

**Coalition agreement
between the
CDU, CSU and SPD**

Excerpts related to environmental policy

[Please note: the coalition agreement is an agreement between the governing parties. It is a declaration of intent and is therefore not legally binding.]

X. Responsible use of our natural resources

Environment and climate

We will demonstrate that ambitious climate action, economic prosperity and social equity can be combined successfully. With the continued expansion of renewable energies and the already advanced phase-out of nuclear power, we have laid important foundations for the future. We will now create a new, integrated energy system comprising renewables, energy efficiency, an accelerated expansion of electricity grids, a gradual reduction in electricity production from fossil energy sources and active promotion of the use of digital infrastructure. Climate action and environmental protection, supply security and affordability are the cornerstones of this energy policy. Safeguarding the competitiveness of Germany as a location for business and industry is a fundamental prerequisite for a successful energy transition and for ensuring it becomes a model for success internationally. [...]

[...] We want to update the German Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change and to make available the necessary resources. [...]

[...] The agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors hold major potential for climate action and biodiversity conservation. We therefore want to work in closer cooperation with these sectors on protection measures and make greater use of existing instruments. At international level, we want to advance the protection, conservation and restoration of forests and help mobilise the necessary funds. [...]

Climate

We remain committed to the climate targets for 2020, 2030 and 2050 agreed for all sectors at national and European level and within the framework of the Paris Agreement. In accordance with the Paris Agreement, Germany advocates holding global warming to well below two degrees Celsius and to 1.5 degrees Celsius if possible and achieving extensive greenhouse gas neutrality worldwide in the second half of the century.

We will fully implement the Climate Action Programme 2020 and the Climate Action Plan 2050 with the packages of measures and targets agreed for all sectors. We will also take additional measures to close the gap to achieving the 2020 climate target as quickly as possible. We are determined to achieve the 2030 reduction target, taking into account the three goals of supply security, environmental protection and economic efficiency while avoiding structural breaks and with the help of a significant increase in the use of renewable energies and energy efficiency. We remain committed to scientific, technology-neutral and efficient climate policy.

We will set up a Commission on Growth, Structural Change and Employment, incorporating a wide range of stakeholders from politics, industry, environmental associations, trade unions and the Länder and regions affected. This Commission will aim to draw up an action programme by the end of 2018, based on the Climate Action Programme 2020 and the Climate Action Plan 2050, containing the following elements:

- measures to reduce the gap to reaching the target of a 40 percent reduction by 2020 as far as possible
- measures that enable the 2030 target for the energy sector to be reached, including a comprehensive impact assessment
- a plan for the gradual reduction and phase-out of electricity production from coal, including a deadline and the necessary legal, economic, social and structural support measures and
- financial security for the necessary structural change in the regions affected and a fund for structural change covered by the federal budget.

A parallel process is to take place for the building and transport sectors. By doing this, we will create the basis for achieving the 2030 sectoral targets. On this basis,

we want to adopt an act to ensure compliance with the 2030 climate targets. We will adopt provisions for legally binding implementation in 2019.

The Federation will coordinate with the regions affected on continuing the redevelopment of lignite mining regions beyond 2022.

The National Climate Initiative will continue.

We want to further strengthen EU emissions trading as a guiding instrument. Our goal is a carbon pricing system, ideally at global level but at least covering the G20 states. We will build on the momentum of the Joint Resolution of the Assemblée Nationale and the German Bundestag on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of the Elysée Treaty on 22 January 2018. We will continue close cooperation on implementing the 2015 Paris Agreement and the commitments made at the 2017 One Planet Summit in the framework of Franco-German friendship.

We will safeguard the international competitiveness of energy-intensive industries in particular, thus securing our integrated value chains and ensuring comprehensive protection against carbon leakage.

We reaffirm Germany's responsibility for international climate action and will ensure greater international climate financing by Germany in the framework of increased ODA funds.

XI. Germany's responsibility for peace, freedom and security in the world

Development policy for equitable globalisation

[...] Our mandate is ambitious implementation of the development pledges made at the G7 and G20 summits, the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with its 17 Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement, incorporating comprehensive civil society participation. [...]

Enhancing climate action and adaptation to climate change

We want to support developing countries and emerging economies in their efforts to take climate action, adapt to climate change and conserve biological diversity. We will resolutely promote renewable energies, decentralised supply, especially in rural areas, and access to clean, affordable and secure energy. To this end, we will enter into further partnerships with developing countries and emerging economies. We want to create investment incentives for climate projects in emerging economies and developing countries that improve structures for a green economy and the expansion

of renewable energies. We want to support the establishment and expansion of circular economy systems through multilateral and bilateral development cooperation. [...]