Sustainable development, climate neutrality pathways and recovery in Germany

Insights from the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE)

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The German Sustainable Development Strategy

Source (English version forthcoming): German Government 2021: *Germany’s National Sustainable Development Strategy* (bundesregierung.de)
The German Council for Sustainable Development

Figure: Sustainability management system derived from the German Sustainable Development Strategy
“Systematically laying the foundations for a sustainable food system is essential” - Statement of the German Council for Sustainable Development for the State Secretaries’ Committee for Sustainable Development on 8 June of 30/04/2020

“Decade of action requires ambition!” - First recommendations of the Sustainability Board for the further development of the German Sustainability Strategy 2020/2021 of 13/05/2020

“Sustainable supply chains” - Statement by the German Council for Sustainable Development for effectively embedding sustainability and human rights in global supply chains of 13/05/2020

“Laying the financial foundations for a sustainable recovery from the coronavirus crisis in the EU" - Statement by the German Council for Sustainable Development (17/09/2020)

Find the documents here: German Council for Sustainable Development Media library - German Council for Sustainable Development (nachhaltigkeitsrat.de)
Sustainable Development Strategy (2021) and the role of climate protection

Energy Transition and Climate Protection is a transformation area in the German Sustainable Development Strategy:

- Focus on „off track indicators“, incl. final energy productivity, primary energy consumption, GHG emission reduction
- Range of activities and key measures for delivery, incl. Climate Law, Climate Action Programme, Renewable Energy Act, coal phase-out, national carbon pricing scheme for non-ETS sectors, international climate finance, sustainable finance strategy
- Many additional measures expected in coming months in the context of the European Green Deal and ruling of the Constitutional Court

Source: Climate Action (bundesregierung.de)
The Constitutional Court’s „Climate Ruling“ and the revision of the German Climate Law

Source: Climate Action Tracker 2021: Germany’s proposed 2030 national target not yet 1.5°C-compatible (climateactiontracker.org)
RNE engagement for climate neutrality

- Joint project with the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina on reaching climate neutrality: “Climate neutrality: Setting course in the next decade - Options for an ambitious and comprehensive implementation”

- **Host of Chapter Germany** of the Climate Governance Initiative (initiated by the World Economic Forum): Supporting non-executive directors and supervisory board members to align business models with ambitious climate policy

- Anchoring climate change and policy as a systemic issue for sustainability, as part of recent and upcoming position papers, incl. on hydrogen, circular economy and the sustainable economic recovery
Thank you for your attention!

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