



Federal Ministry  
for Economic Affairs  
and Climate Action



*Message of Greeting*  
**from Dr Robert Habeck,**  
**Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Action,**  
**for the Solar Decathlon Europe 21/22**

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Dear Participant,

Retrofitting the building stock to improve energy efficiency plays a key role in achieving our climate targets. It is particularly important that we meet these targets in a way that is both effective and socially acceptable. As Minister with responsibility for climate action and the energy transition, I therefore have great expectations for the Solar Decathlon Europe in Wuppertal.

This event consists of 18 teams from eleven nations who share one common vision: to achieve the best in energy efficiency, sustainability and design. With participants from a broad array of fields, the Solar Decathlon is not only a showcasing event, but also sends an important signal for strong international cooperation. The students' buildings show in different ways how our cities can be modernised around energy use and how they can continue to be built sustainably, avoiding the use of fossil fuels.

Participants of the competition worked together on their projects over a period of three years, from the idea right up to the finished building. Thanks to their dedication, the Solar Decathlon Europe makes the energy and resource transition tangible for a wider public. The best-practice solutions presented in Wuppertal and the inclusion of academia, companies, government and civil society create space for cooperation, the transfer of expertise, and innovation.

I am delighted that the competition is being held in Germany this year for the first time in its 20-year history. Let yourself be inspired and take advantage of the various opportunities to come into contact with the energy transition in the buildings sector.

I wish you a great time at this event and many new insights.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert Hasler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke across the middle.