

The Oeko-Institut at a glance: facts and figures  
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The Oeko-Institut is one of Europe's leading independent research and consultancy organisations working for a sustainable future. It is organised and operates on a non-profit basis. Its scientists conduct their research and consultancy independently and in an open-ended manner and are not bound by instructions from third parties on the substance of their work.

[Overview of research topics](#)

### Protecting the environment, safeguarding sustainability

The aim of our work is to contribute to the preservation of the environment and natural resources, and to safeguard, for present and future generations, the vital support systems on which all human life depends. We apply our ideas, our scientific expertise and our consultancy skills to initiate and shape the necessary transformations in politics and society, with a focus on solutions.

[Mission Statement](#)

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### Our clients

Since its establishment, the Oeko-Institut has worked on an inter- and transdisciplinary basis with partners from industry, academia and civil society. With more than 150 commissioning parties, its main clients include the German ministries at the federal and regional (*Land*) level, local authorities, businesses and the European Union. The Institute also takes on commissions from NGOs and environmental organisations. We present our ideas and insights independently of the positions held by political and civil society organisations and avoid potential conflicts of interest.

[Full list of references](#)

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### Projects and turnover

In 2023, the Oeko-Institut's experts worked on almost 500 projects commissioned by or with financial contributions from more than 150 organisations. Annual turnover amounted to approximately 22.5 million euros in 2023 and 21 million euros in 2022 (forecast). From 2018 to 2022, annual turnover averaged 18.5 million euros, broken down as follows: European Union institutions (approx. 15%), federal ministries (approx. 32%), federal enterprises and authorities, regional (*Land*) and local authorities (approx. 41%) and companies, business associations and civil society organisations (approx. 12%).

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### Scientific excellence, lived diversity

Robust scientific analyses and recommendations are fundamental to our research and consultancy. We build on the outstanding qualifications and commitment of our staff in order to guarantee excellence in our work. At the same time, we are committed to gender equality and diversity. We are convinced that lived diversity and the appreciation of this diversity impact positively on the Oeko-Institut and the achievement of our goals in society.

[Diversity Strategy and Gender Equality Plan](#)

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## Team and organisation

In 2023, some 210 staff at the Oeko-Institut contributed to the success of research projects, studies and consultancy contracts. Of this figure, around 150 scientists worked on thematic issues in five research divisions and approximately 60 staff working for Central Services ensured that all the Institute's internal procedures ran smoothly.

The Oeko-Institut is a non-profit association with around 2,000 members, including more than 20 local authorities. The members elect the Committee at the annual Members' Meeting. Each Committee member serves on an honorary basis for a term of two years. The Executive Board is responsible for strategic development and the overall running of the Institute. As of 1 January 2024, the members of the Executive Board are Christof Timpe (Chief Executive Officer), Anke Herold (Scientific Director) and André Nelius (Executive Director Institute Management).

### [Organisation](#)

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## Further information

[Annual Report 2022](#)

[References 2022](#)

[Constitution of the Öko-Institut e.V.](#)

[Interactive timeline: the history of the Oeko-Institut in the environmental movement](#)

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The Oeko-Institut is one of Europe's leading independent research and consultancy organisations working for a sustainable future. Founded in 1977, the Institute develops principles and strategies for realising the vision of sustainable development at global, national and local level. The Oeko-Institut is represented at three locations in Germany – Freiburg, Darmstadt and Berlin.

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