

Due to the fact that the biodiesel market has been evolving for many years now in Germany, numerous examples could be given for the active players along the entire biodiesel chain: the range would embrace biomass producers, processing companies, factory technology providers and biodiesel dealers with all of the corresponding associations as well as research groups, policy-makers and controlling bodies. However, such a complete list of all active players would be extremely long and probably too detailed for the general public. Therefore, Table 1 gives an overview over selected central market players, policy-making and controlling bodies as well as research institutions which are among the most relevant in connection with the entire biodiesel chain in Germany.

Table 1: Associations and institutions, including federal bodies which are relevant players in connection with the biodiesel chain in Germany; Status: October 2007

Abbreviation and/or name (English)	Internet	Self-description (if available)
AGQM - Arbeitsgemeinschaft Qualitätsmanagement Biodiesel e.V. (German Association for the Quality Management of Biodiesel)	www.agqm-biodiesel.de	(only in German:) „Die wichtigsten Hersteller und Vermarkter von Biodiesel haben sich zur Arbeitsgemeinschaft Qualitätsmanagement Biodiesel e. V. (AGQM) zusammengeschlossen. Deren Mitglieder, die annähernd die Hälfte des Biodieselbedarfs in Deutschland decken, sichern durch strenge Anforderungen eines einheitlichen kontrollierten Qualitätsmanagement-Systems (QM) eine hohe und dauerhaft gleich bleibende Kraftstoffqualität.“
BBE - Bundesverband Bioenergie (<i>German Association for Bioenergy</i>)	www.bioenergie.de	(only in German:) „Der Bundesverband BioEnergie e.V. (BBE) wurde 1998 als Initiative der am Bioenergiemarkt tätigen Unternehmen und Institutionen als Dachverband gegründet, um mit Hilfe einer Bündelung der verschiedenen Partikularinteressen eine höhere Wahrnehmung in der Öffentlichkeit zu erzeugen und einen stärkeren Druck auf die Politik auszuüben.“
BBK - Bundesverband Biogene und Regenerative Kraft- und Treibstoffe e.V. (German Biofuel and Renewable Fuel Association)	www.biokraftstoffe.org	„The BBK is an invest- and marketing-platform for all bio and renewable fuels. The association actively forces the short-term introduction and economical realisation of bio and renewable fuels.“



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BEE - Bundesverband Erneuerbare Energie e.V. (German Renewable Energy Federation)	www.bee-ev.de	„umbrella organization of the associations of renewable energies. 26 federations from the water power, wind energy, biomass, solar energy and geothermal energy areas are at present members of the association with a total of over 20,000 individual members and companies.“
BFT - Bundesverband Freier Tankstellen und Unabhängiger Deutscher Mineralölhändler (German Association of Independent Filling Stations and Mineral Oil Dealers)	www.bft.de	see homepage (only in German)
BMELV - Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz (Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection)	www.bmelv.de	see homepage
BMF - Bundesministerium der Finanzen (Federal Ministry of Finance)	www.bundesfinanzministerium.de	see homepage
BMU - Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit (Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety)	www.bmu.de	see homepage
BMWi - Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Technologie (Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology)	www.bmwi.de	see homepage
BMZ - Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development)	www.bmz.de	see homepage
BVP - Bundesverband Pflanzenöle e.V. (German Association for Plant Oils)	www.bv-pflanzenoele.de	see homepage (only in German)



