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### **Promote Acceptance for Energy Transition**

**Conflict Consulting at Competence Centre for Nature Conservation and Energy Transition (KNE)** 

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# KNE – Main Fields of Activity

- Goal: Prevention of conflicts and objectification of debates in the area of conflicts of nature conservation and energy transition.
- Field: Establishment of renewable energy plants (Onshore-wind energy, solar energy, bioenergy).
- Potentially: water energy, energy storage and networks.
- Application: planning, authorization process, construction of renewable energy plants.



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Climate Action Plan 2050:

Reduction of green house gases

- **2020:** 40 %
- **2030:** 55 %
- **2050: 80 %**
- **2017: 28 %**

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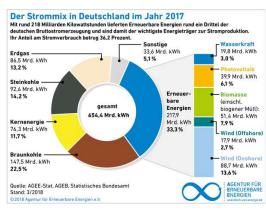


Renewable Energy Sources Act 2017 (Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz):

- Extent the share of renewable energies in total energy consumption
  - 2025: 40 45 %
  - 2035: 55 60 %
  - 2050: 80 %
- Obligation for incumbents to participate in open competitive bidding (Federal Network Agency).
- Relevant for all plants with energy output exceeding 750 kW (wind onshore) and 150 kW (Bioenergy).
- Plants with lower output keep the legal binding right for financial support for energy feeded in the public network.
  (Energie.Agentur.NRW, 2016)

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Share of renewable energies in total energy production (AEE 3/2018)

2017: 33,2 % (217,9 GW of 654,4 GW)

Share of wind energy in total amount of renewable energies (AEE 3/2018)

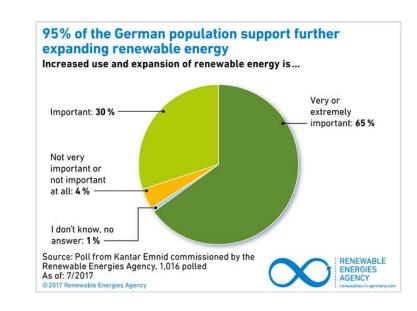
 2017: 16,3 % (offshore: 2,7 %, onshore 13,6 %) (106,6GW of 217,9 GW)

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#### Distribution onshore wind energy plants in Germany (BWE 2018)

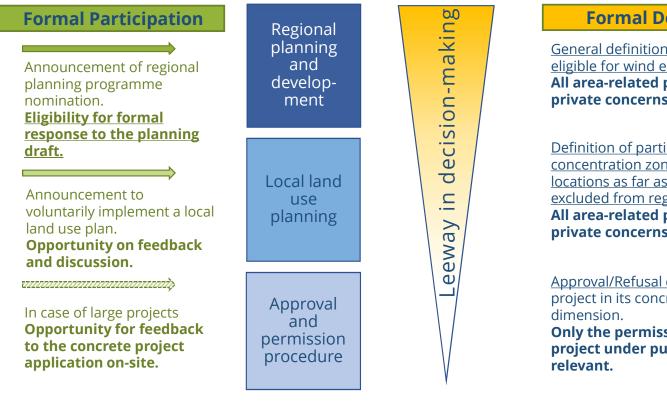




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#### **Formal Decision**

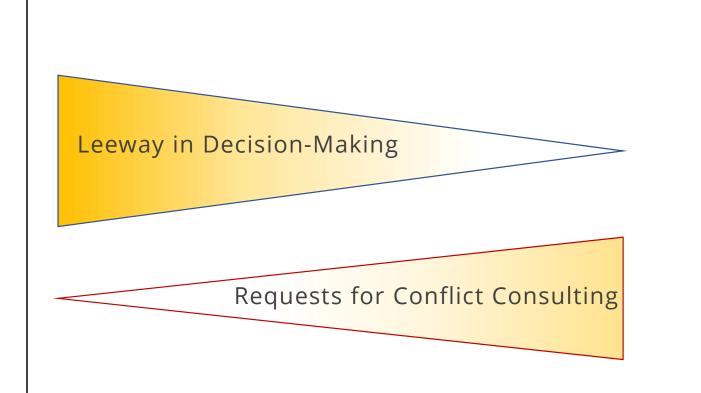
General definition of territories eligible for wind energy plants. All area-related public and private concerns are relevant.

Definition of particular concentration zones and locations as far as not already excluded from regional planning. All area-related public and private concerns are relevant.

