

Transitioning from a coal based regional
economy to new sustainable business
models

How citizens and local stakeholders can shape their own future

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Environmental Action Germany

founded in 1975

- Programs on Energy & Climate Change, Nature conservation, Environmental Law, Clean Air & Transport, Circular Economy, Consumer Rights, Municipal Environment
- Collaborating with government, business and science to solve practical environmental problems
- A mix of confrontation and collaboration
- A leading advocate for citizen participation in environmental decision making:

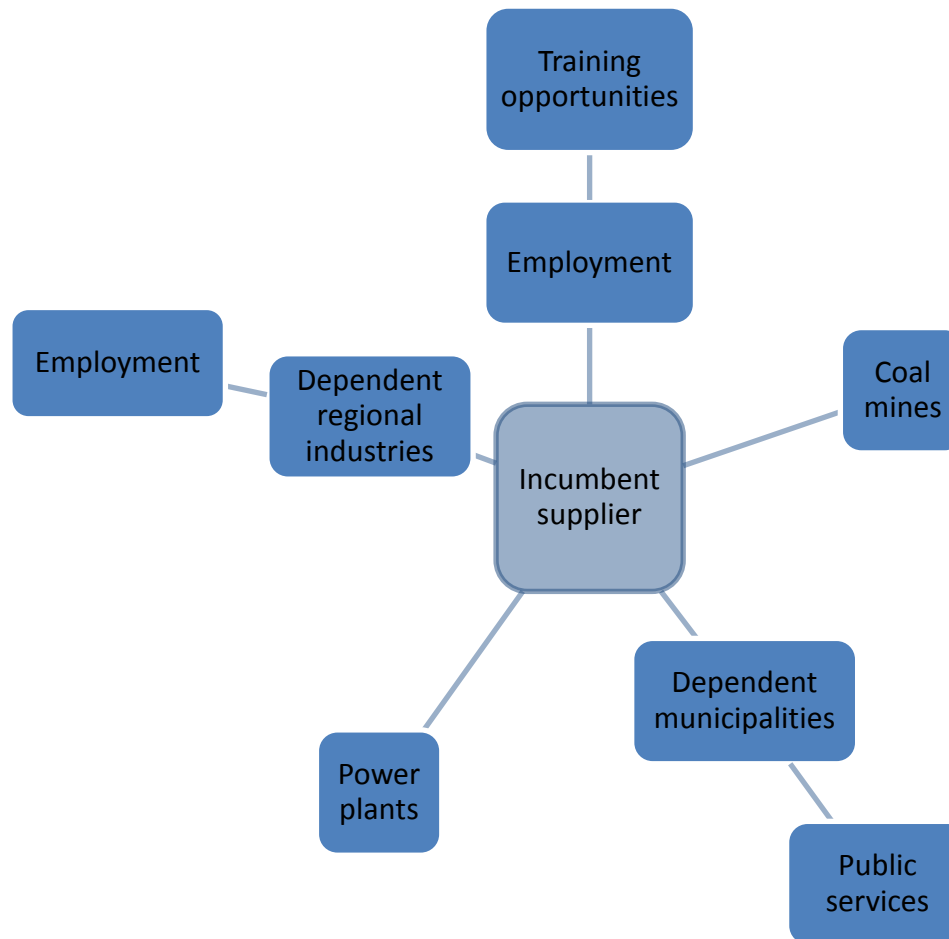
→ *2008 – 2014 moderator of the*

Forum for Integration of Renewable Energy

