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The BMBF’s prestigious award honours the 25 most original up-and-coming talents from a broad spectrum of research fields. Exceeding young academics from all over the world are offered the unique opportunity to get exclusive access to the German research landscape via a two-week science forum in the autumn of 2013. Here the awardees will visit some of the leading hot spots in the field of sustainability research, gather information about research activities on-site and learn about possibilities for cooperation with German partners. Furthermore, they will meet German experts in individual appointments to discuss their research and expand their professional network. With the possibility of a prolonged research stay of up to three months, the selected Green Talents are invited to return to Germany in 2014 to a facility of their choice in order to carry out or further develop a research project.

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- Institute for Ecological Economy Research (IÖW), Berlin

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Prof. Dr. Johanna Wanka, patron of the Green Talents Forum
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