

Press release

IASS Website Relaunch

The new institute website boasts a modern, user-friendly design



Photo: The new IASS-website © IASS

Potsdam, 8.11.2017. The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Potsdam has completely overhauled and relaunched its [website](#). Thanks to its new user-friendly and responsive design, the website is now optimised for mobile use. It makes greater use of images than the former website and is targeted not only at researchers but also at policymakers, the media, the business community, and civil society as well as interested members of the general public.

Discovering IASS research via a jigsaw

The research carried out at the institute takes centre stage on the new website, and visitors are invited to explore the wide range of topics covered by the IASS using an [interactive graphic jigsaw](#). There they can find out what projects address what topics and questions. Most of the over 40 projects IASS researchers are currently working on fit thematically into several different research areas. The networked structure of the website thus reflects the institute's approach to research: comprehensive, interdisciplinary, and collaborative.



Giving our researchers a face

The approximately 120 researchers and fellows at the institute are featured on their own profile pages with their research topics and projects, skills, publications, and social media profiles. That puts not just one but many human faces to IASS research and also makes it easier to find experts on different sustainability topics. An integrated Solr search engine facilitates a quick access to information and downloads.

Accessibility and clarity as guiding principles

In redesigning the website, we took account of the user requirements and requests that emerged from a quantitative and a qualitative survey on the old website. The guiding principles of the new website concept were user-friendliness, clarity, and accessibility. The renowned Berlin-based Internet agency [wegewerk](#) implemented the design and programming of the new website in Drupal 8. The same agency is currently in the process of creating another website for the Kopernikus project from the IASS partner network: "Energy Transition Navigation System" (ENavi).

Visit our new website [here](#) and send us your feedback! We look forward to hearing what you think.

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The Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) conducts research with the goal of identifying, advancing, and guiding transformation processes towards sustainable societies in Germany and abroad. Its research practice is transdisciplinary, transformative, and co-creative. The institute cooperates with partners in academia, political institutions, administrations, civil society, and the business community to understand sustainability challenges and generate potential solutions. A strong network of national and international partners supports the work of the institute. Among its central research topics are the energy transition, emerging technologies, climate change, air quality, systemic risks, governance and participation, and cultures of transformation. The IASS is funded by the research ministries of the Federal Government of Germany and the State of Brandenburg.