

# RCE HAMBURG AND REGION

Research and Transfer Centre SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE MANAGEMENT (FTZ-NK)  
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## Governance structure & main partners

- Head of centre: Prof. Dr. (mult.) Walter Leal - Among Stanford University's List of the World's Top 2% Scientists in 2021
- 18 researchers plus (international) PhD students, post-doc researchers, student assistants
- Partners: HAW, City of Hamburg, HEIs in Hamburg, Northern Germany, and abroad

## Expertise and what we are proud of

- Carrying out interdisciplinary research projects in the field of sustainability and climate change, as well as circular economy and health-related topics  
→ 67 projects since 2007, mobilizing around EUR 96m
- Strengthening international cooperation and support in networking  
→ Host of 4 international inter-university consortia
- Specialist events and training programmes in our main themes
- Transfer and adaptation of Hamburg research and development results to other regions and countries, acting as a bridge to Europe
- Promotion of young researchers through supervision of Bachelor's, Master's and doctoral theses

## Any additional information you want to share...

- The RCE Hamburg team invites all RCEs to join us in these opportunities for projects, partnerships, and publications. If your RCE has an idea for a research project, publication or event, or is interested in hosting one, we can organise it through our networks. Ideas could include: having publications and/or events focused on RCEs and intergenerational learning perspectives (in collaboration with the Youth Coordinators).
- The FTZ-NK coordinates the Green Office at HAW Hamburg, an office dedicated to offering sustainability services at the university, and engaging students in awareness-raising initiatives associated with sustainability and the SDGs. This is another opportunity for further collaboration across institutions and RCEs.
- ESSSR also coordinates a network for PhD Students and Postdoc researchers (World PhD Students and Postdoc Sustainability Network): <https://esssr.eu/world-phd-students-sustainability-network/>, which is an opportunity for cooperation among early career researchers.

## Current projects and events

- Please take a look on our projects here: <https://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/ftz-nk/projects/>
- Please take a look on our events here: <https://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/ftz-nk/events/>

## Ambitions / fields of interest for co-operation

Our network **European School of Sustainability Science and Research (ESSSR)** has 75 member institutions across Europe and aims to deliver value to higher education institutions and research centres and foster interdisciplinary and international cooperation by means of:

- **Publications:** The ESSSR team is always looking for opportunities to publish on topics related to sustainable development in high-impact journals, and we invite our members to join these publications: <https://esssr.eu/publications/>
- **Events:** we organise and share with members the opportunity to host events on all aspects related to sustainability. Members can join these events as well as suggest ideas for events at their institutions.
- **Research projects:** Our centre, in collaboration with all networks and members, coordinates a series of research projects and is always looking for relevant open calls to apply for new funding opportunities.