

Germany, the EU, and the Goal of Climate Neutrality

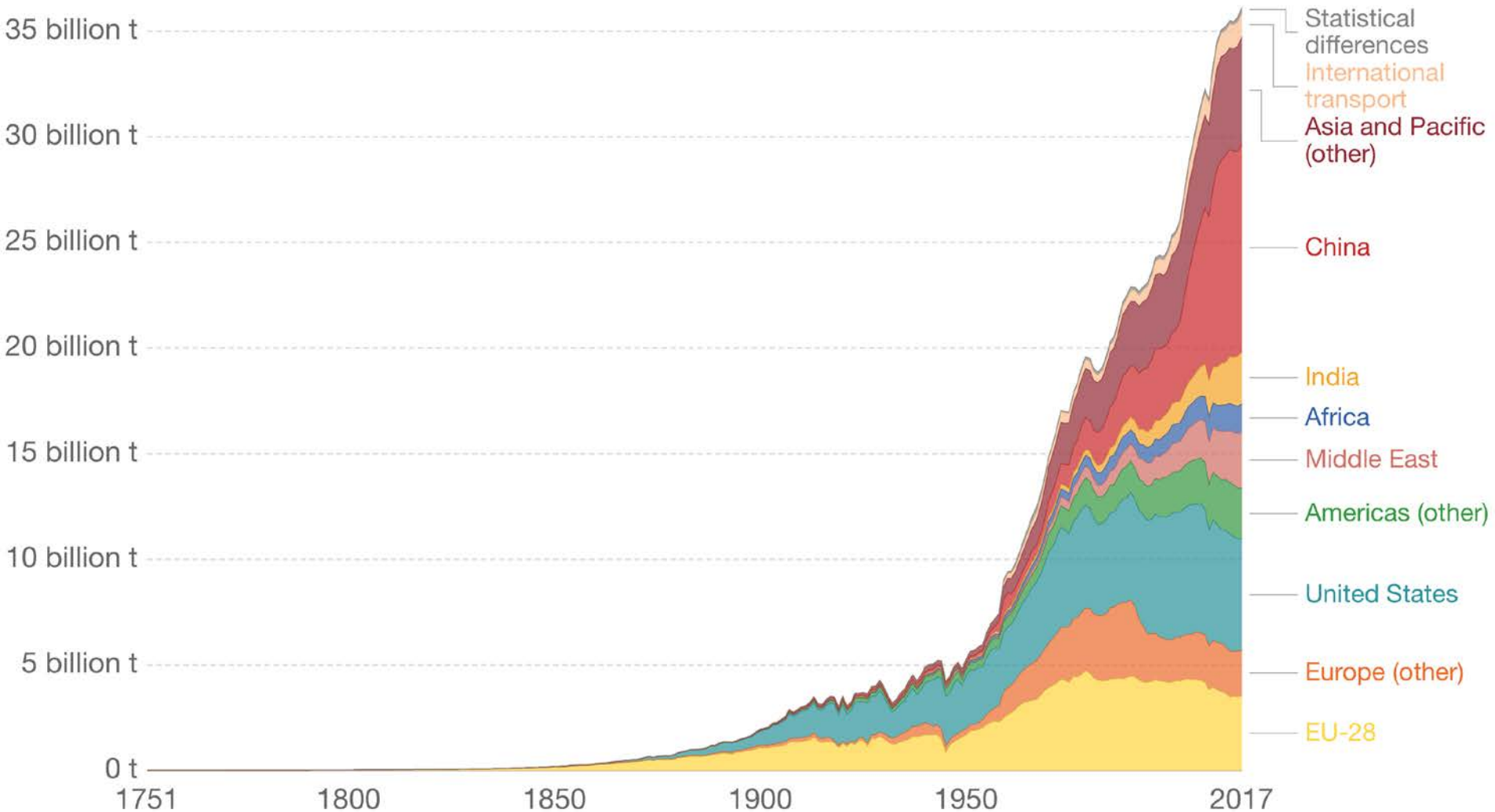
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Annual total CO₂ emissions, by world region

Our World
in Data



Source: Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center (CDIAC); Global Carbon Project (GCP)

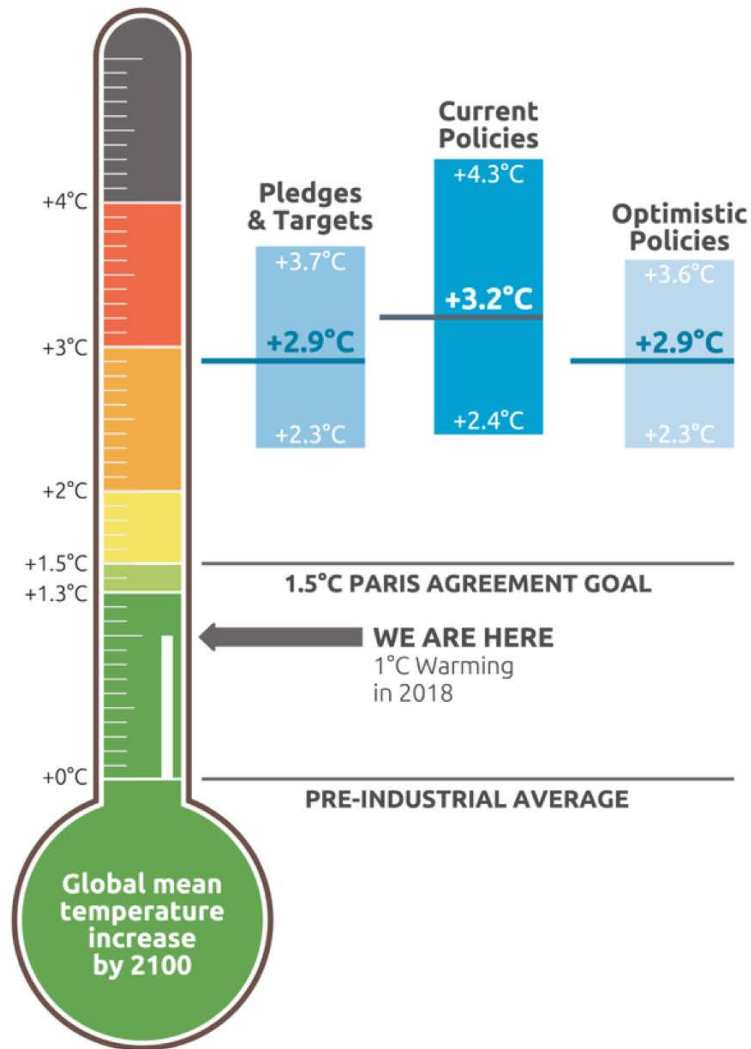
Note: "Statistical differences" notes the discrepancy between estimated global emissions and the sum of all national and international transport emissions.

