

## The **Bundesverband** **Bürgerinitiativen**

### **Umweltschutz e.V**

(Federal Association of Environmental Action Groups) is the umbrella organization of environmental action groups in Germany. Since its foundation in 1972 by groups campaigning for environmental protection, the BBU has become a vital force in the development of the green and peace movements in Germany.

Contrary to the current 'zeitgeist', the BBU is still based on **decentralized structures**. Each member action group works independently within the objectives of the BBU. One of our association's objectives has always been the **coordination** and **linking-up** of the individual action groups. In addition, we act as a lobbying body on a national level, representing the common interests of our member groups i.e. the securing of our natural basis for life. Nuclear energy is incompatible with this goal. Thus, the BBU rigorously pursues immediately opting-out of nuclear energy and instead promotes the increased exploitation of renewable energy sources.

The BBU is fully committed to strong public participation in shaping both the environment and the economy. We oppose the erosion of democratic rights by way of deregulation and so-called reduction in red tape. We promote the self-determined and

self-organized action of those affected by ecological and social concerns. We therefore help local action groups to organize themselves and give them access to the years of experience and wealth of knowledge of our members, e.g. by arranging for expert help in a variety of environmental fields.

As well as supporting the linking-up of groups and individuals with ecological and social concerns, the BBU examines environmental issues from the different perspectives of its member groups. It is this **comprehensive and all-inclusive approach** that is our strength.

Our monthly electronic **BBU Newsletter** features actions, campaigns, press releases, and political developments concerning the environment, highlighting the approval procedures agencies must follow for projects of national and general interest. While aimed at BBU group and sponsoring members, subscription is also open to other initiatives, associations, journalists, and individuals with an interest in environmental issues.

### **Working and Study Groups**

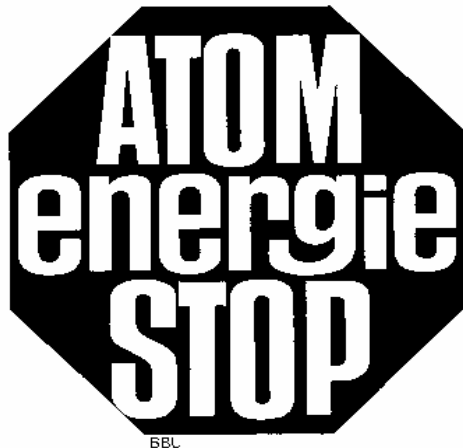
The BBU comprises working and study

groups to facilitate better coordination and linking-up of the member initiatives which operate self-sufficiently. (As at Feb 07)

The **Indoor Pollutants and Health Working Group** points to the enormous health and economic effects of indoor pollutants and demands a more intelligent approach to health and consumer protection. The group deals with the central issues of Pollution in Schools, Toner Hazard, and Indoor Pollutants / Wood Preservatives.

The **Environmental Management and Standardization Working Group** is a forum for the exchange of information between BBU representatives who are active in the various standards committees of the Deutsches Institut für Normung (DIN, German Standards Association) and the Deutsche Kommission Elektrotechnik Elektronik Informationstechnik (DKE, German Commission for Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Information Technology). The emphasis of this group's work is on committees dealing with environmentally relevant matters. The aim is to include environmental considerations in the standards-forming process, thus achieving improved environmental performance in production facilities. This

Working Group also coordinates the work of the BBU representatives in national and international committees and organizations. The BBU's **Energy Study Group** works on issues relating to the environmental impact of energy production, creating a network of anti-nuclear groups, supporters of renewable energy, and groups looking into the ecological fallout of energy production. The Energy Study Group critically monitors the activities of energy supply companies and politicians as well as scientific developments. Other subject areas include energy efficiency, decentralized power generation, and green electricity. In addition, the group provides consumers with tips for the purchase of electrical appliances.



If you would like to find out more about the BBU and our Working Groups, visit us on [www.bbu-online.de](http://www.bbu-online.de) or write to us.

You can support our work by joining us as a group or an individual sponsoring member. We will be happy to send you the necessary application forms. Membership fees for action groups are scaled according to their size of membership. Small groups or individuals pay an annual fee of €66.

Because of our cooperation with the power provider Elektrizitätswerke Schönau (EWS), sponsoring BBU members can benefit from lower prices for the company's non-nuclear electricity.

The EWS, also known under its nationwide nickname "Stromrebell" (Power Rebels), is the first electricity supply company evolved from an environmental action group. The company sources its electricity only from producers who verifiably have no links to the nuclear industry.

We want YOU to support our work

**by making a donation to the BBU**

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Konto-Nr. 1900.2666  
Donations and membership fees are tax-  
deductible.



## **Bundesverband Bürgerinitiativen Umweltschutz**

**Ecological and social issues must become determining factors in the development of society as a whole.**

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