



# **OFF-GRID**

## Expo + Conference

### **Press Release**

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**The OFF-GRID Expo + Conference –the specialized conference and trade fair for self-sufficient and off-grid power supply solutions– is still the community’s international meeting point.**

The international Off-Grid-Community will be meeting again from December 2 to 3, 2021 at the OFF-GRID Expo + Conference in Augsburg and also online. A hybrid event is planned in December following the purely digital event in 2020 which attracted over 500 participants from 46 nations. In addition to the established themes of off-grid solar, wind and hydropower systems and a self-sufficient power supply, the experts will also discuss decentralized water supply and treatment for the first time.

Augsburg. The congress will take place in hybrid form to enable participants from countries with travel restrictions to attend. While on-site visitors can experience an exciting interactive program and a live trade fair, online participants can benefit from additional offers. In addition to a live stream of the conference, virtual business matchmaking among others will also be provided. In the run-up to the event, the TechDay on December 1 provides product and service training and conveys technical expertise among users to offer deeper insights into the sector.

**Exhibitors and visitors are eagerly awaiting the return of face-to-face discussions**

"Victron Energy is delighted that the OFF-GRID Expo + Conference 2021 will take place again this year and that the face-to-face event can happen. We are looking forward to showcasing Victron Energy's new products and engaging with customers in

this fast-moving and growing market. There are many innovations from smaller solar home systems to large 3-phase systems that we want to present again this year," says Bon Hopman from premium partner Victron Energy.

This year's international exhibitor community includes companies and enterprises such as Bach Energiesysteme, BAE Batterien, Boreal Light GmbH / Water Kiosk, BOS, DEG - Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft, Bundesverband Kleinwindanlagen, EcoPhi Renewables, Forster Individual Batteries, fothermo System, Fraunhofer-Institut für Solare Energiesysteme ISE, Genius Watter, Grino Water Solutions, Hochschule Bochum, Hochschule Neu-Ulm, KATEK, Koolboks, noa climate, Letztest, Liontron, Off-Grid Europe, Okra Solar, Phaesun, Pro Regenerative Energien, SIQENS, SkySails Power, Solar Cooling, STUDER INNOTECH, Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt, Technische Hochschule Ulm, UNIDO ITPO Germany, Universität Oldenburg, Victron Energy and many more!

### **The conference program has been extended**

In cooperation with the partner Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE), the conference and trade fair program will be expanded for the first time to include the focus topic "Off-Grid Water". The electricity and water supply technologies are technically interconnected in rural areas and form two important components to secure life and livelihoods in developing regions. Hygienic drinking water is the most important daily need for off-grid communities. During a panel discussion, experts will discuss how decentralized energy solutions can provide access to clean drinking water.

The new theme fits in perfectly with the basic orientation of the event and with the ambitious "Social Development Goals" set by the United Nations, and has a local connection with the UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Augsburg. "The Augsburg water management system can be used as a model for so much specialist content and links historical events with current innovations in a compelling way, which will be presented at the trade fair," says Lorenz A. Rau, CEO of Messe Augsburg.

Other conference session topics will include sustainable and off-grid energy solutions for mining and local communities, energy storage in rural areas and a power supply for agriculture. "The OFF-GRID Expo + Conference is a great place to meet off-grid experts from around the world and learn about the latest trends in the sector. It is a

great pleasure for us to be involved as conference and matchmaking partner for the event. We will be looking at new and innovative topics," says David Lecoque, CEO of ARE.

### **About the OFF-GRID Expo + Conference**

The OFF-GRID Expo + Conference is considered the most important off-grid event in the sector and is aimed at individuals and companies who are interested in self-sufficient power supply and standalone solutions, including commercial companies, aid organizations, installers, agricultural and forestry companies, mobility equipment suppliers, public administration bodies and universities. Over 500 experts from Africa, America, Asia and Europe took part in the event last time, which was held online due to Covid-19. The high-caliber, English-language trade congress with the trade fair focuses on all the themes relating to off-grid solar, wind and hydropower systems and a self-sufficient power, which are particularly important in rural areas and in aid to developing regions. The official conference partner of the event is the Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE). The other partners are Phaesun, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO ITPO Germany) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) (the German Federal Enterprise for International Cooperation).

The trade conference will take place at the Messe Augsburg on December 2, 10:00 – 17:00 and on December 3, 9:00 – 16:00. Tickets are now available from the online shop.

Messe Augsburg is conveniently located in the heart of southern Germany and is well connected to Munich and Stuttgart airports.

For more information, please visit: [www.off-grid-expo.com](http://www.off-grid-expo.com)

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