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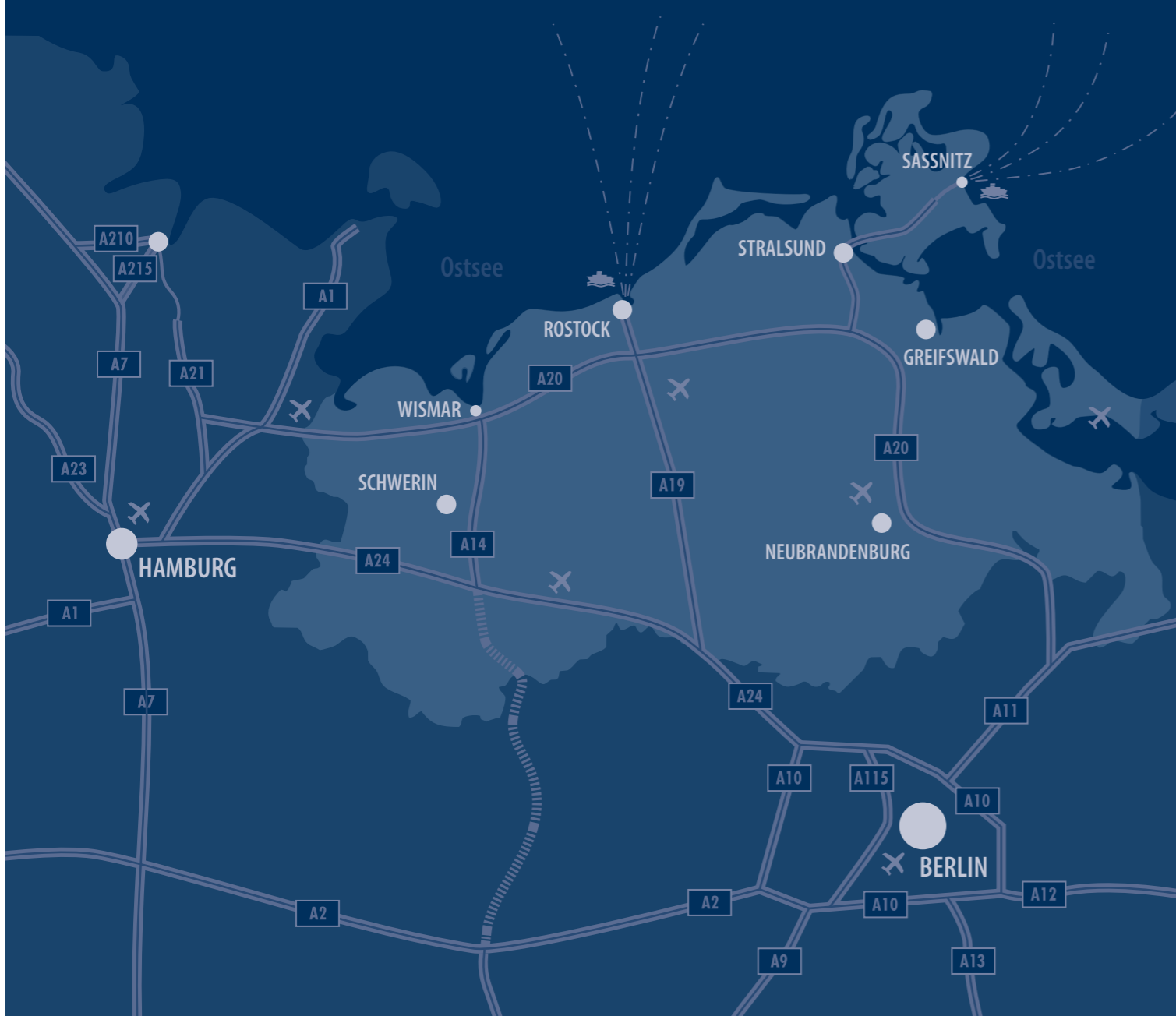
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Photovoltaics

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern – Energy for Innovation



About Us – Invest in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern GmbH

Invest in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern GmbH is the economic development agency for the German state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Our one-stop agency is the partner for all companies interested in locating or expanding in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. As a central point of contact, we act as a liaison

with state and local authorities and other important contacts, prepare factsheets on available business sites, and assist you in your search for qualified personnel. Our sound knowledge of the photovoltaic industry enables us to provide you with all the information you will need.

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern – Live and work in a vacationland

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern boasts a unique, historic Hanseatic flair and a magnificent landscape with its Baltic Sea coast and Mecklenburg Lake District, which offer countless recreational opportunities. The high quality of life offered by our state contributes to the well-being, motivation, and productivity of employees.

Strong in the solar industry

An impressive 44 percent of the electricity produced in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern is generated from renewable energy sources. Many companies in the state, such as Thermovolt AG, are active in R&D, engineering, and the construction of solar energy plants.



Non-stop supply of qualified professionals in M-V

The universities in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern are known for their strong programs in mathematics, computer science, natural sciences and engineering, academic areas grouped together under the German acronym “MINT”.

According to a nationwide comparative study conducted by the Initiative for a New Social Market Economy (INSM), Mecklenburg-Vorpommern is rated sixth in the country for its MINT programs.

Taken as a whole, the MINT field represents the second most popular area of study in Germany with respect to percentage of graduates with degrees in this area.



The State Employment Office – Expertise at your side

The recruitment of qualified and motivated personnel is especially important for investment projects in the photovoltaic industry. The state employment offices get involved in the early stages of the project and supply the investor with job applications that fit exactly to the company’s personnel requirements. They also provide information on employee training programs and funding opportunities offered through the employment offices.



The state offers attractive financial incentives for investors who create jobs in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. We work together with funding institutions to provide you with assistance and information about funding opportunities and the various forms of support your company is eligible to receive.

Qualified employees for Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

The state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern supports various projects aimed at meeting requirements for qualified employees in the state. For example, the project MV Professionals is a nationally advertised Internet plat-

form where companies from MV can post their job openings. The agency MV4you maintains a database for trained professionals looking for jobs in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

Success stories – voices from companies

SOLON in Greifswald



The company SOLON SE is one of the largest manufacturers of solar modules and providers of solar power plant solutions in all of Europe. The SOLON Group has subsidiaries in Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and the US, with a total of approximately 900 employees worldwide.

SOLON manufactures solar modules of various power ratings, offers complete photovoltaic system solutions for the construction of solar power stations, and builds turnkey solar power plants around the world. The Greifswald production site has found a reliable partner in another Greifswald company, ml&s manufacturing, logistics and services GmbH & Co. KG. For the Berlin headquarters of SOLON SE, ml&s is responsible for the installation of photovoltaic modules, which are stored in and shipped from the attached logistics building.

The recruitment of qualified and motivated personnel was a key success factor for the establishment of the Greifswald production site.

CentroSolar in Wismar



The company Centrosolar Sonnenstromfabrik GmbH, located in Wismar, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, is a subsidiary of the German group Centrosolar AG, one of the leading providers of photovoltaic systems and solar energy components in Europe.

The completely new Sonnenstromfabrik plant was built in 2008 as a highly automated manufacturing facility for solar modules near the company’s Solara plant in Wismar. Its total annual production capacity is 150 MWp – roughly equivalent to the power consumption of 70,000 German households.

The new Wismar plant, which created 350 jobs, manufactures solar modules for use in traffic control, building services, and plant engineering and develops individual, customized solutions for a wide range of applications, including roof integration and stand-alone systems.