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German parties' energy and climate policy positions for the 2021 general election

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Climate policy & targets	Climate neutrality 2045 as Germany's "contribution to 1.5°C path" 2030 target: -65% GHG emissions, 2040: -88% Stand by coal exit compromise Support negative emissions technology R&D for unavoidable process emissions Support CCS options with European partners, build CO2 infrastructure Introduce national climate adaptation law	Necessary to get on 1.5°C path Immediate climate action programme for all sectors 2030 target: at least -70% GHG emissions Climate-neutral Germany within 20 years possible (if 100% renewable power by 2035) Create regional transformation funds Integrate Paris Agrmnt & nuclear exit in Constitution Use all options including on EU level to pull forward coal exit to 2030	Climate neutrality by 2045 at the latest 2030 target: -65% GHG emissions; 2040: -88%, as already agreed	Committed to Paris Agreement goal of 2°C and if possible 1.5°C warming Climate neutrality by 2050 Add 5% negative emissions target to 55% target (to promote carbon dioxide removal (CDR) Digitalisation of energy transition	Climate neutrality 2035 2030 target: -80% GHG emissions Coal exit 2030 (overhaul of coal exit law, take Datteln plant offline immediately; prohibit export/sale of coal mining equipment/technology) Climate action as basic right Calls for global climate justice Social & climate-friendly supply chain law	Opposes the GER Climate Action Plan 2050 Global warming is natural and can be adapted to Abolish coal exit and keep using domestic lignite coal for power production Abolish nuclear exit; use plants until end of lifetime & build new ones
EU & interna- tional policy	Expand EU emissions trading to transport & heating "as quickly as possible" Support EU plans for a CBAM Long-term goal: global emissions trade Intl emissions reduction efforts must partly count towards national climate balance Use trade policy to introduce high climate standards	Reform EU ETS: significant reduction of allowances Make recovery instrument permanent for climate/digitalisation/research/education investments Strengthen EU budget, e.g. with CBAM revenues Top up & extend Just Transition Fund Create international fund for climate loss & damage	Make Europe GHG neutral by 2050 at the latest Will not agree to EU-MERCOSUR treaty that doesn't strengthen environmental standards Include env. standards in all EU economic treaties & investments; abolish private dispute settlement mechanisms Introduce EU carbon border tax	EU climate neutrality by 2050 Extend emission trading across all sectors and geographic areas; global uniform CO2 price Financing climate projects in other countries & crediting emission reductions against Germany's targets (Art. 6 PA) Establish EU-wide circular economy	EU climate neutrality by 2035 EU coal exit by 2030 Increase just transition fund ETS reform to align with Paris goals No ETS extension to heating/transport sectors Supports CBAM Global nuclear power exit, calls for EU exit plan	Leave Paris Agreement and withdraw from all state & private climate protection organisations Opposes the European Green Deal
Mobility	Germany should build best cars with all drive technologies + use synthetic fuels in road transport No ICE phase-out date No diesel driving ban, no motorway speed limit Better European high-speed rail + night trains Abolish aviation tax for flights using alternative fuels	Only emission-free car registrations from 2030, "ICEs have no future" Additional rail investments of €100bln by 2035 Double public transport passenger numbers by 2030 Motorway speed limit 130km/h Make short-distance flights superfluous with massive rail investments by 2030	 Rail travel should be cheaper and more attractive than flying within Europe Electrify at least 75% of rail network by 2030 2030: at least 15 mio e-cars Motorway speed limit 130 km/h Ensure all new buses and trams are climate-neutral by 2030 Make GER a centre for battery production & recycling 	Extension of EU ETS to entire transport sector More alternative synthetic fuels and simplifying of certification Rejection of driving bans, speed limits & combustion engine ban Improve local public transport & intelligent traffic routing Privatise rail traffic Abolish the aviation tax	No new combustion engine cars by 2030 Speed limit 120 km/h on German motorways Car-free city centres Ban flights where train ride is under 5 hrs/500km Uniform kerosene tax across EU Long-term: free local public transport Create 200,000 additional jobs in public transport Expand rail network, no motorway expansion Europe night train network, all major cities by 2030	Abolish aviation tax Opposes EU CO2 reduction targets Stop preference for e-mobility Tax vehicles with combustion engines powered by synthetic fuel equally to electrically powered vehicles
Energy taxes & levies	Tighten national carbon price path & switch to EU emissions trade as quickly as possible Fully return national CO2 price revenues to citizens & companies by lowering power prices Abolish renewables levy (EEG surcharge) Better align energy taxes & levies with emissions	Raise CO2 price for transport & heating to €60 in 2023 Lower renewable energy levy (EEG surcharge) Per capita reimbursement of CO2 price revenues National CO2 ETS minimum price of €60 for power and industry if EU ETS price doesn't rise fast enough New market design for climate-neutral energy system; reform renewables law (EEG) to secure roll-out	 Abolish the renewables levy on the power price by 2025 & pay for renewables expansion from federal budget Ensure compensation measures due to rising CO₂ price for heating & transport; examine a per capita bonus CO₂ price on heating fuels to be paid by landlords 	Abolish renewables levy on the power price Reduce electricity tax to the EU minimum	Prefer climate targets/emissions limits over emissions trading as key climate instrument Largely finance renewables expansion via federal budget, not EEG surcharge Wants to lower electricity tax for private consumers Resource-use levy for raw materials	Abolish any kind of CO ₂ taxation