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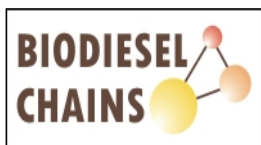
BMVBS - Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Bau und Stadtentwicklung (Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Affairs)	www.bmvbs.de	see homepage
CARMEN - Centrales Agrar-Rohstoff-Marketing und Entwicklungs-Netzwerk (Coordinating Office for Renewable Raw Materials)	www.carmen-ev.de	„C.A.R.M.E.N. is the Bavarian coordinating office for renewable raw materials and was set up as a service institution for partners from both the industrial and the political sector. Although C.A.R.M.E.N. is a Bavarian organization, it also works on projects outside the Bavarian state lines and even outside Germany.“
DENA - Deutsche Energie- Agentur GmbH (German Energy Agency)	www.dena.de	„dena initiates, coordinates and implements innovative projects and campaigns at a national and international level. It provides information to end consumers, works with all social groups active in politics and the economy and develops strategies for the future supply of energy. Its shareholders are the Federal Republic of Germany and the KfW Bankengruppe (KfW Banking Group).“
DGMK - Deutsche Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Erdöl, Erdgas und Kohle e.V. (German Society for Petroleum and Coal Science and Technology)	www.dgmk.de	„The purpose of DGMK is to promote and advance science, research, technology and continuing education relating to fossil fuels in the following sections: Exploration , Drilling , Production and Storage of Hydrocarbons ; Petroleum Refining and Product Application ; Petrochemistry ; Coal Processing .“
FAL - Bundesforschungsanstalt für Landwirtschaft (Federal Agricultural Research Centre)	www.fal.de	„The Federal Agricultural Research Centre conducts research in the areas of agriculture and related disciplines, publishes research results and cultivates national and international cooperation with scientists and research centers around the world. The purpose of the Federal Agricultural Research Centre is to obtain basic scientific knowledge to assist in political decisions on nutrition, agriculture, forestry and consumer issues, and to put the results to use for the common good. Within the framework of this assignment, the Federal Agricultural Research Centre is scientifically independent. “



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FFV - Forschungsvereinigung Verbrennungskraftmaschi- nen e.V. (Research Association for Combustion Engines)	www.fvv-net.eu	„Our main goal is the continuous improvement of the efficiency ratios and emissions of engines and turbines – for the benefit of the economy, the environment and society in general. Our members are small, mid-sized and large companies of the manufacturing industry: automobile, engine and turbine manufacturers and their suppliers.“ „We define and discuss joint research projects in a network of industrial and scientific entities. Our research partners are universities, public research institutions and non-university R&D service facilities.“
FNR - Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe e.V. (Agency for Renewable Resources)	www.fnr.de	„founded in 1993 by the German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection. Our main responsibility is to support research and development in the area of renewable resources, but we also inform the public about current research results, give advice on a range of applications of renewable resources and organise and take part in scientific events.“
LAB - Landwirtschaftliche Biokraftstoffe e.V.	www.lab-biokraftstoffe.de	(only in German:) „Zweck des LAB ist die Förderung der Erzeugung und Verwendung von Biokraftstoffen aus Biomasse (insbesondere Bioethanol)“
Lurgi AG	www.lurgi.info	„Lurgi is a leading international technology company operating in the field of process engineering and plant contracting.“
MWV - Mineralölwirtschaftsverband e.V. (Association of the German Petroleum Industry)	www.mwv.de	„Representing the petroleum industry in legal matters, in particular in the preparation of laws and regulations.“
Netzwerk 3N	www.3-n.info	(only in German:) “Das Netzwerk 3N soll die Aktivitäten im Bereich nachwachsender Rohstoffe einschließlich Bioenergie in Niedersachsen verknüpfen.”
UBA - Umweltbundesamt (Federal Environment Agency)	www.uba.de	see homepage
UFOP - Union zur Förderung von Öl- und Proteinpflanzen e. V.” (Union for the Promotion of Oil and Protein Plants).	www.ufop.de	„All companies, associations and institutions participating in the production, processing and marketing of indigenous oil and protein-bearing plants are gathered under the UFOP banner.“



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UNITI - Bundesverband mittelständischer Mineralölunternehmen (German Association for Medium-sized Mineral Oil Enterprises)	www.uniti.de	(only in German:) „Im mittelständischen Bereich ist die UNITI heute die einzige sowohl für Kraft- und Schmierstoffe als auch für Heizöle zuständige berufsständische Vertretung. Ihr gehören derzeit knapp 200 Unternehmen mit unterschiedlichen Geschäftsschwerpunkten an“
VDA - Verband der Automobilindustrie (German Association of the Automotive Industry)	www.vda.de	„automobile manufacturers and suppliers are members of a joint association“
VDB - Verband der Deutschen Biokraftstoffindustrie e.V. (Association of German Biofuel Industry)	www.biokraftstoffverband.de	„As a trade association, the Verband der Deutschen Biokraftstoffindustrie e.V. VDB (Association of German Biofuel Industry) represents the interests of the German biofuel producers on a national and European level.“
VDI - Verein Deutscher Ingenieure (Association of German Engineers)	http://www.vdi.de	„As the leading institution for training and technology transfer among experts, it is also a partner at the preliminary stages of the decision-making process in matters of technological policy and for all questions that engineers face in their professional or public lives.“
VDOe - Verband Deutscher Ölmühlen e.V. (German Oilseed and Oil Processors Association)	http://www.oelmuehlen.de	see homepage (only in German)
Sources: cited websites (Sept. 28, 2007)		



