

JI-PoAs - Blueprint for sectoral approaches?



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- = Overview, key findings, experiences from JI-PoAs in Europe
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Who we are and why we are engaging in the discussion

- = FutureCamp provides services related to EU-ETS, JI, CDM, footprinting and voluntary markets since 2001
- = On JI, we served a lot of activities, many in Germany but also in France, Poland, Lithuania, Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria
- = Our services on JI range from „Eligibility Evaluation“ to „Verification“, from „Consultant only“ to „Managing Entity for a JI-PoA“
- = Since the beginning we are convinced that a project based mechanism **in addition** to the ETS makes a lot of sense and started to develop first pre-JI-pilots in Germany and Italy as of 2002
- = We learned out of experience that JI is a **valuable mean** to
 - Outreach **incentives** of the ETS to non-ETS sectors - bottom-up
 - **Activate** innovative thinking, identify (sometimes unexpected) potentials and find ways to realize those – bottom-up
 - **Contribute** remarkably to supply with credits stemming from domestic reductions
 - **Develop standards, knowledge and procedures and to strengthen benchmarks for later inclusion of sectors/installations under the ETS or other instruments – bottom-up**
 - **This is especially true for PoAs**

We also are part of JIAG

JIAG

- = The Joint Implementation Action Group (JIAG) has been established to promote JI as an effective mechanism for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in capped environments
- = JIAG aims to contribute to further improving the way JI works in the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol and to ensure the continuation of a project-based mechanism in any post-2012 agreement
- = Members in 2010 had been:

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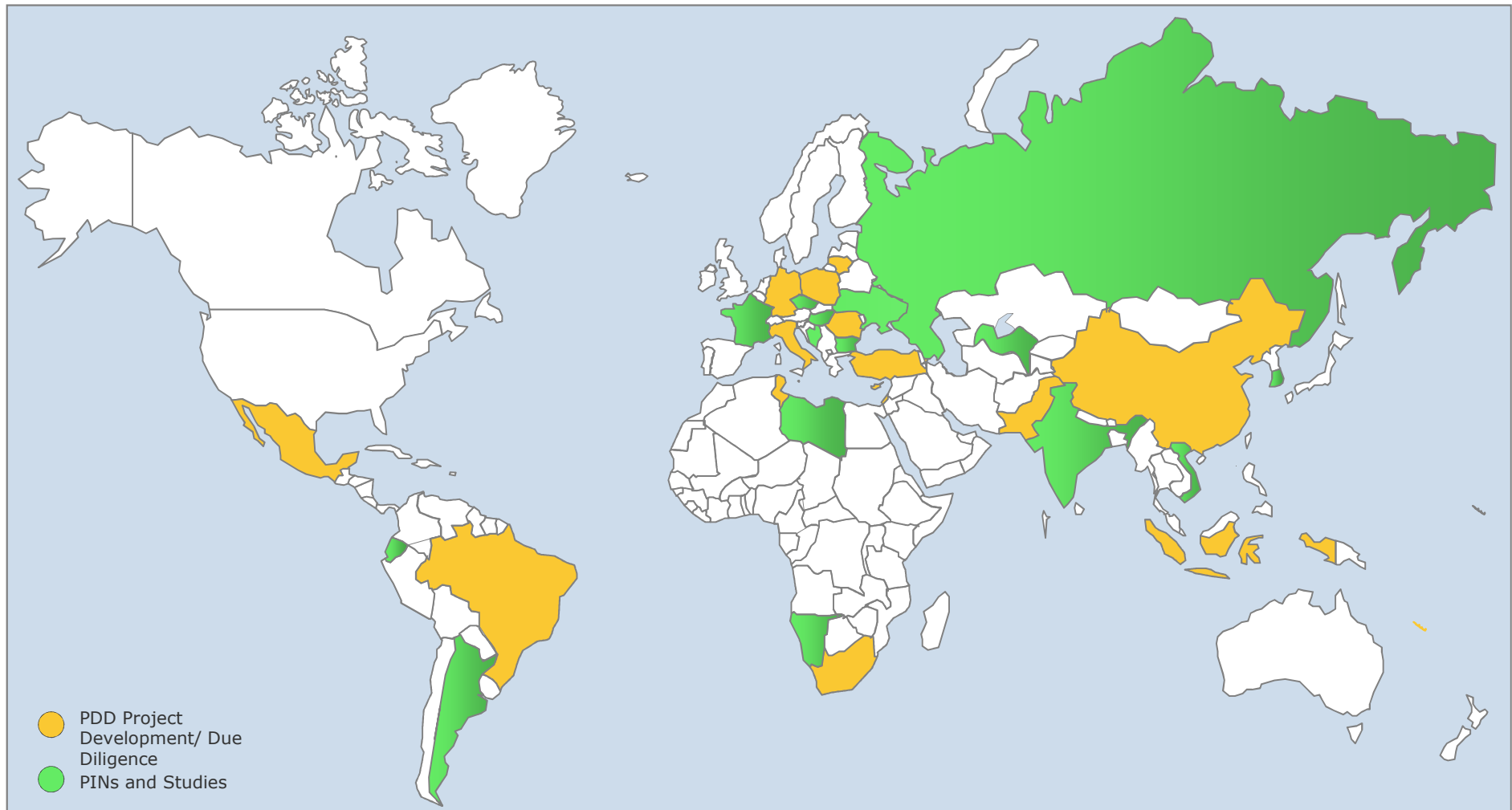
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