Renew- ables expansion	 "Significantly" faster renewables expansion; faster planning & permit procedures "Solar package" to push PV expansion Support for repowering of old wind parks Cross-border cooperation as part of EU offshore wind strategy, designated renewables areas 	100% renewables in power consumption by 2035 1.5 million new solar roofs within 4 years Onshore wind expansion: at least 5-6 GW p.a. immediately, 7-8 GW p.a. from mid 20s Offshore expansion: 35 GW by 2035 Solar expansion: 10-12 GW p.a. immediately, 18-20 GW p.a. from mid 20s Use 2% of country's surface area for renewables	 100% renewable electricity by 2040 Ensure that all suitable roofs have a solar installation. Goal is a solar system on every supermarket, every school, every town hall Adopt a "pact for the future" with states & local authorities with binding renewable targets 	End feed-in support for renewables under EEG & transfer renewables completely into market Simplify self-supply with renewable electricity and the market-based use of electricity from old plants Regular 'stress test' for energy supply security Expand energy storage facilities and legally define storage as independent pillar of energy system	 Target: 100% renewable power "as fast as possible" Add 10 GW solar PV + 7 GW onshore wind + 2GW offshore wind annually until 2025 Solar PV on all new buildings Neighbouring municipalities must receive share in revenues of renewables facilities Expand citizens' energy, disempower big companies Uniform German grid fees 	Abolish EEG, stop feed-in priority for renewables No funding for old renewable installations Wind turbines only where citizens agree & min 2.5 km distance to homes Rejects construction of new ground mounted PV
Gas, hydrogen & industry	Carbon Contracts for Difference (CCfD) as important tool for companies' climate action Accept 'blue hydrogen' for transitional period, make gas grids hydrogen ready Use resources from Germany & recycled resources to lessen import dependence "Package to unleash industry" lowers company taxes/bureaucracy & speeds up permit/planning procedures	New gas infrastructure only if absolutely necessary (e.g. for coal exit) & hydrogen ready No permits for LNG terminals, stop Nord Stream 2 Comprehensive support programme for domestic hydrogen production Hydrogen should be made with renewables & only used where necessary, e.g. industry, aviation, shipping CCfDs to ensure investment security Quota for CO2 neutral raw materials	 Make Germany lead market for hydrogen technologies by 2030 Build up industrial scale hydrogen economy Use hydrogen for GHG-neutral production of steel, for low-CO₂ cars, trucks, shipping, aviation Provide state support for switch to climate-friendly production processes Ensure competitive industrial power price for companies that compete internationally 	Ramp up hydrogen production for industry, cars, ships, aircrafts and heating Including blue and turquoise hydrogen, using natural gas and carbon capture Establish European Hydrogen Union Moratorium of Nord Stream 2; decision on Nord Stream 2 should be taken jointly in the EU	Calls for fossil gas exit law Fracking and CCS ban Sinks for residual emissions: e.g. moorland/forests Climate neutral industry by 2035 €20bln/year industry transformation fund Use only green hydrogen (no imports of nuclear/fossil-based hydrogen) Hydrogen only where no more efficient alternatives	Complete Nord Stream 2 Hydrogen infrastructure should not be promoted; use of natural gas is preferable
Finance & budget	Make Germany leading financial centre, especially for sustainable products Use climate financing to support developing countries in climate adaptation	End public investments in fossil energies Uniform certification of sustainable finance products on EU level Nuclear energy is not a "green" investment Disclose climate risks & back them by equity capital at banks, insurers; take into account in ratings All assets need transparent sustainability assessment Phase out climate-damaging subsidies	Expand funding and credit programmes for SMEs in the area of environmental, climate and resource protection Issue more sustainable government bonds & work towards further financial products certified as sustainable Abolish subsidies that are harmful to the climate and the environment	No mention	State funds divestment from fossil & nuclear energy "Social-ecological investment campaign" (renewables, mobility, climate-neutral infrastr.) State support programmes for the transition, incl. emergency programme Strong social and ecological standards for ECB	No mention
Agriculture & food	Introduce 'CO2-binding premium' for forests and wood products Continue to support organic farming Sustainability label for conventional agri products International carbon sinks like rainforests must be protected, their contribution rewarded	Comprehensive support to achieve 30% organic farming by 2030 Support healthy forests that bind more CO2 Renaturalisation programme for moors Bring EU CAP in line with Green Deal & Paris targets Support market intro of plant-based meat alternatives	 Align agricultural support so that environmentally friendly agriculture can keep up with the competition Change CAP from land subsidies towards subsidies linked to criteria for climate, nature, environ. protection Promote small-scale and agro-ecological agriculture 	Worldwide reforestation, forest protection & rewetting of peatlands Reform EU agriculture policy Swift approval of in vitro meat in the EU	Expand organic farming to >25% of farm land 2030 Support regional farming industry over big business Tie EU farming subsidies to environmental criteria	End the CAP and move responsibility for agricultural policy back to national states
Buildings	Make construction sector a circular economy; push wood & recycled materials in sector Improve tax support for energy-efficient buildings modernisation	Higher efficiency standards for new buildings & renovations Investment programme for 2 mio heat pumps by 2025 Mandatory use of renewables for new heating systems/renovations	 By 2030 5 mio houses with innovative heating & energy systems (e.g. heat pumps). Support programmes for heating system replacement Public sector procures more climate-neutral basic building materials by 2030, exclusively from 2030 	No mention	Energy-efficient modernisation of complete old building stock by 2035	Rejects the new GEG (Building Energy Act) Reduction of standards and specifications, abolish Energy Saving Ordinance