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IPCC Special Report on 1.5 Degrees

- Human Activities are estimated to have caused a 1.0 degree warming since pre-industrial levels.
- 1.5 Degree increase likely by 2030-2052
- Pathways chosen determine rate of increase, impacts, and costs (-45% of 2010 ghg levels by 2030 needed)





CAT warming projections Global temperature increase by 2100

September 2019 Update

Power of Narratives

- Dominant discourse has been based on the notion that economic growth is the main priority and that environmental protection is costly. Cheap energy and materials are viewed as essential.
- The American Dream— consumption oriented development— has been a second powerful discourse

These narratives have powerfully influenced economic and political decision making for years.

Changing the Discourse

- Climate change, biodiversity loss, plastics in the oceans...
- There is a need for a new narrative one that places environmental protection on par with economic development
- There needs to be a shift towards more sustainable economic and energy models

Demands for Radical Change

- Fridays for Future
- Extinction Rebellion
- WWF, Greenpeace,
 - British Parliament declares Climate Emergency, Ireland follows
 - Hundreds of local governments declare climate emergencies, including Constance.

European Commission: Clean Planet for All (2018)

A vision for a modern, competitive, prosperous and climate neutral economy

- Energy efficiency: Net Zero emission buildings
- Renewables, greater use of electricity
- Investing in a sustainable society (investment and finance, R&D, job transformation...)
- Clean, safe, connected mobility
- Circular economy
- Bio-economy
- CCS



Our vision: Climate neutral Europe by 2050

EU's 2030 Framework for Climate and Energy Policy Targets (old → new)

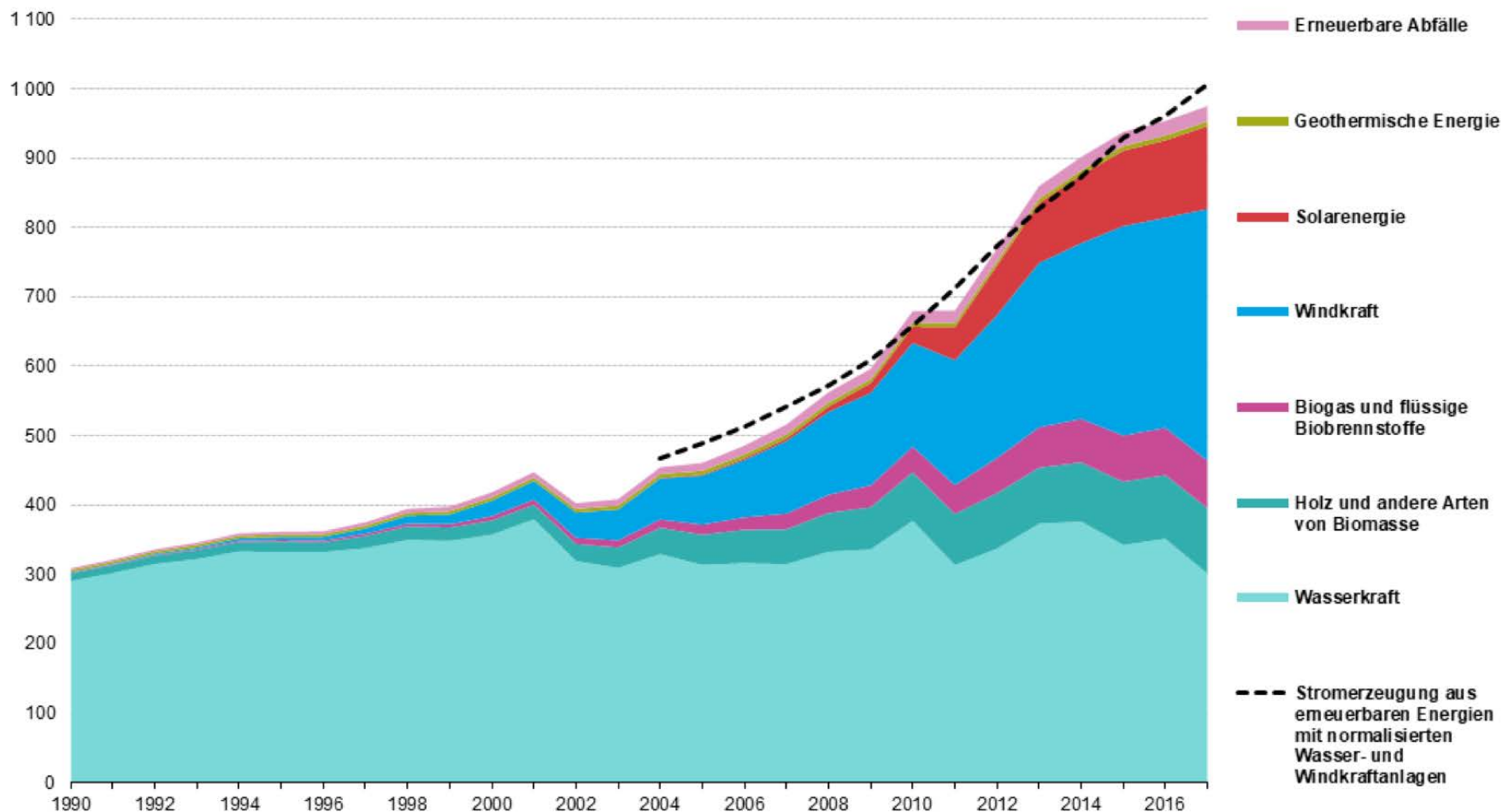
Set in 2014, revised in 2018.

