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IFAT—partners of the industry

2020 status report on Germany's closed-loop economy

- Extensive data, wide range of information
- Publishers are 15 associations, societies, companies
- IFAT: platform for the global raw materials industry

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Reusing valuable resources and reducing their consumption significantly—that is the vision of the closed-loop economy. The “Status Report on Germany’s Closed-Loop Economy 2020” provides comprehensive data and information on the entire sector's activities and looks at future topics such as Circular Economy 4.0, resource conservation, energy transition and climate protection.

“The 'Status Report on Germany’s Closed-Loop Economy' impressively demonstrates the importance of the waste and raw materials industry as an economic sector and for future issues such as climate protection,” explains Stefan Rummel, Managing Director of Messe München. IFAT is one of the report’s 15 supporters. “We look forward to bringing all our partners and customers together again in Munich at the next IFAT in 2022 to further support the economic development and international networking of the environmental industry.”

German industry important player in global trade

In the context of the world's largest environmental technology trade fair with its spin-offs in China, India, Africa and Turkey, it is particularly interesting that for many years the German closed-loop economy has been an important player in the global trade with plants, machinery and secondary raw materials. On the one hand, there is a great need for modern technologies in many countries of the world in order to build up their own disposal structures. On the other hand, more and more secondary raw materials are required for the development of national economies, especially in the emerging markets, not least again for the manufacture and export of products to Europe. The market segment “technology for waste management“ by itself had an export volume of 5.1 billion euros in 2018. The most important target markets in this area are still the United States, China and France. However, important secondary raw materials, such as copper, iron and aluminum scrap are primarily shipped to Belgium, Italy and the

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Netherlands with a total volume of 9.5 billion euros.

Products & innovations: The technologically advanced and innovative industrial goods from the sector of closed-loop economy “Made in Germany“ are still in great demand on the world market. A few years ago, Germany was ranked third behind the USA and Japan in terms of patent applications. In the meantime, China has passed Germany by - a clear sign that Chinese competitors are catching up in terms of innovative strength and quality. Hence, global competition is increasing. If German suppliers want to maintain their leading global market position, they will have to make even greater efforts to meet the challenges in the global competition in innovation. This will be even more important as increasingly complex products require more and more complex recycling technologies.

The Status Report on Germany’s Closed-Loop Economy 2020 was initiated and its contents supported by a total of 15 associations, societies and companies: Working Group for Material-Specific Waste Treatment (ASA); Federal Association of the German Waste, Water and Raw Materials Management Industry (BDE); Federal Association of German Hazardous Waste Incineration Plants (BDSAV); Federal Association of German Steel Recycling and Disposal Companies (BDSV); Federal Association for Secondary Raw Materials and Waste Management (bvse); German Association for Waste Management (DGAW); IFAT—World’s Leading Trade Fair for Water, Sewage, Waste and Raw Materials Management; Community of German Landfill Operators (InwesD); Association of Thermal Waste Treatment Plants in Germany (ITAD); German association “Klimaschutz durch Kreislaufwirtschaft e.V.” (climate protection through circular economy); PlasticsEurope Deutschland; Mechanical Engineering Industry Association (VDMA); Association of the German Wood-Based Panel Industry (VHI); Association of German Metal Traders (VDM); German Association of Local Utilities (VKU).

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Download the status report: www.statusbericht-kreislaufwirtschaft.de

Excerpt with essential facts: <https://bit.ly/32QdCoR>

Further information about IFAT is available at www.ifat.de



About IFAT

IFAT is the world's largest trade fair for environmental technologies. This is where the global water, sewage, waste and raw materials management industry presents its solutions for industry and municipalities—with the aim of keeping valuable resources in circulation, from plastics and building materials to the „blue gold.“ The last edition attracted 3,305 exhibitors and 142,472 visitors, half of them from international markets throughout the world. IFAT is held every two years at the exhibition center in Munich; the next time from May 30 to June 3, 2022.

IFAT worldwide

IFAT in Munich is the leading trade fair and heads a global network of seven other trade fairs. Three of them are in China alone: IE expo China in Shanghai, IE expo Chengdu and IE expo Guangzhou. India hosts IFAT India in Mumbai and IFAT Delhi. The other two events are IFAT Africa in Johannesburg and IFAT Eurasia in Istanbul/Turkey.

About Messe München

Messe München is one of the world's leading networking platforms. In a reflection of the slogan „Connecting Global Competence,“ Messe München serves as a global networking platform and brings together decision makers from all parts of the world. Messe München's portfolio comprises more than 50 trade fairs for capital and consumer goods as well as new technologies that focus on the latest social issues. These trade fairs include the world-leading trade fairs bauma, BAU, IFAT and ISPO Munich. The roughly 200 events organized by Messe München each year attract about 50,000 exhibitors and 3 million visitors.

Messe München has one of the most modern exhibition grounds in the world and with its four locations in Riem, the ICM – Internationales Congress Center München, the MOC Veranstaltungszentrum München, and the Conference Center Nord, is able to fulfill all its customers' requirements individually. Messe München is very successful in its domestic market in Munich as well as in other countries. It is active in all important growth markets: China, India, South Africa, Brazil, Russia and Turkey. Overall, Messe München, with its network of associated companies and foreign agencies, is present in more than 100 countries.