



Energy system transformation in Germany: actors, policies, perceptions

Context

In 2020, after intensive political discussions, Germany decided to phase out coal by 2038. By phasing out coal, the German government aims at making a contribution to achieving climate change mitigation targets. The coal phase-out will lead to a number of social and technological challenges and is seen as an important component in the transformation of energy supply. Many actors are affected by these developments. Other countries are facing similar challenges, and the developments in Germany are closely monitored elsewhere in order to draw conclusions from them.

Aims of the research project

This research project examines the political economy of energy system transformation from an international and comparative perspective. The particular focus is on understanding the challenges and opportunities of the German coal phase-out. In addition to the German case, other countries (Australia, Canada and Japan) will also be examined. All of these countries are facing similar challenges with regard to the role of coal and the energy system transformation more broadly. The data obtained by this survey will complement the project's political-economic analyses in the following way:

- Detailed understanding and documentation of the diversity of stakeholders in the context of German energy policy.
- Current barometer of the perceptions of politically relevant stakeholders with regard to challenges in implementing the coal phase-out.
- Better understanding of the interactions of energy stakeholders with the aim of making political processes more effective.

Privacy policy

This survey is carried out by an independent research team and is for scientific purposes only. No commercial purposes are pursued. Information about the stakeholders involved in German energy policy is of crucial importance for our studies.

Important: The data collected in this survey is analysed by our team and will not be passed on to third parties. The information you provide in this survey is stored on a secure server. The aggregate results will be published in the form of academic publications and a research report, but the participating organisations will be *anonymized* in these publications. There is no risk that your personal identity will be revealed.

Institutions & Contact

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