- 40% reduction compared to 1990
- 27% → 32% renewals in final energy
- 27% → 32.5% energy efficiency

(if fully implemented, this would cut emissions by about 45%; with current policies, projection is 30% cut)

Bruttostromerzeugung aus erneuerbaren Energien, EU-28, 1990-2017

(in TWh)



Quelle: Eurostat (Online-Datencodes: nrg_bal_c und nrg_bal_peh) und SHARES_summary_results in <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/energy/data/shares>

Global fossil CO₂ emissions (2017 vs 2005)



EU-28 fossil CO₂ emissions (2017 vs 2005)



Europe's Green New Deal

- 1.) Climate Neutrality 2050
- 2.) Circular Economy (action plan expected March 2020). Clean steelmaking using hydrogen by 2030, making batteries reusable & recyclable.
- 3.) Building renovation. Double/Triple renovation rate of buildings
4. Zero Pollution (air, water, soil) by 2050
5. Ecosystems & Biodiversity. New forestry strategy.

Green New Deal cont.

6.) Green & Healthier Agric. System (significantly reducing chemical pesticides, fertilisers & antibiotics. Aligning Common Agricultural Policy with Green Deal.

7.) Transport. 95gCO₂/km

8.) Just transition fund for regions most impacted by transition away from fossil fuels

9.) R&D (35% of EU research for climate-friendly technologies)

10.) Carbon border tax/external relations

Germany's Energiewende

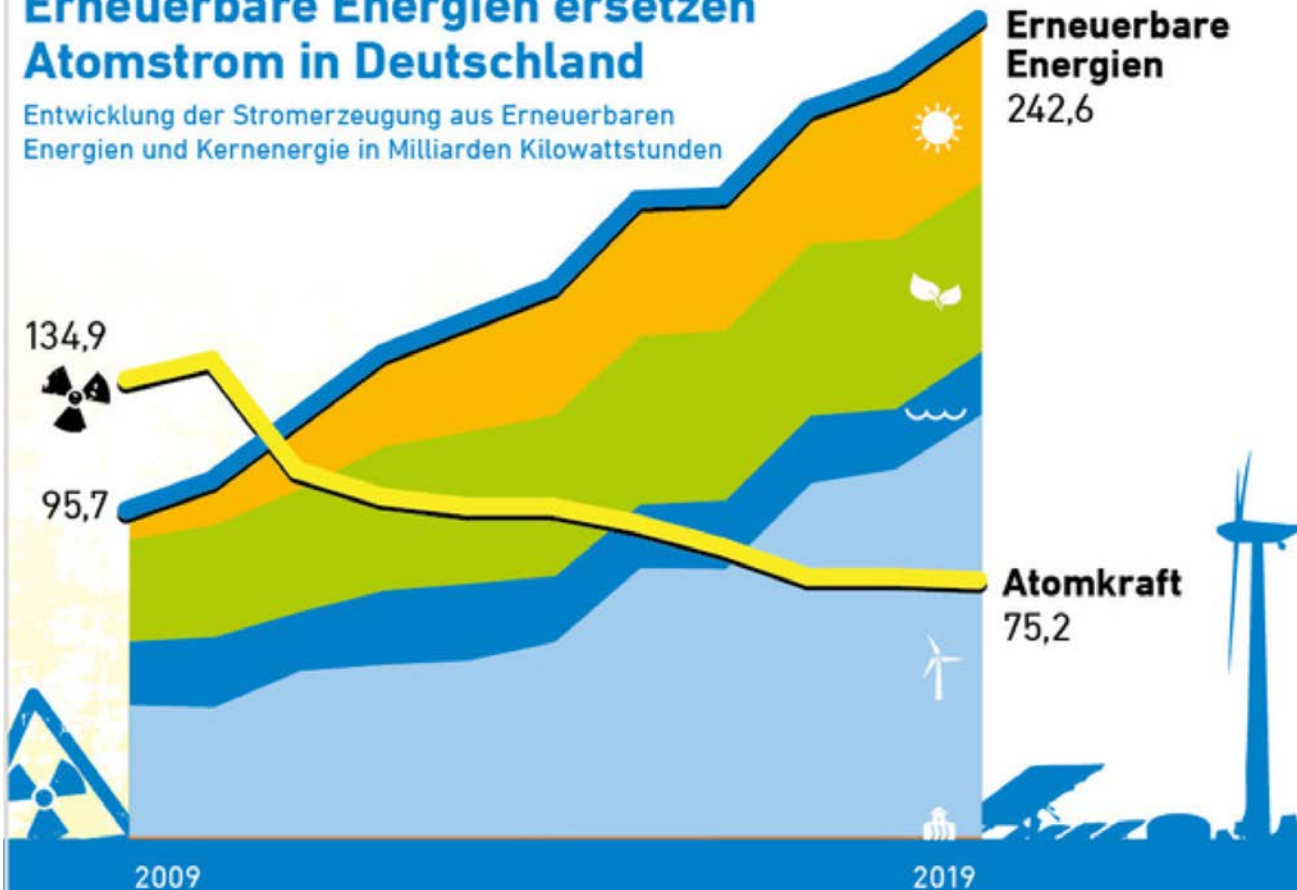
- Nuclear phase out until 2022
- Coal phase out until 2038
- Climate neutrality by 2050