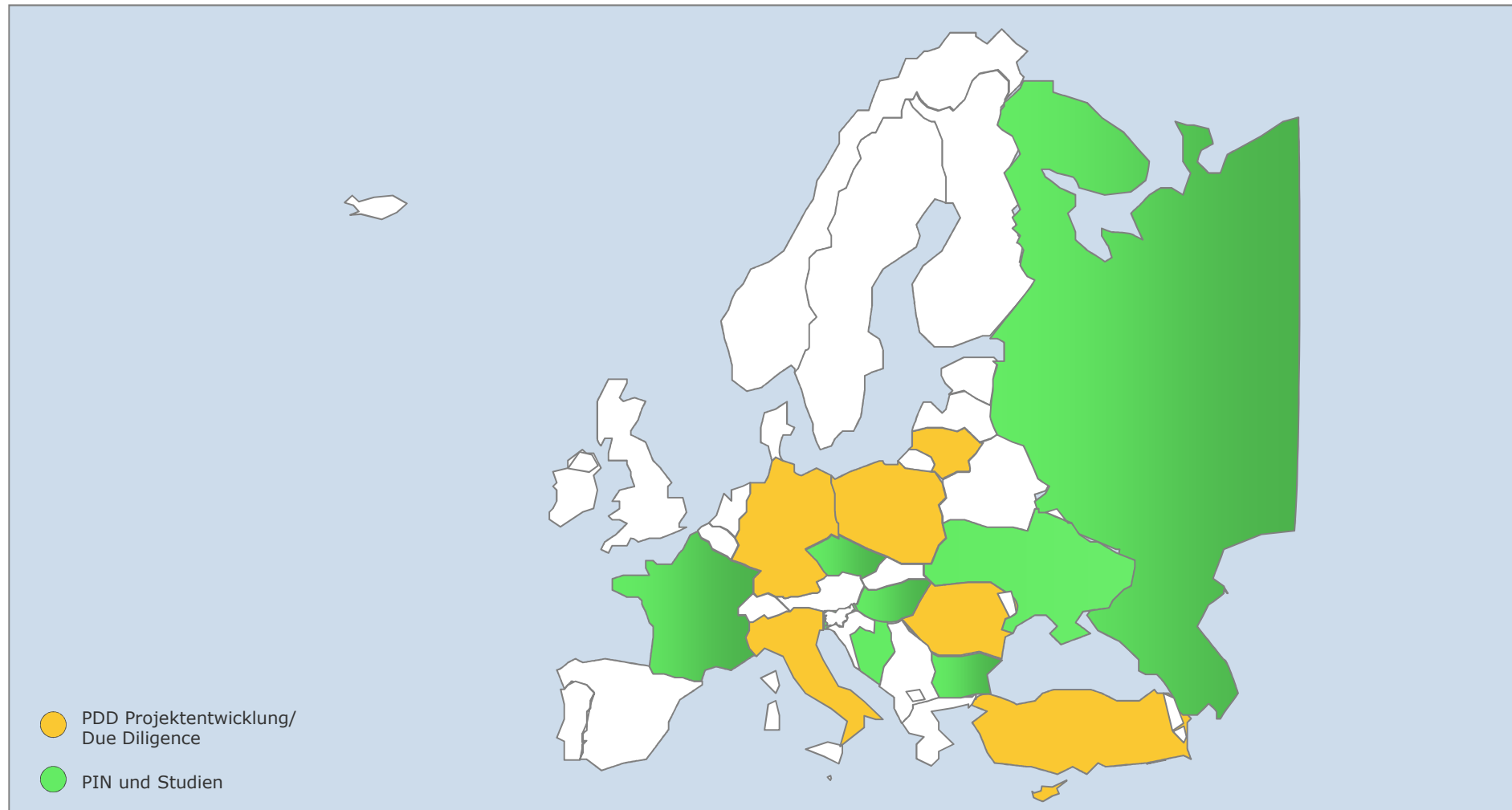
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Experiences from JI, CDM, VER – International Projects incl. PoAs



