

## **The GIH Federal Association introducing themselves**

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The GIH e.V. was founded in 2001.

As an umbrella association of 14 member associations, the GIH represents 2,500 qualified energy consultants nationwide. Our members are craftsmen, technicians, engineers, architects and scientists.

About 1,000 of them are listed in the GIH's [database](#) along with their qualification and their range of services.

### **Members' requirements**

Requirements for the membership in the federal association and its member associations are a technically oriented education and an approved additional qualification as a certified energy consultant.

### **Quality management in energy consulting**

According to our statutes, quality management is an aim of the GIH federal association.

Therefore, the association has its own certification system and participates in the development of a system that operates across the various associations.

### **With your membership in one of our associations ...**

- ... you become part of the energy consultants' network.
- ... quick contact to other professionals with specialised knowledge becomes possible.
- ... you can attend our regular technical conferences.
- ... you can participate in our quality assurance system.
- ... we inform you about external events and further training.
- ... you can have a say and find support in our discussion forum.
- ... you'll be automatically registered in the energy consultant database.

## **Contact**

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## The GIH model

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### Guiding principle:

Energy efficiency thanks to qualified consultation:

On-site – Neutral – Independent – Professional

### Self-image:

- Representatives of the independent energy-related advisory service from the areas of handicraft business, architecture, engineering and natural sciences
- A young institution continually building up their profile in the new energy consulting field
- Association entitled to be heard by federal and state agencies
- Supra-regional cooperation for the national implementation of the effective heat energy guideline and the energy saving ordinance (EnEV)
- An umbrella association with regional structuring in the federal states

### Aims and tasks:

- Profile as umbrella association and representation of energy consultants as central contact for politics, business, science, the media industry and all official institutions
- Accomplishing of high energy efficiency thanks to qualified consulting
- Defining unique selling points for GIH consultants
  - o Professional energy consultation
  - o Reliable advice for redevelopment priorities
  - o Expertise in approved products and processes with pioneering technologies
  - o Competent partner for local handicrafts
- Our own quality assurance system for the certification of energy consultants
- Integration of the experts issuing certificates into the quality assurance system, that operates across various associations
- Increasing the number of members to successively gain importance in the public awareness
- Filtering the energy consultants listed in Germany to recruit those who are suitable as certified energy consultants due to their training
- Further training for members
- Giving members the means and methods for establishing a distinct profile and to enhance their competence and confidence in consulting
- Enhancing and establishing the professional image of energy consultants focusing on further services with uniform and clear-cut standards of training and quality