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The wave of remunicipalisation of energy networks and supply in Germany

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120 Start-ups of municipal energy suppliers

72 municipal energy suppliers (Stadtwerke)
were founded between 2005 and 2012.
+ 48 until 2014

15% of all Stadtwerke are new enterprises

WHY?

Legende:

★ Neugründung

Cluster 1 Hamburg Schleswig

Stadtwerke Brunsbüttel
Stadtwerke Uetersen
Energie Rellingen
Gemeindewerke
St. Michel Energie
Hamburg Energie

Cluster 2 Großraum Hannover

Gemeindewerke Wietze
Gemeindewerke Wedemark
Stadtwerke Elm-Lappwald
Stadtwerke Gifhorn GmbH
Gemeindewerke Uetze
Gemeindewerke
Peiner Land

Cluster 3 Region Wolfsburg

Stadtwerke Springe
Stadtwerke Weserberg
Netzgesellschaft Hessisch
Oldendorf
Mindener Stadtwerke
Stadtwerke Springe
Stadtwerke Pulheim
Stadtwerke Rösraht Energie
Stadtwerke Lohmar
Ahrtal-Werke
Stadtwerke Waldbröl
Energie + Wasser für Wachtberg

Cluster 4 Ostwestfalen - Münsterland

Stadtwerke Harsewinkel
Wadersloh Energie
Gemeindewerke
Bad Sassendorf
Hochsauerland Energie
Gemeinsame Stadtwerke
Münsterland

Cluster 5 Region Köln

Stadtwerke Köln
Stadtwerke Rürup
Stadtwerke Düren
Stadtwerke Heinsberg
Stadtwerke Euskirchen
Stadtwerke Aachen

Cluster 6 Region Bonn

Stadtwerke Bonn
Stadtwerke Siegburg
Stadtwerke Hennef
Stadtwerke Bad Godesberg
Stadtwerke Bornheim
Stadtwerke Sankt Augustin

Cluster 7 Schwarzwald

Stadtwerke Emmendingen
Energieversorgung
Gemeindewerke Umkirch
Energieversorgung Titisee-Neustadt
Stadtwerke Müllheim Stauf
Regionalwerk Hochrhein

Cluster 8 Bodensee

Gemeindewerk Allensbach
Hagnauer Gemeindewerke
Regionalwerk Bodensee
Gemeindewerke Sipplingen

Cluster 9 Region München

Stadtwerke Pfaffenhofen
Stadtwerke Landsberg
Gemeindewerke Windach KU
Energieversorgung Olching
Regionalwerk Würmtal
Energieversorgung Putzbrunn
Gemeindewerke Gräfelfing
Gemeindewerke Oberhaching

100 km



Quelle:

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Assessment regarding the prospects of success

What are the motives for local politicians to establish new municipal power utilities?

Is the achievement of political / economic targets likely?

Evaluation by external experts from research and practice

Review of the German trend towards municipal ownership of local utilities

10 targets related to the energy transition, climate protection, and the local economic impact:

1. Achieving environmental objectives and organization of the local „Energiewende“
2. Higher local added value
3. Harnessing tax regulations for improving municipal services
4. Improving the income situation of the city
5. Democratization of supply and stronger orientation towards the common good (public value)
6. Creating and protecting good jobs
7. Acting in social responsibility in energy supply
8. Expansion of eco-efficient energy services
9. Harnessing customer relations and public image
10. Materialising synergies with other sectors

A strategy to develop the primacy of local politics



Analysis of the business segments at all stages of the value chain

Extension of the value chain in the context of a quality competition.

Strategy approach: Remunicipalisation and the municipal energy supplier in the role of local energy provider



Municipal utilities usually aim to be a player along the entire value chain:

- procurement
- production
- supply and
- network operation

Result:

Appraisals concerning the achievement of the ten targets

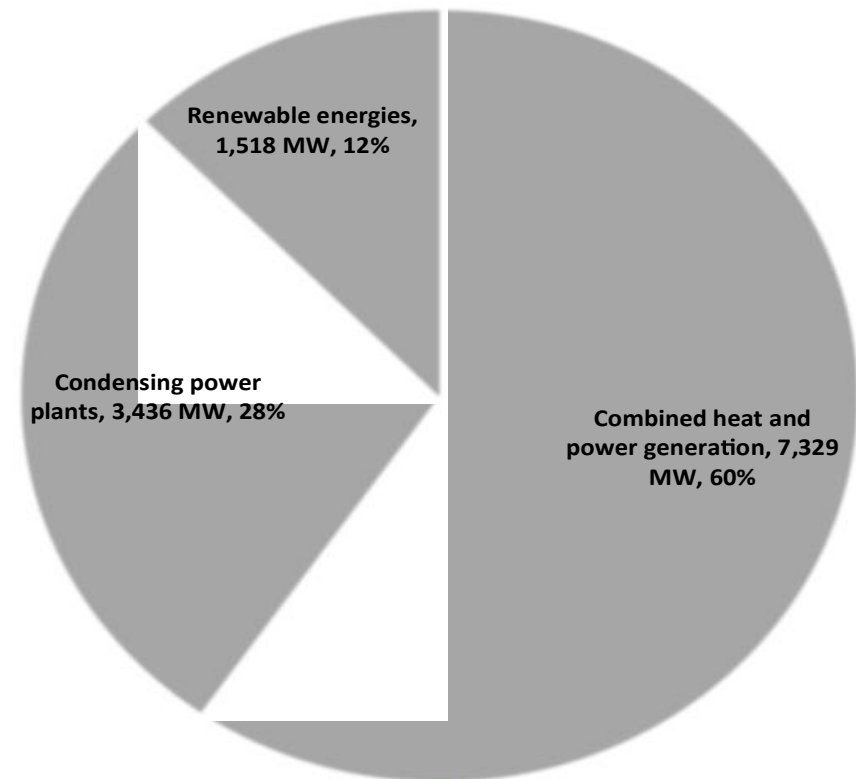
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→	1. Achieving environmental objectives and organization of local „Energiewende“	5 •	14	5	0
	2. Higher local added value	11 •	7	0	0
	3. Harnessing tax regulations for improving municipal services	7 •	3	1	0
	4. Improving the income situation of the city	11	6 •	1	0
→	5. Democratization of supply and stronger orientation towards the common good (public value)	12 •	21	2	1
	6. Creating and protecting good jobs	16	11 •	2	1
	7. Acting in social responsibility in energy supply	1	8 •	2	1
→	8. Expansion of eco-efficient energy services	8	22 •	6	0
→	9. Harnessing customer relations and public image	9 •	13	2	0
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	Total	90	121	35	3

Municipal energy suppliers go for a decentralised power supply

Energy generating capacity (MW) of municipal energy suppliers in Germany in 2012

Compared to this, the renewable energy share of the big 4 energy companies RWE, E.ON, Vattenfall and EnBW is approximately 5 per cent.

Municipal power utilities engage significantly more strongly in the expansion of renewable energies than the four large private energy companies.



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Maintenance of municipal influence