<https://www.bmu.de/themen/atomenergie-strahlenschutz/nukleare-sicherheit/aufsicht-ueber-kernkraftwerke/kernkraftwerke-in-deutschland/>

Erneuerbare Energien ersetzen Atomstrom in Deutschland

Entwicklung der Stromerzeugung aus Erneuerbaren Energien und Kernenergie in Milliarden Kilowattstunden



Die Stromerzeugung aus Erneuerbaren Energien hat sich in den letzten 10 Jahren mehr als verdoppelt auf insgesamt 243 Mrd. kWh im Jahr 2019*.

Quelle: AG Energiebilanzen; Stand: 12/2019

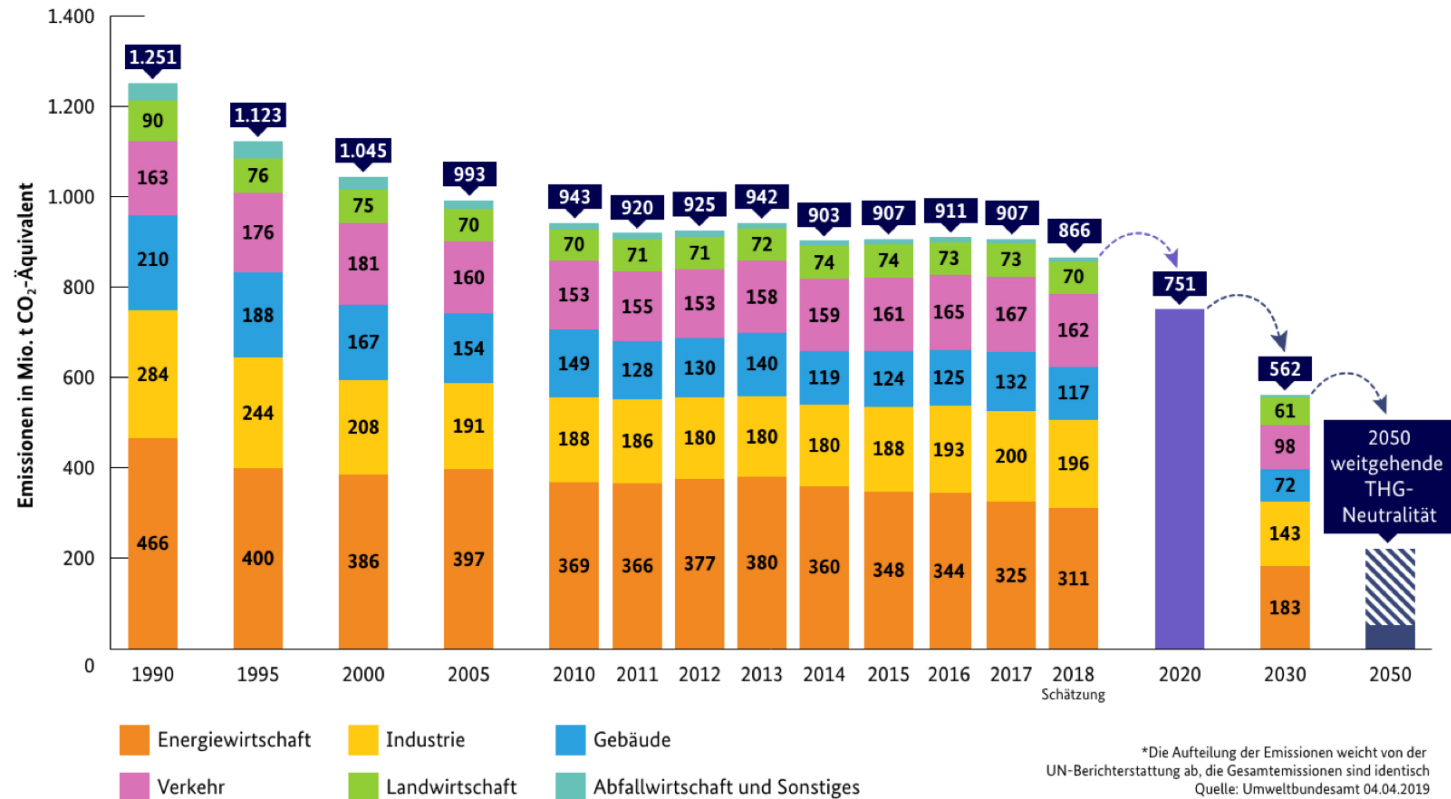
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Entwicklung der Treibhausgasemissionen in Deutschland

in der Abgrenzung der Sektoren des Klimaschutzplans 2050*



ENERGIEWENDE TARGETS REVISED

	Reduction of nuclear energy	Share of Renewable Energy		Reduction GHG-Emissions	Reduction of Energy Demand			
		Gross final energy	Electricity Production		Primary Energy	Domestic Heat	Final Energy Transport	Electricity Demand
2015 2017 2019	-47% -56% -60%							
2020		18%	35%	-40%	-20%	-20%	-10%	-10%
2021 2022 2025	-80% -100%		40-45%					
2030 2035		30%	50% 55-60%	-55%				
2040		45%	65%	-70%				
2050		60%	80%	-80% bis 95%	-50%	-80%	-40%	-25%
Basis	2010	-	-	1990	2008	2008	2005	2008

