and innovative by integrating the procedures in the production process.

Companies, other natural or judicial private persons, municipalities, public institutions and associations can apply for a subsidy of interest or an investment grant:

- Loan of the KfW Bank with a subsidy of interest up to 70% of the eligible investment costs
- Investment grant of up to 30% of the eligible investment costs

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BMW- Innovation Bonuses (go-inno)

The Federal Ministry for Economics and Technology (Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Technologie – BMWi) subsidises external consultancy services in industrial companies including the handcraft. The funding programme comprises the modules "innovation management" and "resource and material efficiency".

The module "innovation management" contains a grant to the arising consultancy costs for supporting the preparation and implementation of product and technical process innovations in companies with technical potential. It addresses companies employing less than 100 employees and having a maximum yearly turnover of 20 Mio. Euro.

The module "resource and material efficiency" supports the technical consultancy in companies for a profitable increase of the resource and material efficiency in the production process or the use of the products at clients. It addresses small and medium sized companies of the producing branch with less than 250 employees and a maximum yearly turnover of 43 Mio. Euro. In certain exceptional cases companies with less than 1,000 employees can also gain this subsidy.

Basically there is no thematic constraint regarding specific technologies, products, branches or branches of economy.

In the module "Innovation management" companies can gain a grant up to 50% of the eligible expenditures. For one consultancy day expenditures up to 1,100 Euro are eligible and at maximum there can be gained 5 bonuses with up to 20,000 Euro per year.

In the module "resource and material efficiency" the maximum subsidy amount in level 1 is 17,000 Euro within a consultancy duration of maximum three months.

For both levels there is a maximum subsidy amount of 80,000 Euro.

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KfW- Funding Initiative Energy Transition

Within the Funding Initiative Energy Transition (Finanzierungsinitiative Energiewende) the KfW Bank offers financing of large investment projects of companies in Germany which target one or more of the following measures:

- Reconstructions or new buildings that fulfill or in the case of a new building exceed the requirements of the "Energieeinsparverordnung 2009"
- Energy efficiency measures that lead to an energy saving of 15% compared to the average of the specific branch
- Replacement investments in technical installations, if the energy consumption is at least 20% below the average of the past three years
- Further and new development of energy saving technologies, for efficient energy production, for energy storages and for efficient energy transmission
- Investments for using renewable energies

Domestic and foreign companies of industry which are mainly privately owned and whose consolidated sales revenue is between 500 Mio. Euro and 4 billion Euro can apply for a loan at KfW bank which can cover up to 50% of the overall loan that is required for a specific investment. Generally these are between 25 Mio. Euro and 100 Mio. Euro per project.

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Funding of measures to adapt to climate change

Within the programme funding of measures to adapt to climate change (Förderung von Maßnahmen zur Anpassung an den Klimawandel) the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety subsidises the following projects:

- Development of climate friendly concepts
- Learning opportunities regarding climate change and impacts
- Funding of municipal demonstration projects
- Support to regional and intercommunal/inter-municipal organisations

Municipalities and municipal companies, associations, SMEs, initiatives and organisations can gain a grant.

The grant amounts to a maximum of 65% of the total eligible costs. For SMEs the maximum amount is 100,000 Euro per project for the development of climate friendly and climate adapted concepts (with a duration of two years).

The funding of learning opportunities including the realisation of pilot and demonstration projects are subsidised with up to 300,000 Euro per joint project (with a duration of three years).

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KfW- Energy Efficiency Funding Programme

Within the KfW – Energy Efficiency Funding Programme (KfW – Energieeffizienzprogramm) the KfW Bank subsidises the following investment measures in energy efficiency:

- Building equipment and appliances
- Energy and plant technology
- Process heat and cooling
- Measurement and control technology
- Renovating and construction of buildings

The investments have to lead to substantial energy savings.

Replacement investments of energy efficiency measures have to lead to a specific energy saving of at least 20%, compared to an average of the past three years. New investments of energy efficiency measures have to lead to a specific energy saving of at least 15% compared to the average of the specific branch.

Domestic and foreign companies of industry, which invest in Germany, which are mainly privately owned and whose consolidated sales revenue is up to 2 billion Euro (in exceptional cases up to 4 billion Euro) as well as companies providing (energy) services for a third party within contracting can gain a low interest loan.

The loan can be gained up to 100% of the eligible investment costs, generally up to 25 Mio. Euro per project. Either the loan period does not exceed five years with a grace period of one year or the funding programme provides a loan period of 10 years with a grace period of two years.