Approval/Refusal of a concrete project in its concrete requested Only the permissibility of the project under public law is

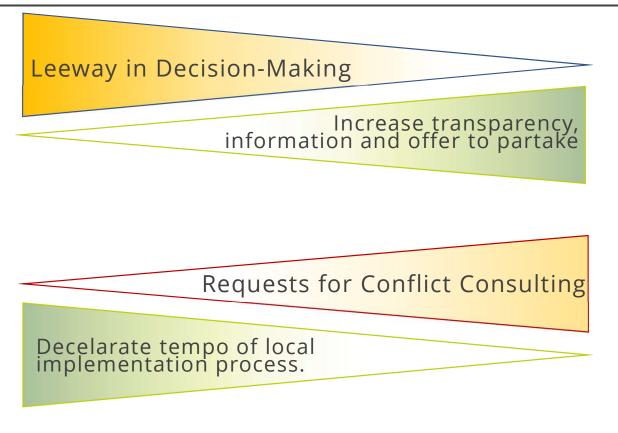
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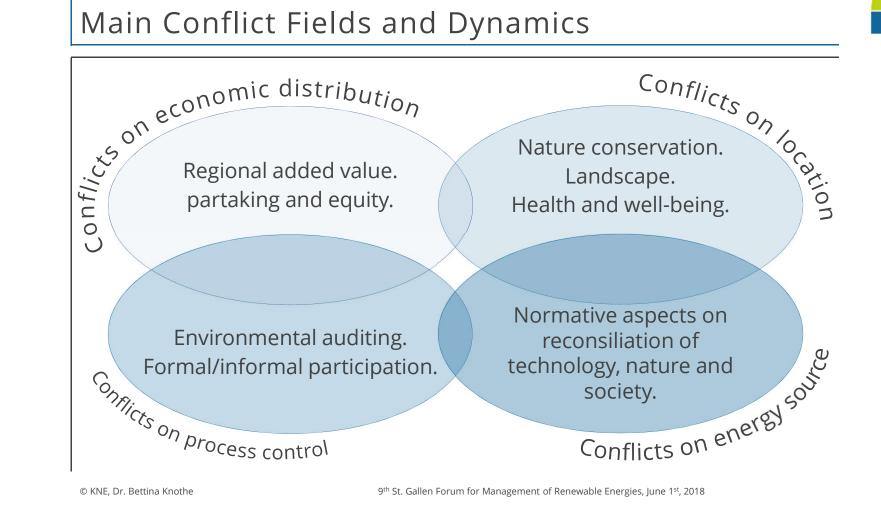


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#### Who requests KNE services?

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- Standing Conference of local planning authorities (chief administrative officers).
- Energy agencies of the German federal states.
- Federal and regional nature conservation associations.
- Administrative districts (chief administrative officers).
- Operators.
- Communities (mayors).
- Citizen' s action groups.





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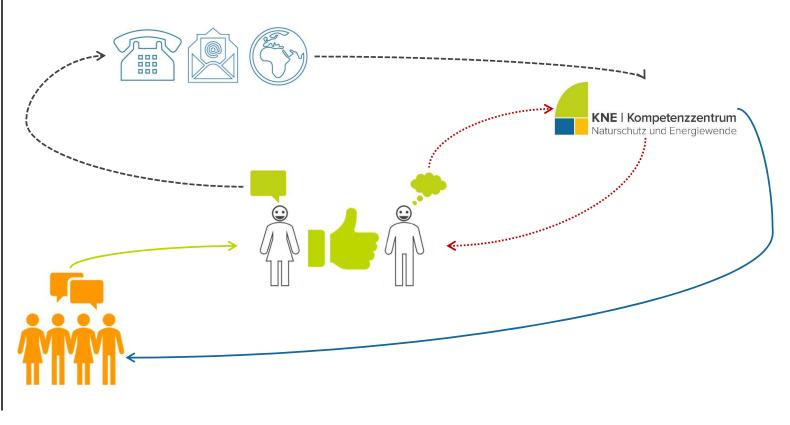


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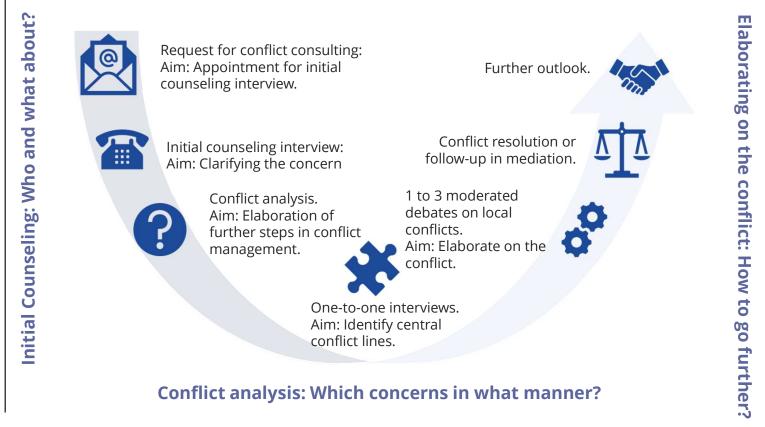




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#### 6-steps Conflict Management for Energy Systems. KNE | Kompetenzzentrum Naturschutz und Energiewende Prevention Intervention Raising awareness and training on methods of conflict management. Designing project-adjusted communication and participation formats. Human resources development Conducting exploratory conversations at an early stage of the planning process. Project-related conflict One-to-one conflict coaching. Moderated debates on Local informal management consultation local conflicts. counseling Appointment of nodera Conflict Conflict **KNE-Mediators**. tion Mediation Organisational culture Conflict management on location

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