Braunkohle – nicht nur Gift für das Klima. Vattenfall-Tagebau bei Cottbus. Foto: Dirk Seifert - See more at: <http://umweltfairaendern.de/2012/07/klimakatastrophe-jede-vierte-kilowattstunde-aus-braunkohle/#sthash.tl7vi9gm.dpuf>





<https://www.zdf.de/nachrichten/heute/zeitplan-fuer-den-ausstieg-kohlekommission-ohne-vorfestlegung-100.html>

Heizkraftwerk Nord supplying Munich



Abendzeitung München



[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heizkraftwerk_Nord_\(München\)#/media/File:Heizkraftwerk_Nord.JPG](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heizkraftwerk_Nord_(München)#/media/File:Heizkraftwerk_Nord.JPG)

Referendum in Munich

- 60% vote to close the Heizkraftwerk North (by 2022)
- 17,8% participated in the referendum



Strong Public Involvement in Germany's Energiewende

- Long history of protest and citizen involvement
- Concerns about nuclear
- Concerns about climate change
- Concerns about energy import dependency and instability in global energy prices
- Desire to democratize energy structures
- Desire to transform the economy towards more sustainable structures

Germany: Commission for Growth, Structural Change and Employment (Coal Commission)



Main Proposals

- Cost 40 billion Euros (\$45.7 Billion): primarily aid to affected regions
- Begin phase out with shut downs in 2022
- Last plants to be shut down by 2038 (possibly 2035)

(20,000 employed directly in lignite; 12,000 in coal)

The grand coal phase-out

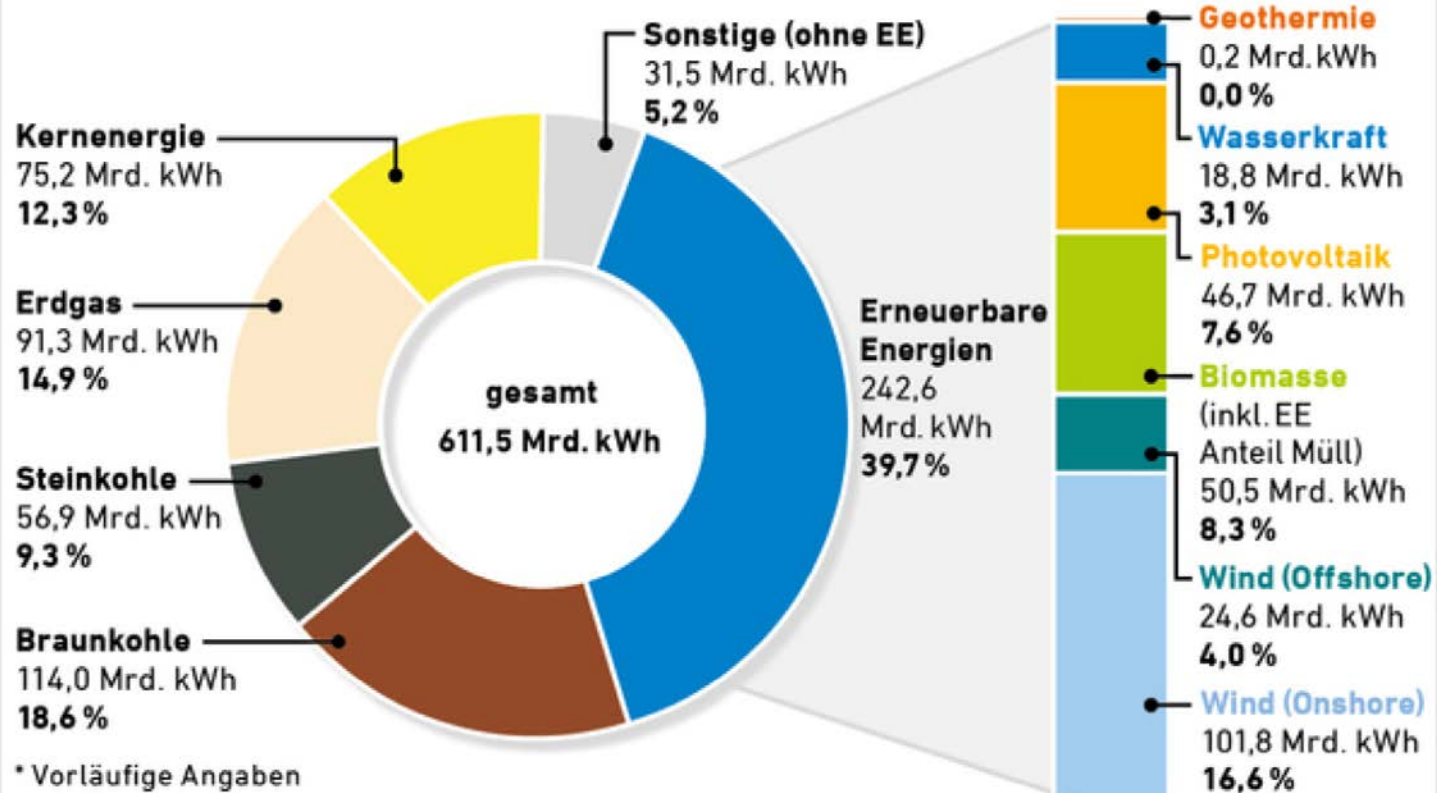


Net output of German coal-fired power plants in gigawatts



Der Strommix in Deutschland im Jahr 2019*

Mit 243 Milliarden Kilowattstunden lieferten Erneuerbare Energien rund 40 Prozent der deutschen Bruttostromerzeugung. Ihr Anteil am Bruttostromverbrauch betrug 42 Prozent.



