

Climate Neutrality by 2045

What does this mean for Germany? What does it mean for the EU Green Deal?

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- → Towards a Climate-Neutral Germany Study on behalf of Agora Energiewende, Agora Verkehrswende and Stiftung Klimaneutralität
- Written by Prognos/Oeko-Institute/ Wuppertal-Institute
- → Mission: Model newly set targets of the German government (Climate Neutrality 2050) and the EU (increased EU-2030-target of -55%) for all sectors
- → Goal: Present a path towards climate neutrality taking into account costs and acceptancy

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- → Towards a Climate-Neutral Germany 2045 extends the logic of Towards a Climate-Neutral Germany 2050
- Mission: Model an ambitious Climate Neutrality 2045 target for all sectors
- → Goal: Present a path towards climate neutrality 2045 taking into account costs and acceptancy
- → Published on 26 April 2021
- → German constitutional court published its decision on the Climate Law 2019 on 29 April 2021, stating it unconstitutional with regards to the freedom of future generations

Climate neutral Germany 2045 is a growth scenario: 1.3% economic growth p.a, industrial structure remains, 75 Mrd. Euros additional investments p.a.



Key indicators of the Climate Neutrality 2045 scenario



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Proposal of a reformed Climate Law 2021 in Germany: new targets & climate neutrality in 2045





Three steps towards climate neutrality

Where we stand today in Germany:

- 1990 until today: approx. -42% in 2020 (w/o COVID -38%)



- Current 2030 target: -55% below 1990 levels



What we need to aim for given the latest EU and German climate policy announcements: Climate Neutral Germany 2045 and -65% until 2030



Overview development of GHG emissions by sector



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In 3 steps towards climate neutrality (net zero ghg emissions) Step 2: Beyond 2030, only carbon-free technologies are installed in industry, electricity, heating and transport



Step 2: 95 percent reduction without negative emissions (GHG emissions in mio. t CO2-eq)



In 3 steps towards climate neutrality: Step 3: The 5% non-avoidable ghg emissions from agriculture and cement are offset via (biomass-) CCS



Step 3 im detail - residual GHG emissions and their compensation in 2045

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Five central strategies for climate neutrality

The five strategies for climate neutrality: Strategy 1: Renewable energies – towards 70% share of electricity by 2030, to 100% by 2045 at the latest...



Power generation



The five strategies for climate neutrality: Strategy 2: Energy efficiency – primary energy consumption will be halved by 2045, especially in the heating sector



Primary energy consumption



The five strategies for climate neutrality: Strategy 3: Electrification – in transport, heat and industry electric cars, heat pumps, electric boilers replace oil and gas



Gross power consumption



The five strategies for climate neutrality Strategy 4: Hydrogen – for safeguarding security of supply in the energy system and to create a climate neutral industry



CO₂ free hydrogen production and consumption in Germany



The five strategies for climate neutrality Strategy 5: CCS – from 2030 onwards, the ramp-up of a CCS infrastructure (CO2 transport to Norway) will be required







A brief look into the sectors

Electricity: Accelerate coal phase-out by 2030 and increase renewable expansion rates to 70% RES share by 2030



Net power generation and net imports



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Transport: Cars and trucks become electric, due to new mobility concepts the number of cars after 2030 will be reduced



Amount of cars (left) and amount of trucks (right)



Buildings: Heat pumps replace oil and gas heating in 1- and 2-family houses, green district heating supplies city centers



Buildings sector: final energy demand for heating by source



Industry: Hydrogen, electrification and industrial biomass use replace coal and natural gas – industrial output remains constant





- Coal: phase-out (CHP by 2030, steel and cement by 2040)
- → Natural gas: phase-out after 2030
- Hydrogen: reducing agent and fuel for steam generation
- Biomass: use for BECCS in large plants (steel / chemical)
- → Electricity: efficient use in electrode boilers, high-temperature heat pumps, and small and medium-sized industrial furnaces
- District heating: long-term use only for temperatures < 100°C





Conclusion

Germany can become climate neutral in 3 steps: (1) reduction of ghg emissions by 65% until 2030, (2) -95% until 2045, and (3) CCS for remaining emissions



Measures in the climate neutrality 2050 scenario (KN2050) (GHG emissions in mio. t CO2-eq.)





