



# CHP is coming – the German example



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## **Leading Germany CHP policy approach highlighted in Brussels on 21-22 April.**

With over 20 GWe of CHP installed and a national target to double CHP by 2020, Germany is Europe's champion. Recognising the benefits inherent in high efficiency cogeneration, the German government has launched an ambitious initiative aiming to double the share of cogeneration in Germany, taking it to 25% of total electricity production by 2020. At a time when governments are focused on reducing carbon emissions, and improving security of supply, the German approach sends a clear message to the rest of Europe that CHP is an important energy efficiency tool. At the 15th COGEN Europe Annual Conference 2009 several best practise examples from Germany will be showcased.

Adi Golbach, Managing Director of the German CHP Association B.KWK (Bundesverband Kraft-Wärme-Kopplung), said "At the G8 summit in 2007 in Germany it was decided to promote CHP worldwide. With the new CHP law Germany made an important step to implement this into policy and to change its energy system to become more efficient".

The COGEN Europe Annual Conference is the world's largest annual cogeneration event. The conference takes place on 21-22 April in Brussels and showcases the impressive range of applications for cogeneration and the huge benefits it brings to Europe in fuel efficiency and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. In a year of huge financial challenge and serious concerns around energy security, the conference focuses on why cogeneration is an essential strategic choice for Europe.

The COGEN Europe Recognition Awards ceremony will honour those who have most contributed to the sector across Europe and will precede the Conference Dinner on the evening of 21 April. More info on: <http://www.cogeneurope.eu/2009/02/cogen-europe-annual-conference/>

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