* Vorläufige Angaben

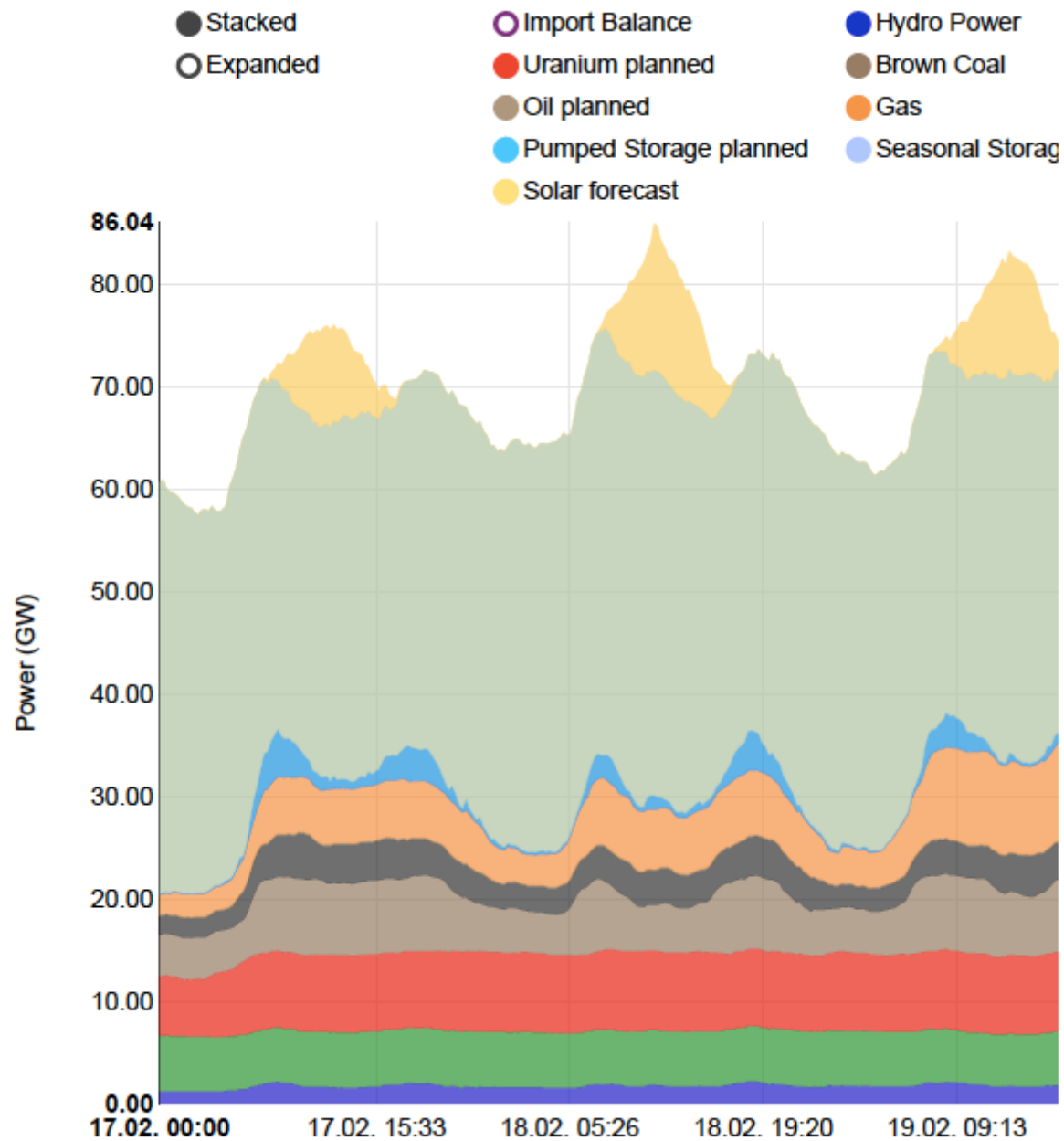
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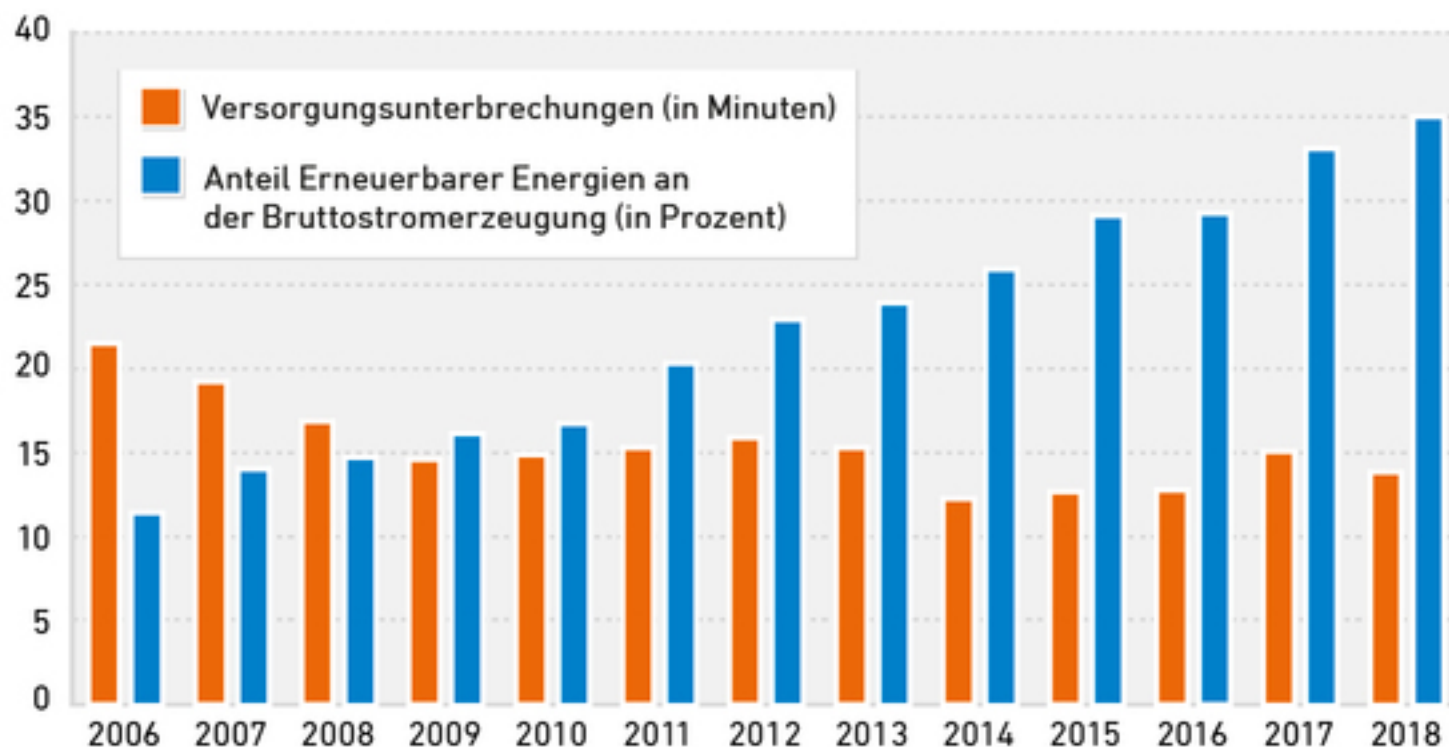
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Frauenhofer Energy Charts. February 17-19, 2020.

