

Short presentation of the nova-Institut GmbH

The nova-Institut GmbH was founded as a private and independent institute in 1994. It is located at the Chemical Park Knapsack in Huerth, which lies in the belt of the chemical industry around Cologne, Germany.

For over 15 years now, the nova-Institut has been globally active in market research, industrial and political consultancy and project management. It uses and creates expert knowledge and innovative technologies to advance and develop the use of renewable resources as energy, material and products.

Research areas of specialist skills and competence include techno-economic evaluation, feasibility studies, market analyses, feedstock availability, economic analyses of area and usage competition and indeed the whole value added chain of resources.

Nova concentrates on market research for bio-based materials like bioplastics, natural fibre composites, innovative wooden materials and industrial biotechnology. The nova-Institut already is partner in several European research projects. Among these are the BIOCORE consortium as well as a consortium resulting from the 2nd Call of the ERA-NET WoodWisdom-Net Research Programme („MouldPulp“).

Further areas of work and services include electro-mobility (hosting the largest congress on electro-mobility in Germany), LCA-meta-analyses, network management, dissemination, marketing support and collaboration with international associations and committees.

Short CV of Dr. Stephan Piotrowski

Dr. Stephan Piotrowski, B.Sc. in plant production, M.Sc. in agricultural economics, has research experience in the modeling of material flows and target costing in agricultural value chains. His dissertation on sustainable land use in China was conducted in a Sino-German research group. He has broad international experience in agriculture and the economics of value chain management in the agri-food sector.

At the nova-Institut he conducts research on land use competition, the techno-economic evaluation of novel industrial processes and market research for fossil and renewable raw materials, food and feed markets and bio-based products.

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