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KfW-Programme: Renewable Energies – Standard

Within this programme the KfW Bank offers a low interest loan for projects to use renewable energies to produce electricity or electricity and heat in CHP plants as well as for investments in close low and medium voltage grids, especially the installation, expansion and acquisition of facilities and grids that comply with the EEG (Renewable Energies Law) and measures that improve the environmental situation.

Domestic and foreign companies that are mostly privately owned, enterprises at which municipalities, churches or charitable institutions participate, farmers, members of liberal professions, natural persons and non profit applicants who feed in or sell the produced heat can apply for a low interest loan.

The loan can be gained up to 100% of the investment costs up to a maximum of 25 Mio. Euro.

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KfW-Programme: Renewable Energies – Premium

Within this programme especially large scale installations for the use of renewable energies in the heat market are subsidised:

- Large solar thermal collectors
- Solid biomass for thermal use
- Heat driven biomass CHP
- Heat supply grids driven by renewable energies
- Large scale heat storage
- Biogas pipelines for crude biogas
- Large efficient heat pumps
- Plants for the exploitation and use of deep geothermal energy

Natural persons (only for own usage), charitable institutions, SMEs, regional administration bodies, enterprises for solar thermal energy, geothermal power, heat storage or district heating that are contractors can gain a low interest loan. Producers of such technologies or main components of the mentioned technologies can not apply for this programme.

The loan can be gained up to 100% of the investment costs, generally not more than 10 Mio. Euro per project. For geothermal projects up to 80% of the net investment costs can be subsidised.

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Energy consulting for SMEs

The KfW Bank subsidises energy consulting for SMEs. This offer includes an initial consulting to identify potentials as well as a detailed audit to develop a prioritized plan of measures that contains efficiency potentials, proposals for renewable energies and the economic feasibility. 80% with a maximum amount of 1,280 Euro of the initial consulting is subsidised. For the detailed audit 60% of the costs are funded by the KfW with a maximum of 4,800 Euro.

This grant can be used by SMEs and freelance professionals that are located in Germany, if the net energy costs exceed 5,000 Euro per year.

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Investment grant for the use of highly efficient cross-sectional technologies in medium-sized businesses

The Federal Office for Economics and Export Control (Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle (BAFA)) subsidises investment measures to improve energy efficiency by using high efficient cross-sectional technologies available on the market:

- Pumps
- Electrical engines
- Ventilation and air conditioning
- Compressed air systems
- Systems for heat recovery and use of waste heat

Before starting measures an energy saving concept has to be developed by an energy advisor. Measures have to reach an end energy saving of 25% at minimum to be subsidised.

De minimis aid: Small and medium-sized companies can gain a grant of up to 30% of the eligible costs for single measures. Other companies can gain a grant of up to 20% of the eligible costs for single measures.

For systematic optimisation measures according to the size of the enterprise and according to the energy saving, up to 30% of the eligible costs but at most 100,000 Euro per applicant are subsidised.

General block exemption Regulation (AGVO): In this case 40% of the eligible extra costs for small companies but at most 15% of the total investment costs are subsidised. Medium-sized companies can gain 30% of the eligible extra costs but at most 7.5% of the total investment costs. Otherwise 20% of the eligible costs but at most 5% of the total investment costs are subsidised.

The companies have to have maximum 500 employees and an annual volume of sales of maximum 100 Mio. Euro.

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Market Incentive Programme

Within the Market Incentive Programme (Marktanreizprogramm MAP) SMEs can gain investment grants for heat provision using solar thermal, biomass or heat pumps.

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Grant</u>
Solar thermal systems up to 20 m ² gross area	1,500 Euro - 3,600 Euro
Solar thermal systems between 20 m ² and 100 m ² gross area in multifamily houses and non-residential buildings	3,600 Euro - 18,000 Euro
Solar process heat systems with a gross area between 20 m ² and 100 m ²	Up to 50% of the investment
Biomass up to 100 kW	
- Pellet heating system	≥ 2,400 Euro
- Pellet heating system with buffer	≥ 2,900 Euro
- Pellet stove, water-bearing	≥ 1,400 Euro
- Wood chips heating systems	1,400 Euro
- Logs gasification boiler	1,400 Euro
Heat pumps up to 100 kW	
- Air / water heat pump ≤ 20 kW	1,300 Euro
- Air / water heat pump ≤ 100 kW	1,600 Euro
- Air / water heat pump with buffer ≤ 20 kW	1,800 Euro
- Air / water heat pump with buffer ≤ 20 kW	2,100 Euro
- Brine / water or water / water heat pump	2,800 Euro - 11,800 Euro
- Brine / water or water / water heat pump with buffer	3,300 Euro - 12,300 Euro

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