Versorgungsunterbrechungen in Deutschland und Anteil Erneuerbarer Energien 2006–2018

Der wachsende Anteil Erneuerbarer Energien an der Stromerzeugung in Deutschland hat keine negativen Auswirkungen auf die Versorgungssicherheit.



Quellen: BNetzA, BDEW

Stand: 1/2020

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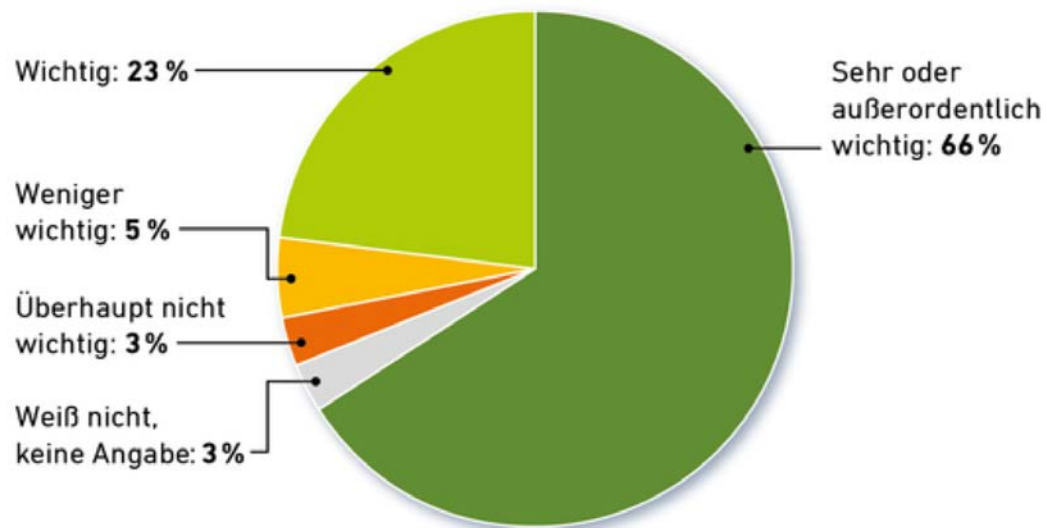


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89 Prozent der Deutschen unterstützen den Ausbau der Erneuerbaren Energien

Stärkere Nutzung und Ausbau Erneuerbarer Energien sind ...



