



RIP Hermann Scheer

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Renewable energy pioneer [Dr Hermann Scheer](#) has passed away on October 14 in Berlin. Scheer was President of the European Association for Renewable Energy (Eurosolar), Chairman of the World Council for Renewable Energy (WCRE), winner of the Alternative Nobel Prize and Member of the German Bundestag. He was 66 years old.

Scheer entered the German parliament as a Social Democrat member in 1980 and was instrumental in introducing Germany's solar roof programmes and the Renewable Energy Law. The Renewable Energy Law included the now widely replicated [feed-in tariff](#). As a result a substantial percentage of the world's wind farms and its solar panels are located in the country.



Along with his political work, Scheer also wrote a number of books such as "The Solar Strategy," "A Solar Manifesto" and "The Solar Economy" and created a film, "The Fourth Revolution – Energy Autonomy".

Scheer was vigorously opposed to [nuclear power](#) and [advocated](#) small scale, distributed power generation over large scale, centralised power generation schemes.



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