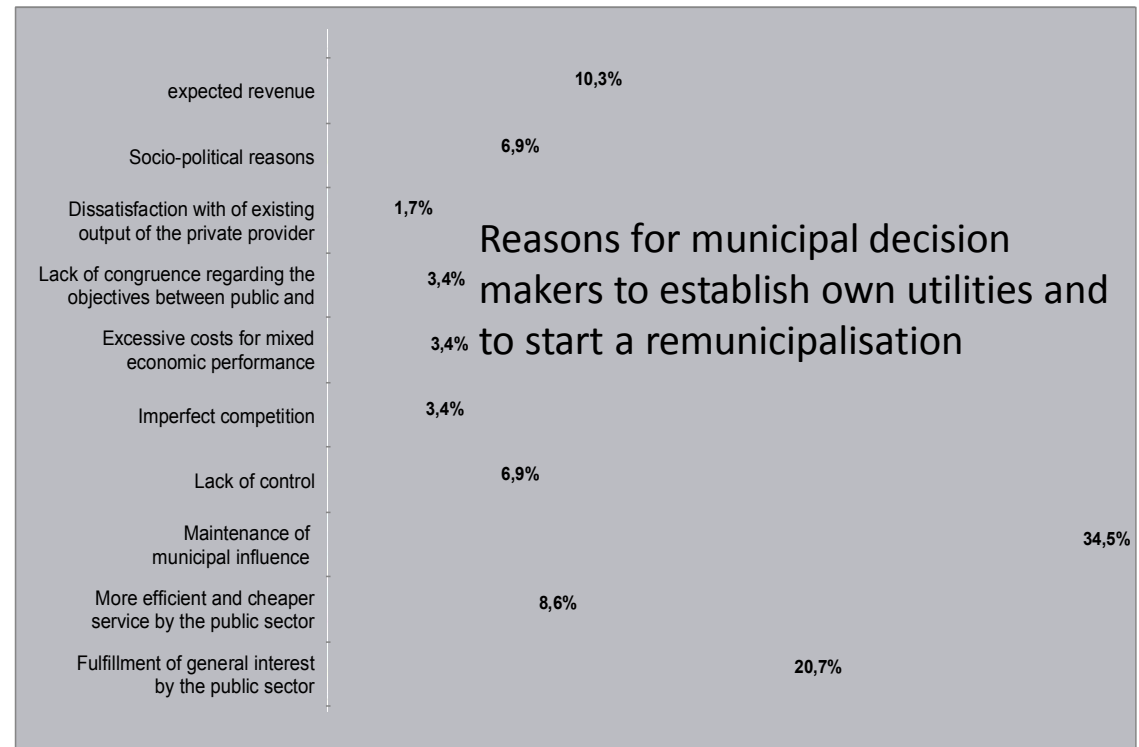
Features of municipal utilities

- Communication and disclosure of the strategy
- Financial participation (e.g. climate savings bonds)
- Involvement / engagement in "Local Agenda 21" projects
- Strong local political influence in the supervisory bodies
- Profits from the local energy supply are part of the public value

Target 5:

Democratization of supply and stronger orientation towards the common good (public value)

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The features of municipal utilities help to maintain local influence

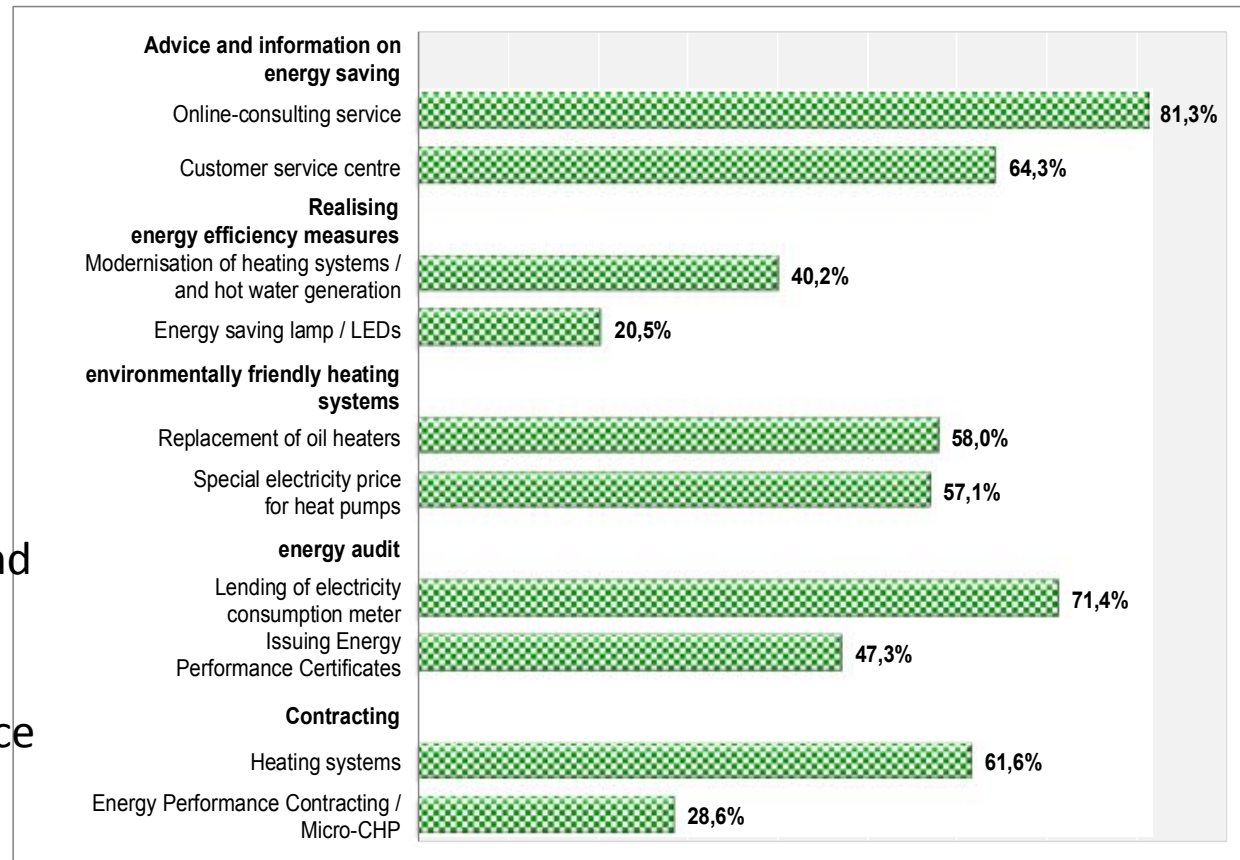
Goals of energy-efficiency policy at local level

Many public utilities offer eco-efficient energy services

The municipal utilities are increasing their reliability as a customer-oriented company and can improve their customers' loyalty. Customers receive incentives and support to reduce their energy bill.