Quelle: Umfrage von YouGov im Auftrag der Agentur für Erneuerbare Energien, n=1003; Stand: 9/2019

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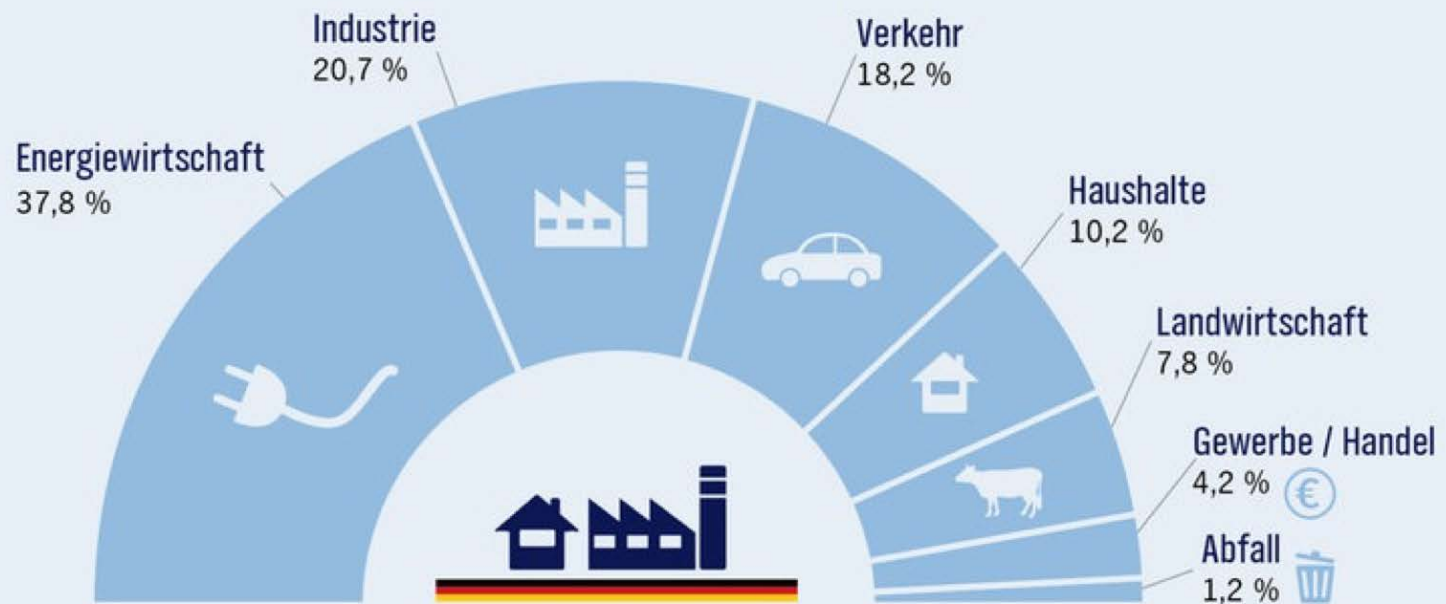
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German lignite plant exit path

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Operator	Power plant unit	Coal region	Start of operation	MW capacity	Closure date	Reaching coal commission targets
short term						
RWE	Nord-Süd-Bahn (NSB)	Rheinland	1959-1976	300	31.12.2020	15 GW by 31 December 2022
RWE	NSB	Rheinland		300	31.12.2021	
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RWE	NSB oder Weisweiler	Rheinland		300	31.12.2021	
RWE	NSB oder Weisweiler	Rheinland		300	01.04.2022	
RWE	Brikettierung	Rheinland		120	31.12.2022	
RWE	NSB	Rheinland		600	31.12.2022	
RWE	NSB	Rheinland		600	31.12.2022	
by 2030						
RWE	Weisweiler F	Rheinland	1967	300	01.01.2025	8.8 GW by 31 December 2030
LEAG (EPH)	Jänschwalde A	Lausitz (BB)	1981	500	31.12.2025 (security standby)	
LEAG (EPH)	Jänschwalde B	Lausitz (BB)	1982	500	31.12.2027 (security standby)	
RWE	Weisweiler G	Rheinland	1974	600	01.04.2028	
LEAG (EPH)	Jänschwalde C	Lausitz (BB)	1984	500	31.12.2028	
LEAG (EPH)	Jänschwalde D	Lausitz (BB)	1985	500	31.12.2028	
RWE	Weisweiler H	Rheinland	1975	600	01.04.2029	
LEAG (EPH)	Boxberg N	Lausitz (SN)	1979	500	31.12.2029	
LEAG (EPH)	Boxberg P	Lausitz (SN)	1980	500	31.12.2029	
RWE	Niederaußem G	Rheinland	1974	600	31.12.2029	
RWE	Niederaußem H	Rheinland	1974	600	31.12.2029 (security standby)	
after 2030						
Uniper / EPH	Schkopau A	Mitteldeutschland (ST)	1996	450	31.12.2034	0 GW by 31 December 2038
Uniper / EPH	Schkopau B	Mitteldeutschland (ST)	1996	450	31.12.2034	
LEAG (EPH)	Lippendorf R	Mitteldeutschland (SN)	2000	875	31.12.2035	
EnBW	Lippendorf S	Mitteldeutschland (SN)	1999	875	31.12.2035	
RWE	Niederaußem K	Rheinland	2002	1000	31.12.2038	
RWE	Neurath F	Rheinland	2012	1000	31.12.2038	
RWE	Neurath G	Rheinland	2012	1000	31.12.2038	
LEAG (EPH)	Schwarze Pumpe A	Lausitz (BB/SN)	1998	750	31.12.2038	
LEAG (EPH)	Schwarze Pumpe B	Lausitz (BB/SN)	1998	750	31.12.2038	
LEAG (EPH)	Boxberg R	Lausitz (SN)	2012	640	31.12.2038	
LEAG (EPH)	Boxberg Q	Lausitz (SN)	2000	860	31.12.2038	

CO₂-Ausstoß in Deutschland nach Sektoren



Grafik: NDR / Quelle: Bundesumweltministerium (2016)