Elements of the Climate Law 2021 as proposed

→ Climate Neutrality by 2045

- → Increased ambition for 2030: reducing emissions by 65% compared to 1990 which is in line with the new EU targets
- → Inclusion of LULUCF emissions
- Immediate measures announced, though unclear whether they will be implemented in the current legislative period:
 - \rightarrow Increase CO₂ price in ESD sectors (BEHG)
 - → Increase RES capacity additions
 - \rightarrow Next reform in 2022, following finalisation of EU legislation
 - → Additional measures for industry, hydrogen, transport, agriculture, building renovations



Climate Neutral Germany 2045 and -65% greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 requires a policy mix to be adopted soon



Climate Change Act as framework law
Increase carbon price
Make climate-related risks transparent to financial markets



Implications for the EU Green Deal



Timeline of EU and DE Climate Policy in 2021



Political compromise on the EU Climate Law means, a 2030 target of at least 55% net domestic greenhouse gas reductions compared to 1990 levels will become binding in some weeks



Key elements of the provisional agreement on the EU Climate Law

- Sets a legally binding 2030 climate target of at least 55% net domestic ghg-reductions compared to 1990 levels as well as a binding objective to reach climate neutrality at the latest by 2050.
- Defines the 2030 target as a *domestic* target with regards to net-GHG reductions (emissions after deduction of removals).
- Limits the contribution of removals towards the 2030 target to 225 million tons CO2eq, which corresponds to a 52.8% reduction relative to 1990 levels (excluding sinks).
- The Commission will propose to revise the LULUCF Regulation to increase the EU carbon sink to levels above 300 million tons CO2eq by 2030, which would de facto correspond to a net 57% target for 2030.



55% net domestic greenhouse gas reductions by 2030 implies major changes in all sectors



Source: Agora Energiewende (2021) based on the MIX and LULUF+ Scenarios of the European Commission Impact Assessment for 2030 Climate Target Plan. *** 340 Mt is based on the COM LULUCF+ Scenario. The net-sink in the MIX scenario is 295Mt. The 14 July package includes at least nine proposals to reform EU climate and energy laws, as well as proposals for own resources and aviation and shipping fuels.





Legislation anticipated on 14 July

- → 1) The EU ETS Directive
- → 2) Revision of the LULUCF Regulation
- \rightarrow 3) Revision of the Climate Action Regulation
- → 4) The Renewable Energy Directive (tbc)
- \rightarrow 5) The Energy Efficiency Directive (tbc)
- \rightarrow 6) the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive
- \rightarrow 7) CO2 emission standards for cars and vans
- → 8) Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism
- \rightarrow 9) the Energy Taxation Directive

Other anticipated proposals

- → ReFuelEU Aviation / FuelEU Maritime
- \rightarrow ETS and CBAM as own resources / Digital levy



Important elements are still missing in the second part of the "Fit for 55" package (Q4/2021)!





What does the German climate target increase imply for Europe and for dynamics on the Fit for 55 package?

- → Germany's new 2030 ghg-reduction target of 65% is in line with the expected German contribution to the EU's increased 2030 target of 55% net domestic reductions.
- → Germany's commitment to achieve climate neutrality by 2045 puts pressure on other Member States that have not yet set themselves national climate neutrality targets to do so.
- → The new German government taking office after the September elections will have to adopt further measures in all sectors to accelerate climate action.
- → Often, corresponding adjustments to EU climate and energy laws will facilitate accelerated climate action in DE (e.g., climate neutral industry); in some cases EU-level measures are the most suitable lever (e.g. CO2 standards for cars, vans, lorries; strengthening carbon pricing; creating lead markets).

=> Negotiations on the Fit for 55 package will pick up momentum in 2022 after a new German government has taken office. Most likely, Germany will proactively work towards ambitious outcomes in the Fit for 55 negotiations right from the start.

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