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Co-operations

As an international technical association for power and heat generation we are working - **on European level** - in close co-operation with **EURELECTRIC**, the umbrella association of the European electricity industry. Within the framework of a memorandum of understanding association agreement between EURELECTRIC and VGB, VGB's professional competence is integrated into the political/strategical work of EURELECTRIC in all questions regarding the generation of power and heat including issues of environmental protection.

Furthermore, contacts are intensified with organisations **in the framework of an international network** such as:

- [COGEN Europe](#) (The European Association for the Promotion of Cogeneration),
- [EPPSA](#) (European Power Plant Suppliers' Association),
- [EU Turbines](#) (European Association of Gas and Steam Turbine Manufacturers),
- [EURACOAL](#) (European Association for Coal and Lignite),
- [Euroheat & Power](#) (The international association of district heating & cooling),
- [EREC](#) (European Renewable Energy Council),
- [EREF](#) (European Renewable Energies Federation),
- [EPRI](#) (Electric Power Research Institute),
- [ESWET](#) (European Suppliers of Waste to Energy Technology),
- [EWEA](#) (The European Wind Energy Association)
- [FORATOM](#) (European Atomic Forum),
- [IEA](#) (International Energy Association),
- [IAEA](#) (International Atomic Energy Agency),
- [IERE](#) (International Electric Research Exchange),
- [TENPES](#) (Thermal and Nuclear Power Engineering Society) and
- [WEC](#) (World Energy Council).

Moreover, VGB represents the German power plant operators in the **WANO** (World Association of Nuclear Operators). With our technical committees on nuclear power plant engineering and operation and nuclear fuel cycle we are actively taking part in the world-wide exchange of experience as well as in the analysis of particular events in nuclear power plants. For this purpose, we are operating a reporting and evaluation centre (ZMA - Zentrale Melde- und Auswertestelle) to collect, evaluate and forward the occurrences of nuclear power plants.

On national basis we are working in close co-operation with **BDEW** Bundesverband der Energie- und Wasserwirtschaft as well as with other technical associations as:

- [AGFW](#) (Der Energieeffizienzverband für Wärme, Kälte und KWK e.V.),
- [VIK](#) (Verband der industriellen Energie- und Kraftwirtschaft),
- [VKU](#) (Verband der kommunalen Unternehmen).

In the range of standardisation and technical legislation we are working with:

- CEN (European Committee for Standardisation),
- CENELEC (European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation),
- DIN (Deutsches Institut für Normung)

and other organisations.

Concerning the **utilisation and use of combustion products from coal-fired power plants** we run the management for **ECOBA** (European Coal Combustion Products Association).