Overview: Our JI-experiences in Europe



Programmatic JI-Projects: Example household and transport in Germany

Emissions budget Germany 2008-2012, all GHGs: 974

**non-CO₂:
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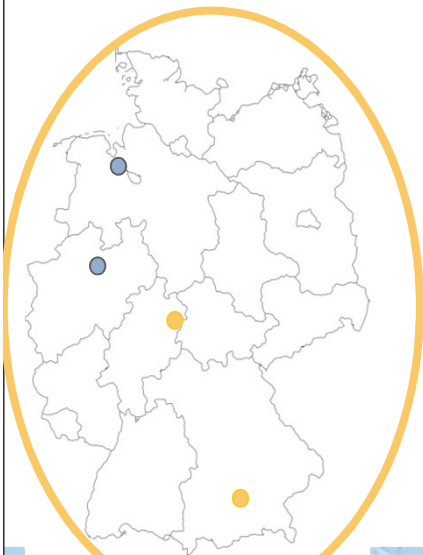
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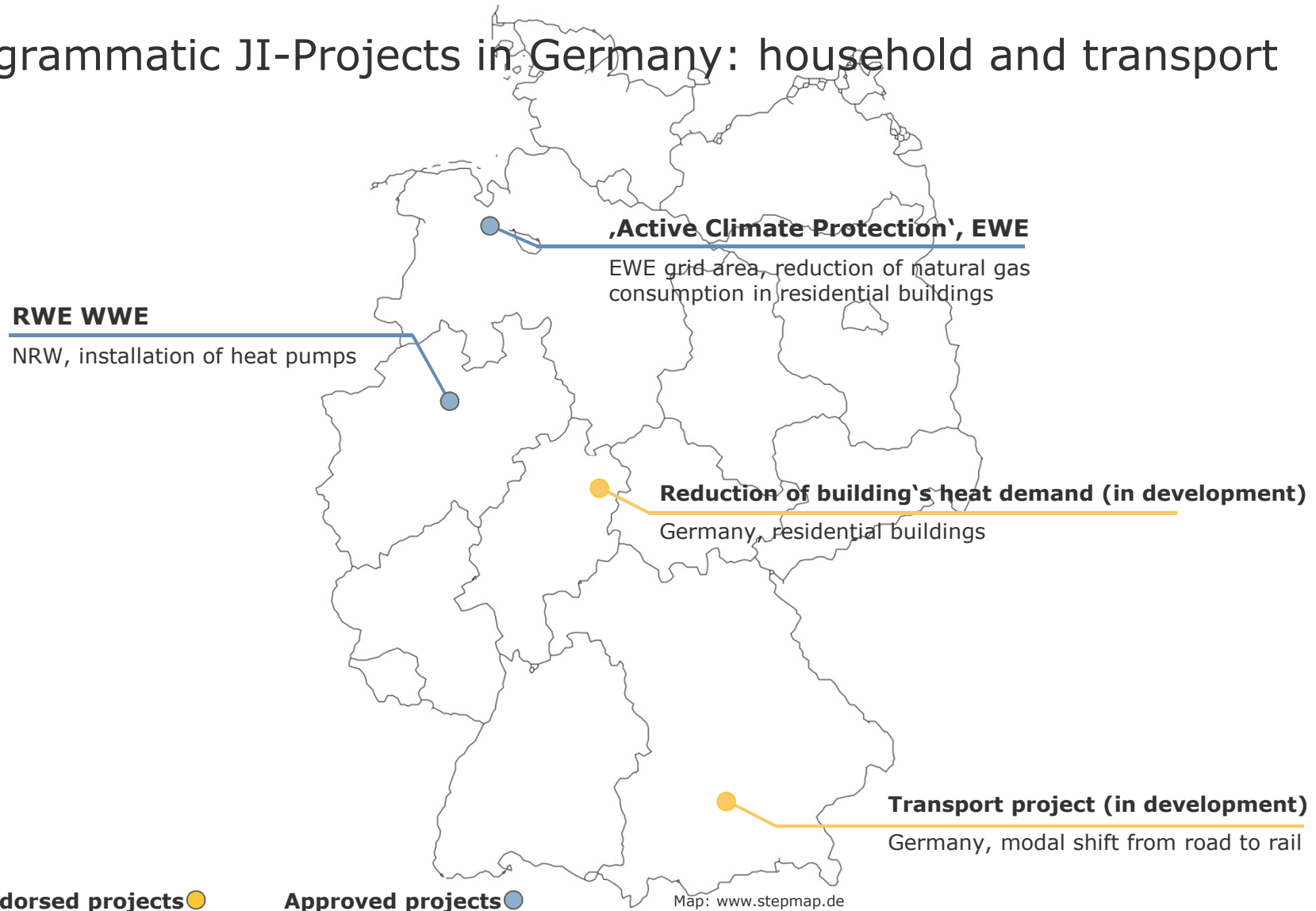
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Programmatic JI-Projects in Germany: household and transport



