

SEDev Newsletter

This year in brief:

- The new SEDev Master has started
- Department dodges budget crisis
- Application numbers on the rise
- Alumni contribute in many ways



Typical German traditions were celebrated at our Christmas party!

Welcome to the Newsletter 2025 from the Sustainable Energy & Development (SEDev) programme for alumni of the development-oriented postgraduate programmes that have preceded this programme during the past 36 years: ARTES (1989-1999), SESAM (2000-2009) and EEM (2010-2025)!



Current SEDev staff, from left: Sina, Marlene, Nafiseh, Mominul, Bernd, Eva, Bonnie and Madita. Missing: Dorsi.

M. Eng. Sustainable Energy & Development has started!

On March 1st this year, finally the new Master of Engineering programme SEDev has started with its two sister programmes Sustainable Energy Transition and Sustainable Energy Engineering.

After more than three years of designing the content, consulting with officials, calculating resources, and the process of reaccreditation, the new study guidelines were adopted.

The students of the 2024-2026 EEM batch transferred to the new Master, and in September we could welcome the first batch of SEDev students.

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Three batches of students on graduation day, September



Fun after class!



We went twice to see SG Flensburg-Handewitt playing handball in the Europe League against Fenix Toulouse from France and IRUDEK Bidasoa Irun from Spain! Of course, Flensburg won! Both games!

News from the department

This year brought numerous challenges due to the severe budget crisis of the university. At the department, basically all positions except the permanent staff were due to be re-negotiated.

While we are sad to see many colleagues at the university having to leave, we are extremely happy that all of the current staff can continue next year.

Tabitha Hackenberg decided to leave her early stage researcher position. We wish her all the best for a successful future!

Looking ahead, unfortunately the former two early stage researcher positions have been reduced to one, which probably cannot be filled before the year 2027.

What would we be without the constant support by our Hochschule colleagues? The new Sustain-

able Energy Master is co-operatively run by Europa-Universität and Hochschule, and so are many research and PhD programmes. This year we could welcome our new colleague Prof. Dr. Andreas Heinen at Hochschule Flensburg, who enriches our programme with his experience from the power sector, his innovative teaching, and his zest for sustainable energy systems.



SEDev 2025-27 is having their first lunch at the Mensa.

**Record-high
application
numbers for
the new
SEDev Master**

Application numbers

SEDev is continuously gaining in interest among young energy professionals: This year we have processed 440 applications (332 for DAAD scholarships alone). That is about 25% more than last year and about twice as many on average as in the past 5 years.

It is hard to tell yet what is the reason behind this, but we can see that alumni and social media play a more important role. Many applicants mention the focus on energy planning, management and international development cooperation.

For us this is a sign that the programme combines relevance and quality. For alumni it must be encouraging to see that their great assistance in recruiting bears fruit.

If you know someone who might be interested in studying SEDev, please share our contacts!

International Classroom

This year's IC brought us to the remote and beautiful Irish Aran Islands, where we assisted the Aran Islands Energy Cooperative by providing a sound basis for decision making. Upon arrival, our accommodation, the only hostel on the main island Inis Mór, turned out to be very small. That made working, eating and sleeping under

one roof very challenging. Luckily we could escape island life with a visit to the vibrant student city of Galway at one occasion.

From next year on, IC has been renamed to **International Community Energy Project (ICEP)** and we will be working with Erris Sustainable Energy Community in Belmullet, Co. Mayo.

The EEM 2023-25 batch outside the Kilronan Hostel, Inis Mór



Please find all IC reports here: www.uni-flensburg.de/sedev/academics/icep-module



Dark skies, happy faces: the 2025 graduates performing "The Jump".

Graduation of the last EEM batch

Usually the graduation ceremonies happened in various places in the city of Flensburg, but for the last EEM batch (2023-25) we held the ceremony on the Campus.

In the well-decorated room of the Tallinn building, where the Senate usually meets, the graduation took its usual course, with

speeches and the traditional handing-over of the Master certificates accompanied by Power-Points that highlighted an essential aspect of each of the 14 graduates.

This was the 16th and last batch of Energy and Environmental Management in Developing Countries.

Congratulations to all!

Alumni activities

Dr. Namrata Mhaddolkar (EEM 2018-19) presented her PhD research for the current SEDev students in October and was happy to share her experiences as an international early stage researcher in the waste management sector. Thanks for revisiting Flensburg, Namrata!



Prof. George Obeng, an ARTES graduate of the year 1994, paid us a visit in October and November to renew his contact to Flensburg, to share his

knowledge during a guest lecture for current students, and to revisit favourite places in town.



SEDev heavily relies on alumni for continued improvement of the programme, for establishing professional networks, and for promoting careers.



At a first alumni meeting in Hamburg, 15 former students met current students for a networking event in October. We were very happy to see **Italo Flores** (right), EEM 2010, and **Theoneste Uhorakeye** (left), EEM 2011, being the most senior participants. It was decided to organize an international alumni event in the near future, so please let us know if you are interested in being part of it!

Many artistic talents were discovered at the canvas roulette.



Sustainable Energy on Tour



This year students had a chance to escape on excursions to Hamburg, where we visited the international development cooperation partner GFA Holding and the international project developer MPC Capital. Another trip brought us to Nordex Wind Energy in Rostock, where we were dwarfed next to the Delta-4000 series nacelles being assembled. In all locations, alumni of our programme welcomed us, and students were encouraged to apply for theses, internships and, possibly, jobs in these companies.



SEDev students of the 2024-26 batch visiting Nordex (top left), GFA Consulting (left) and MPC Capital (above) during excursions in October.

PhDs awarded in 2025

ASM Mominul Hasan, EEM graduate of 2017, successfully defended his thesis "Unlocking the Potential for Solar PV System Deployment for Sustainable Energy Transition in Bangladesh through Policy and Technology Innovation" on June 27th.

Yudha I. Siregar, DAAD scholar at EEM/SEDev, successfully defended his thesis "Accelerating net-zero emissions in Indonesia's energy sector: participatory energy planning and alternative energy scenarios" on November 14th.

Congratulations to your achievements!

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