Target 8:

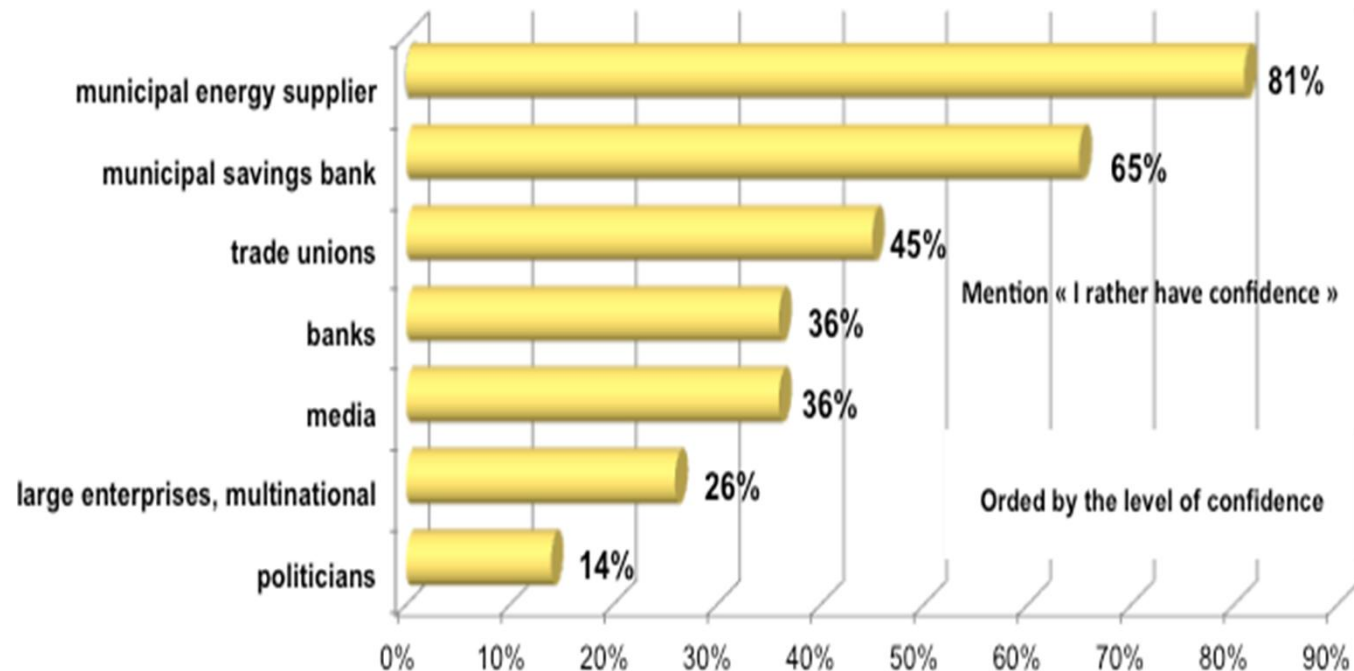
Expansion of eco-efficient energy services



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People trust the municipal energy suppliers

There is no other institution people trust more in than municipal / local energy suppliers.



Target 9:

Harnessing customer relations and public image

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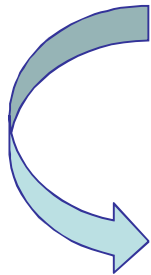
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Conclusion and outlook

- Remunicipalisation is a good opportunity to achieve local goals.
- Municipal utilities offer multifaceted opportunities and benefits for the local government.
- Stadtwerke can play an important role in the energy transition.

But:

- Analysing the remunicipalisation of public services is in its early stages
- There is still a tremendous need for research



The current state of research into the topic of remunicipalisation is far from being extensive

questions are:

- Are new Stadtwerke economically successful?
- Are there sustainable effects on the local energy policy?
- Can an international bandwagon effect be observed?

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Stadtwerke Bristol

Korea

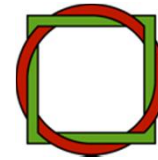


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The principal of German Stadtwerke – a model other countries?



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