Programmatic JI-Projects: Example industrial installations

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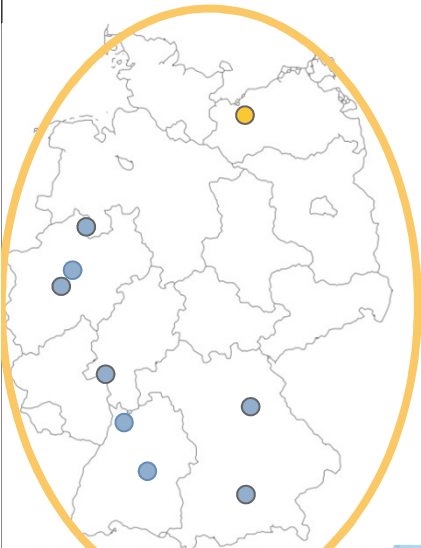
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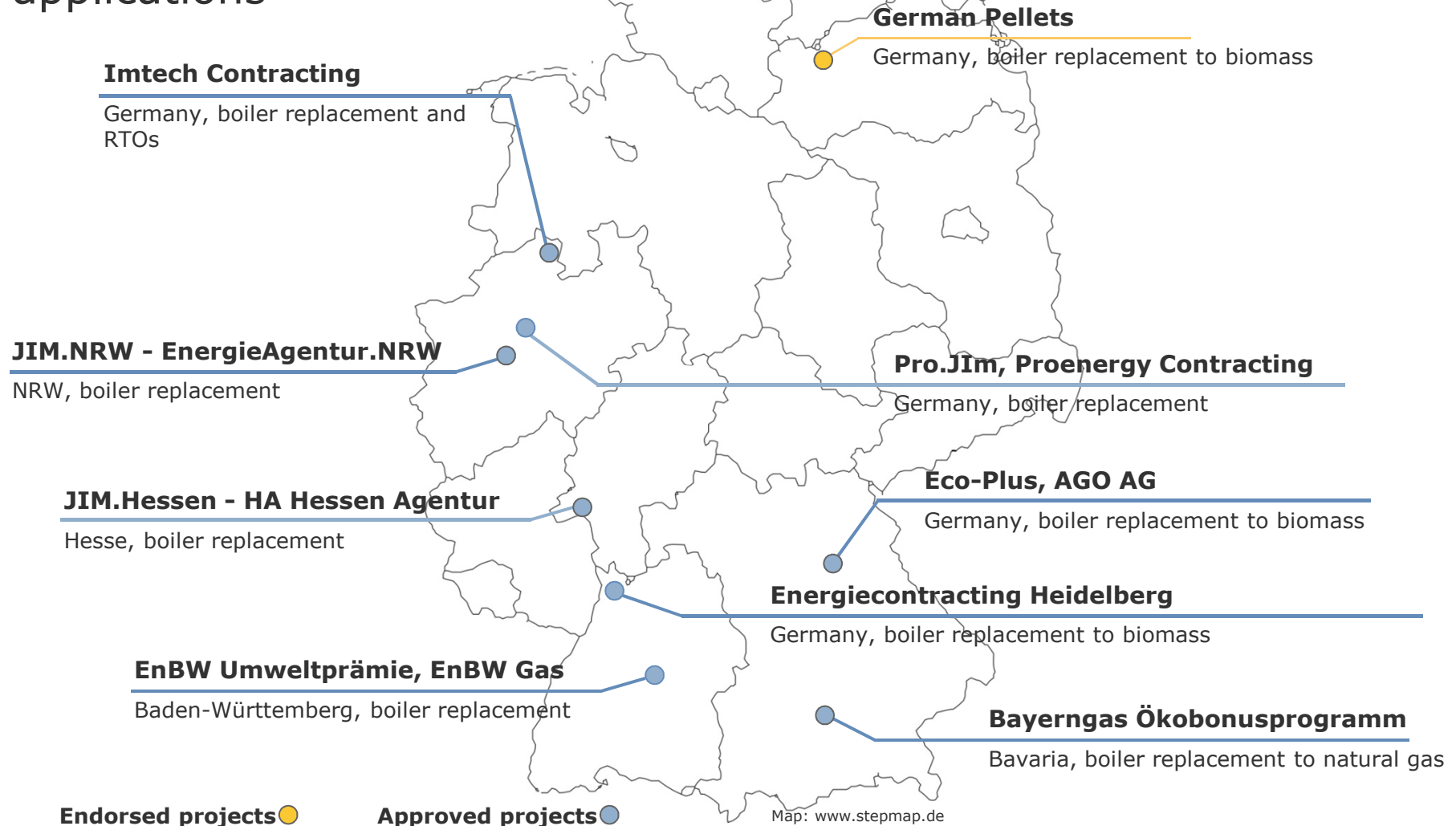
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Programmatic JI-Projects in Germany: commercial and industrial applications



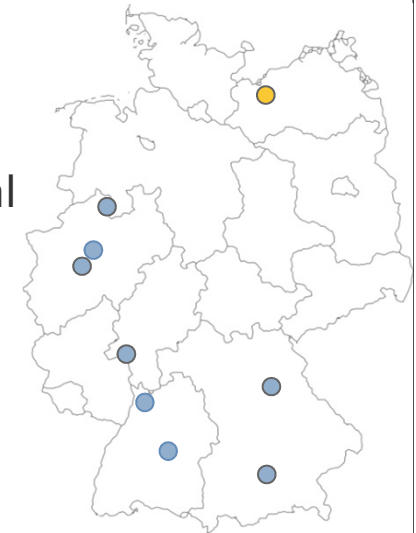
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Results and experiences: Programmatic JI

