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Personal expertise:

I studied Applied Cultural Science at the University of Lüneburg, Northern Germany, specialising in Communication, Speech, Marketing and Public Relations. I have worked for the FNR since May 15th 2002 and my task focus on public relations for the new market-introduction programme for biofuels and biolubricants and on EU projects.

Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe e.V. (FNR), Germany

Since the beginning of the 1980s, the German Government has promoted research and development in the field of renewable biological resources. To co-ordinate these activities, the “Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe e.V.” (FNR) was established in 1993.

As the central co-ordinating agency in Germany, the Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe e.V. (FNR) is charged with ensuring a practice-, problem- and result-oriented pooling of activities for the support of renewable resources. FNR has the legal status of a registered association with currently 65 members. Among the members there are representatives of Federal States, ministries, economic associations and other interest groups.

The main activity of FNR is project management on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture. Currently FNR administers two programmes related to research, development and market introduction of renewable biological resources with a total annual budget of 36 million Euro. Advice and public relations work are other activities to fulfil the co-ordinating function. Main instruments are two series of publications (“Schriftenreihe Nachwachsende Rohstoffe” and “Gülzower Fachgespräche”), the organisation of workshops, seminars and conferences, and a broad range of information available on the FNR website www.fnr.de.

FNR supports the research and development of product lines from the production stage to the application of renewable resources, their disposal included. This takes the shape of technical and administrative support to the Federal Ministry of Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture in the planning and execution of promotional programmes in the field of renewable resources.

As project sponsor of the Federal Ministry, the FNR is furthermore charged with the support of the Ministry in conceptional issues. In addition, the FNR carries out its own activities with a view to the initiation of projects: Identification of research requirements, including the elaboration of specific proposals for a further development of the promotional concepts of the federal government for renewable resources and initiation of projects.

In the frame of its European activities, the FNR is national and project co-ordinator of several network and research projects. These projects, funded under the energy and research programmes of the European Union, deal with different issues with an aim of better co-ordination of measures in the field industrial and energetic uses of renewable resources.

Together with the national agencies of France, United Kingdom, Belgium and The Netherlands, FNR forms the European Renewable Resources and Materials Association ERRMA. FNR co-operates also with non European organisations.