→ *Since 2015 Dialogues / Public Participation Power Grids*

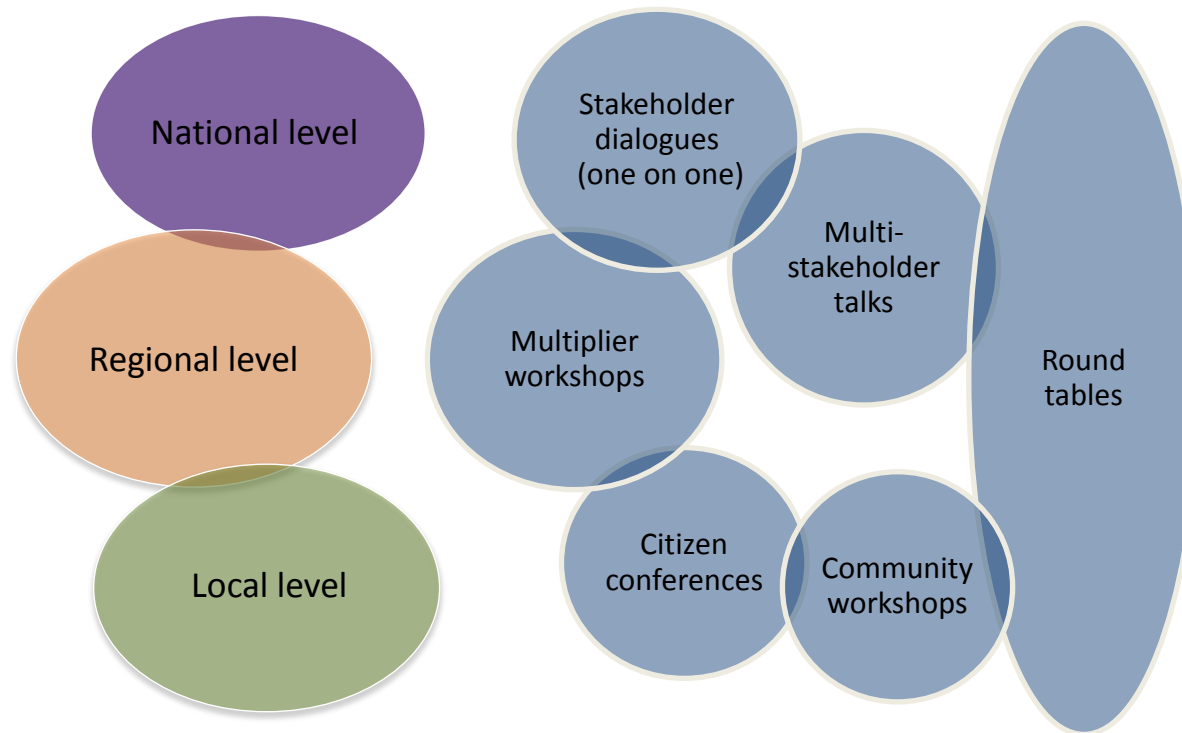
Variety of interdependent actors involved

Central challenge – incumbent social dynamics



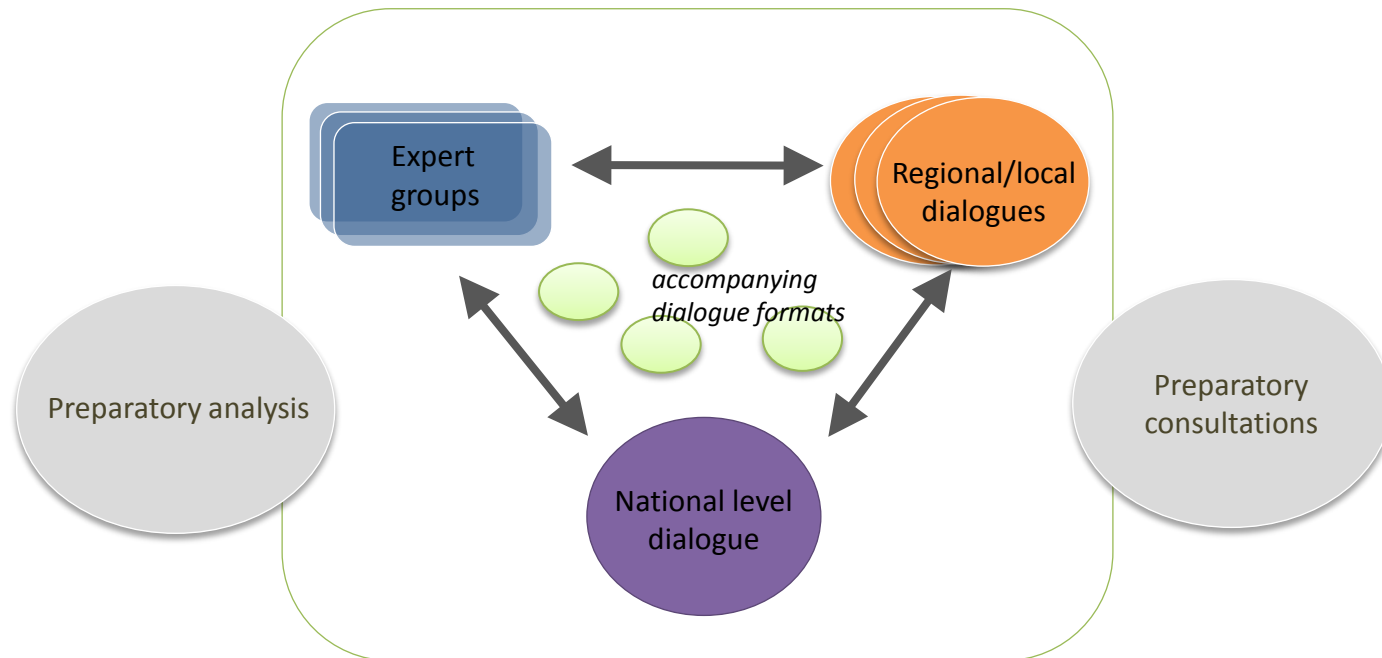
Variety of dialogue formats needed

Dialogues on different levels, formats corresponding to context



Process with mutual feedback needed

A multi-stakeholder, multi-level, participatory, science based process



What else do we need?



Political commitment and money

Credibility and transparency of the process

Base process on facts and lessons learnt from earlier transition experiences

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Thank you for your attention!

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