

Center for Industry and Sustainability (ZIN)

Think and do tank for a sustainable industry
Headquarters at industrial park Höchst

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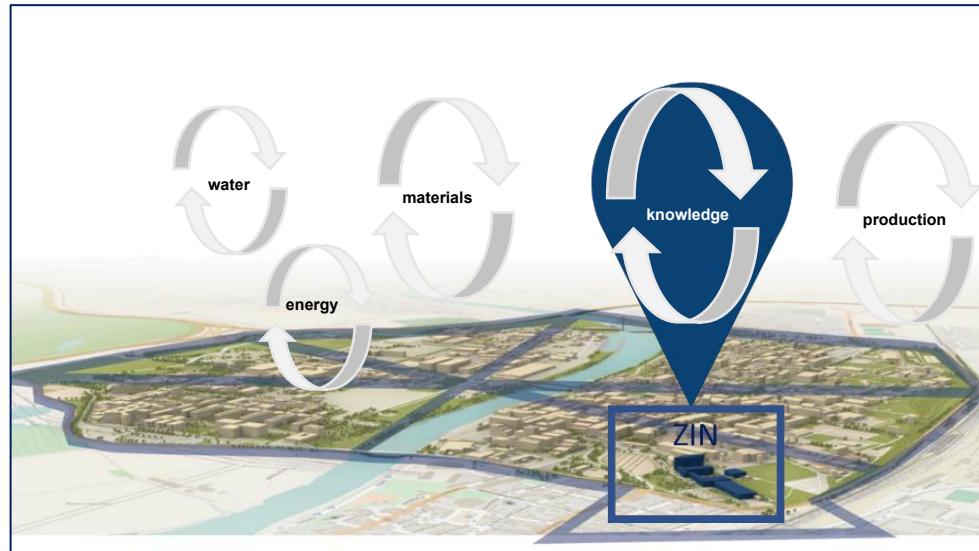


We support the industry in its sustainable development

For 150 years, industrial park Höchst has been a symbol of innovation and change. But how do you design a sustainable industry? We see ourselves as a think and do tank for a sustainable, future-proof industry. We develop new knowledge, organise knowledge cycles and create a platform for knowledge exchange.

In our innovative research and education projects, we develop practical solutions for the sustainable development of companies. We empower people to integrate sustainability into their business strategy and to transform their organisations. However, in order to achieve profound change and address the major challenges of our time, such as climate change, a supportive ecosystem is required. With the vision of a CO₂-neutral process industry in Hesse, we founded the Process4Sustainability cluster with companies at industrial park Höchst. We believe that a sustainable industry can only be achieved by working together, which is why our activities are based on close cooperation with national and international partners from science, business, and the public sector. Therefore, in addition to companies, research institutes and social innovation partners are also part of our cluster.

We believe that the power of well-ordered markets, interdisciplinary collaboration and a long breath will make sustainability work.



We are embedded in the Provadis School of International Management and Technology, an University of Applied Sciences and industrial park Höchst.

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Introduction ZIN



Introduction Cluster



Transformation as a task
for society as a whole



Services Cluster



Transformation at industrial park
Höchst

Topics and outcomes

	Key Facts since 2016	Selected Projects
Transforming Industries  We are supporting the industry to become more sustainable, reduce CO ₂ emissions and benefit from digitalization. Through our projects we identify options for industry defossilization and new business development.	 Cooperations with 50+ companies	CO₂-Neutrality: Cluster Process4Sustainability  Process4Sustainability HESSEN Hessisches Ministerium für Wirtschaft, Energie, Verkehr, Wohnen und ländlichen Raum
Accelerating Sustainable Businesses  We conceptualized the EIT Climate-KIC cleantech accelerator and managed it both regionally and internationally. We offer start-ups mentorship and support with sustainable business model development. For organizations we develop business creation and matchmaking formats.	 350+ start-ups in 13 countries supported	Management of European Cleantech Accelerator  eit Climate-KIC Climate-KIC is supported by the European Union
Educating Change Makers  We create learning opportunities for national and international change makers. Our formats (e.g., workshops, trainings, summer schools) focus on real-life challenges and bring latest knowledge in effect. We make knowledge work!	 2.500+ participants in our education formats	Sustainable Industrial Area (SIA) Management Courses with GIZ  giz Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH  Sustainable Industrial Area Management
20+ high-impact projects on regional, national and global scale with partners from academia, industry and public authority.	 Activities with a funding of 18 million euros	 Projects with impact in 30+ countries

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