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Prepare future energy systems with the money from the Bewag sale!

The Senate of Berlin intends to sell its shares in the city energy utility Bewag. Peter Strieder, senator for development, environmental protection, and technology, and many experts propose to use the money not only for solving the current budget problems.

The German Hydrogen Association supports the demand that the Senate of Berlin invest the money from the Bewag sale at least partly in future energy systems. The promotion of renewable primary energies and of hydrogen technology are necessary to secure our future.

Hydrogen will play a key role in future energy concepts. Together with renewable primary energies it makes the optimum energy system. It is suitable for storage and transport of energy and permits to use it more or less without harmful emissions. Hydrogen can be generated in arbitrary amounts from water, provided the primary energy is available in sufficient amounts.

Every step towards this end contributes to our future and must be supported. It should not be forgotten that the development of new technologies gives impulses to the economy and creates jobs - a sideeffect not unimportant.

An example is given by Bavaria: a part of the money for the sale of the Bayernwerk utility serves for the further development of the technology of the fuel of the future in the framework of a "Hydrogen Initiative Bavaria" together with the economy.

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