

Press release

## Lower Saxony's Minister of Economic Affairs Lies to take part in HUSUM WIND

Olaf Lies attends opening of wind trade fair. Lower Saxony is the official partner state of this year's HUSUM WIND and among the top 3 represented federal states.

HUSUM | 31 May 2023. Olaf Lies, Minister of Economic Affairs, Transport, Building and Digitalisation in Lower Saxony, has confirmed his participation in the opening event of HUSUM WIND with Robert Habeck on 12 September 2023. Lower Saxony is the official partner state of this year's wind trade fair. "HUSUM WIND has been making an important contribution to the transformation of our energy system for years. As an established meeting place for the wind energy industry, it brings together national and international players to present the latest developments in the sector. Therefore, we are very pleased to be the official partner state of HUSUM WIND in 2023," says Olaf Lies, Lower Saxony's Minister of Economic Affairs.

Lower Saxony and the other northern German states are pioneers in the expansion of renewable energies. Every fifth kilowatt hour generated in Germany from renewable sources is 'made in Lower Saxony'. With a share of renewable energies in gross electricity consumption of more than 90 percent in 2022, Lower Saxony has a high generative potential for the production of green hydrogen. Olaf Lies explains: "Already in 2019, we defined goals and needs for action in this group of themes, which are important for the transformation of the economy, with the joint Hydrogen Strategy for Northern Germany. Today, we are benefiting from this foresight: Northern Germany, the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, as the powerhouse for renewables energies, offer huge potential that we will exploit efficiently and swiftly. After all, the rapid expansion of onshore and offshore wind energy and the development of an extensive hydrogen economy are crucial prerequisites for achieving the national climate targets. Here, Lower Saxony will play a central role in the future of Germany's total energy supply." By 2040, Lower Saxony aims to cover the state's energy needs 100 percent from renewable sources.

Together with North Rhine-Westphalia and Schleswig-Holstein, Lower Saxony is one of the top 3 federal states represented at HUSUM WIND 2023. Confirmed exhibitors include Alterric, Deutsche WindGuard, ENERCON, ENOVA Power, GEWI and PNE.

Caption: Lower Saxony's Minister of Economic Affairs Olaf Lies @Shino Photography

About HUSUM WIND - Transforming Energy

At HUSUM WIND from 12 to 15 September 2023, under the patronage of Germany's Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck around 600 exhibitors will showcase product innovations and cutting-edge technology in the fields of onshore and offshore wind, green hydrogen,

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energy storage, sector coupling, digitalisation, recycling and repowering. For over thirty years, the dynamic industry fair in northern Germany has supported the wind energy sector's transformation, offering practical solutions, innovative products and networking opportunities. At the start, the conference "Industry meets Renewables" will take place at the NordseeCongressCentrum from 11 to 12 September. Expert forums, networking events and the WINDCareer job fair with a job wall and matchmaking formats top off the programme of HUSUM WIND.

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