

Summary Session VI

The change of the energy system towards renewable energy self-sufficiency (RESS) entails the implementation of different technologies, which thereby also influence local societies and the environment. Session VI focussed on renewable energy technologies in their social context. All papers dealt with community based projects and different methods were addressed as far as how to implement technologies in a sustainable way. The question of who should raise the criteria of sustainability, from local actors to scientists, was posed as well as how. There was agreement within the session on the necessity of neutrality in research that suggests which technologies should be used in different cases. Additionally, the question of transferability of research results was raised and how to learn better from other cases.