- = High interest in mechanism, although the scope of projects is limited, mainly due to the ETS (no double counting!)
- = Successful „universal“ type: E.g. boiler replacement in commercial and industrial installations (e.g. in Germany and Poland)

- = Experiences of running programmes:
 - Positive feedback from majority of participants,
 - Standardized and simple monitoring approaches are crucial for successful implementation of PoAs,
 - Via the JI-Projects, useful standards have been developed, e.g.
 - _ „Dynamized statistical baselines“ for a demand side energy efficiency project (Germany)
 - _ Use of **standardized existing** technical standards for definition of e.g. baseline efficiency of boilers (Germany, Poland)
 - _ **„Materiality“**: tackling e.g. minor issues with conservative standard factors in order to reduce complexity and costs of monitoring
 - _ Sampling and desk reviews combined with random sample within the PoAs as important parts of MRV, additional clear contractual obligations for managing entity and participant
 - _ By the way: JI-projects on N2O-reduction in chemical industry helped to strengthen the benchmark for this type of installations that is used for allocation under the ETS!



Conclusions so far – Lessons Learned for Sectoral Approaches

- = JI-PoAs especially for methodological reasons might deliver good blueprints for sectoral approaches like NAMAs – be it „supported“ or „credited“ or combinations
- = CDM-PoAs might contribute to that, especially if more **standardized approaches** will be used CDM-PoAs might grow to sectoral approaches „bottom-up“
- = Programme of Activities as a whole:
 - are highly innovative and promising approaches
 - will show their high potential under JI only if crediting period will be extended
 - existing PoAs in the EU will dry out without prolongation of crediting period or introduction of similar mechanisms such as Art. 24a (Domestic Offset Projects)
- = **Near term decisions** about future of JI mechanism/DOPs are crucial for development of new projects and for existing PoAs – and crucial to deliver even more lessons learned for the development of sectoral approaches!
- = **JI and/or DOPs definitely should be continued and deserve more political attention and initiative!**

Why EU and member states should make use of JI and/or DOPs

Domestic JI or Art. 24a or similar approaches using units under the ESD as an extension of the EU ETS make economic sense ...

- == Contribute to cost efficient achievement of GHG abatement targets in the EU by sourcing emission reductions in sectors not covered by the ETS
- == Additional source of supply to operators in the ETS (not in case of ESD units)
- == Allow member states to incentivise emission reductions in non-ETS sectors - without drawing on tight government monetary budgets ...

...and are or could be made available by use of JI experiences:

- == The JI infrastructure can be retained as basis for similar mechanisms, maybe it even can be used officially; if not, rules can be incorporated into European Law and projects can be governed by national authorities
- == Caps for use of credits in ETS sectors can apply to those credits as well
- == For ESD: can be done within national legislation – chance to **act** domestically for those who are „**Willing**“, if EU-COM continues not to push Art. 24a
- == The same is true for continuation of JI: national decision to allow this within its own territory

Overall: Good reasons and options to develop much more **initiative and effort!**

Art. 24 a and Effort Sharing – a new approach for action

- == In general, we see 3 options for project based mechanisms in Europe
 - JI – depending on Post 2012-negotiations on UN-level
 - Art. 24a of ETS-Directive
 - ESD, Art. 2 and 3
- == Art. 24a Establish measures for **issuing allowances or credits** in respect of **projects administered by Member States** that reduce greenhouse gas emissions **not covered by the Community scheme** in accordance with Article 24a
 - Units could be used by operators under the ETS **and** member states under the ESD
 - Regulatory Effort needed by EU-COM – but no activity yet
- == ESD: Establishes „annual emission allocation“ for member states in Art. 2 (2) and „EU-internal trading“ of those units up to 5% of „AEA“ in Art. 3 (4)
 - this is de facto an „European Art. 17“ of Kyoto-Protocol (AAU-trades)
 - would enable member states to combine this with projects similar to GIS – open the path for Intra-EU-JI-like-projects between states

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