

## Key principles guiding our work

1. The Clean Energy Wire is an impartial non-profit information and media service about the Energy Transition in Germany with full editorial independence.
2. We are transparent about our funding sources, Stiftung Mercator and the European Climate Foundation. The Clean Energy Wire shares their commitment to prevent dangerous man-made climate change.
3. The Clean Energy Wire is independent from political, business or other special interests.
4. Our work is guided by the highest standards of professional journalism. As an organisation based in Germany we adhere to the German Press Code adopted by the German Press Council (Deutscher Presserat).<sup>1</sup>
5. We are transparent about the sources and resources we use for our stories. We attribute and credit the work of others correctly and openly.
6. We base our work on facts, evidence and meticulous research. We fact-check and edit our work thoroughly to meet the high journalistic standards we want to promote.
7. We correct significant factual errors swiftly and transparently.
8. We are transparent about cooperation partners as well as freelancers.
9. We identify opinions from others clearly and don't take sides.
10. We keep requests for our services strictly confidential.
11. We pay our own way and don't take outside financial compensation for our work.
12. Our media programmes – including study tours for journalists – are meant to provide an overview of and access to a broad range of views and stakeholders. Their sole purpose is to enhance well-informed, fact-based journalistic work.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.presserat.de/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Downloads\\_Dateien/Pressekodex13english\\_web.pdf](http://www.presserat.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Downloads_Dateien/Pressekodex13english_web.pdf)

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