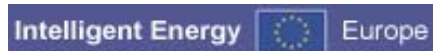
As a union of both producers and dealers declaring a (common) quality management of biodiesel one of their goals, the AGQM itself has become an important player with a control function; as such it has a special position in the German biodiesel scene. Table 2 lists the AGQM members as of June 2007.

Table 2: Members of AGQM, Arbeitsgemeinschaft Qualitätsmanagement Biodiesel e.V. (German Association for the Quality Management of Biodiesel); Status: June 2007

Listed as	Name and/or abbreviation
Producers	ADM Hamburg AG, incl. Werk (Factory) Leer
	ADM Soya Mainz GmbH
	BDK Biodiesel Kyritz GmbH (Nordhorn)
	BIO-Diesel Wittenberge GmbH
	Bioölwerk Magdeburg GmbH
	BIOPETROL INDUSTRIES AG (Zug, Switzerland)
	EOP (European Oil Products) Biodiesel AG (Falkenhagen)
	Hallertauer Hopfenverdelungsgesellschaft mbH (Mainburg)
	Kartoffelverwertungsgesellschaft Cordes & Stoltenburg (GmbH & Co.) (Schleswig)
	Landwirtschaftliche Produkt-Verarbeitungs GmbH – LPV (Henningsleben)
	Mitteldeutsche Umesterungswerke GmbH & Co. KG (Greppin)
	NEW NaturalEnergy West GmbH (Neuss)
	NUW Nordbrandenb. Umesterungswerke GmbH (Schwedt)
	TME, Thüringer Methylester Werke GmbH (Harth-Pöllnitz)
Dealers	Agravis Raiffeisen AG (Münster)
	BayWa AG – BayWa Mineralöle (München)
	Boie GmbH & Co. KG (Lübeck)
	Behrenswerth Mineralöle GmbH & Co. KG (Hilter)
	BIODIESEL SPLINTER, Ralf Splinter (Lübbenau / Spreewald)
	Carl Büttner, Mineralöl GmbH (Leer)
	DS-Mineralöl GmbH (Bremen)
	Erich Keck e. K. Mineralölvertrieb (Brakel)
	F.B. Silbermann GmbH & Co. KG (Gablingen)
	Fred Pfennings GmbH & Co. KG (Baesweiler)



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	Georg Piening GmbH & Co. KG (Seesen)
	Georg Wagner KG Mineralölhandel und –service (Wertingen-Geratshofen)
	H. Schröer-Dreesmann e.K. (Ankum)
	Lange Mineralöl GmbH & Co. KG (Hagen)
	Leuendorff & Co. Mineralölhandel GmbH (Berlin)
	Lipps Mineralöle GmbH (Hagen)
	Mundt + Morcinek GmbH (Hannover)
	Q1 Tankstellenvertrieb GmbH & Co. KG (Osnabrück)
	Raiffeisen Zentralgenossenschaft eG (Karlsruhe)
	Raiffeisen-Warenzentrale Rhein-Main e.G. (Köln)
	SBE BioEnergie Handelsgesellschaft mbH (Saarbrücken)
	TESSOL GmbH (Stuttgart)
	WEVAG Weyers & Vagesdes GmbH & Co. KG (Bocholt)
	Wirtz Brennstoffe Handels- u. Transportgesellschaft mbH (Neuss)
Source: http://www.agqm-biodiesel.de/hp_images/AGQM_Mitgliederliste_220607.pdf (Sept. 28, 2007)	