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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



Deutsche Nachhaltigkeitsstrategie

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Die Bundesregierung

Nachhaltigkeitsstrategie für Deutschland

Source (English version forthcoming): German Government 2021: [Germany's National Sustainable Development Strategy \(bundesregierung.de\)](https://www.bundesregierung.de)

The German Council for Sustainable Development

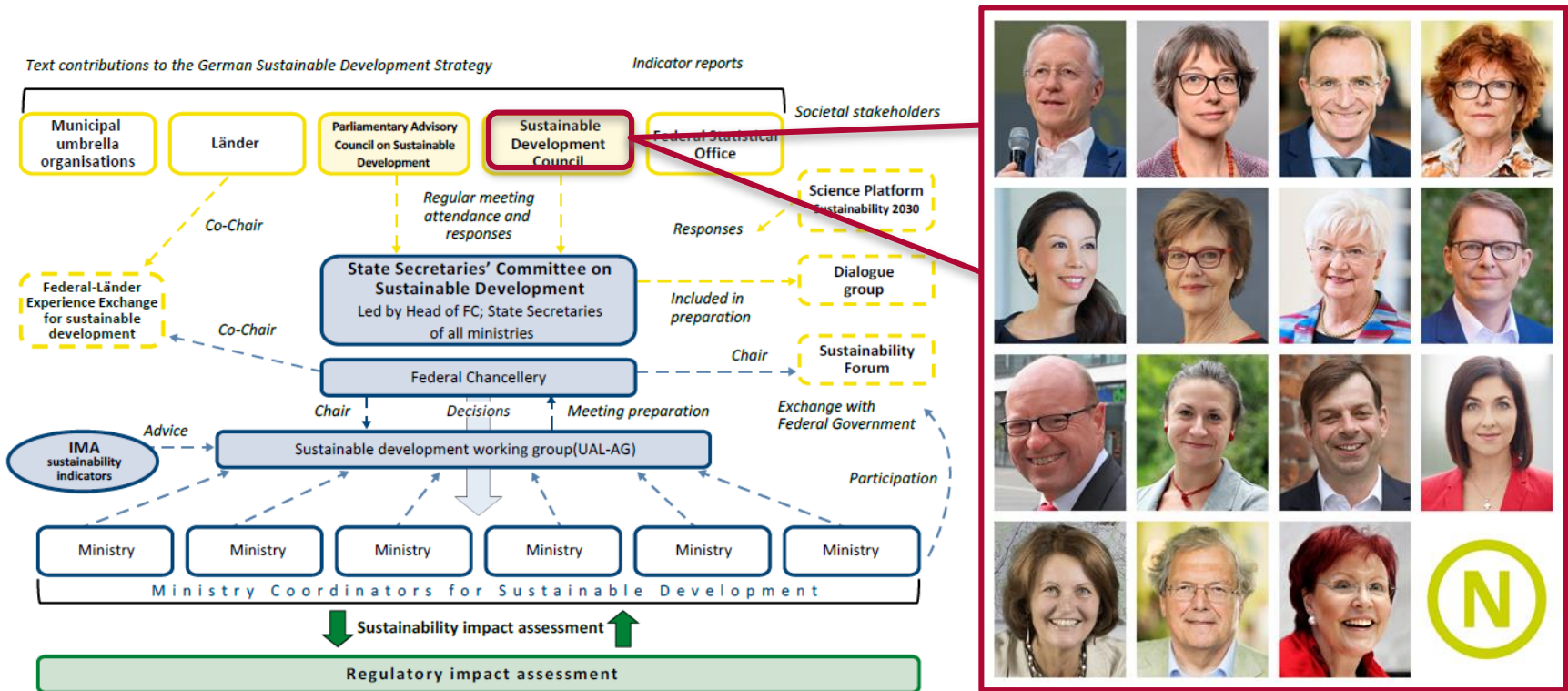


Figure: Sustainability management system derived from the German Sustainable Development Strategy

Recommendations & Statements of the Council

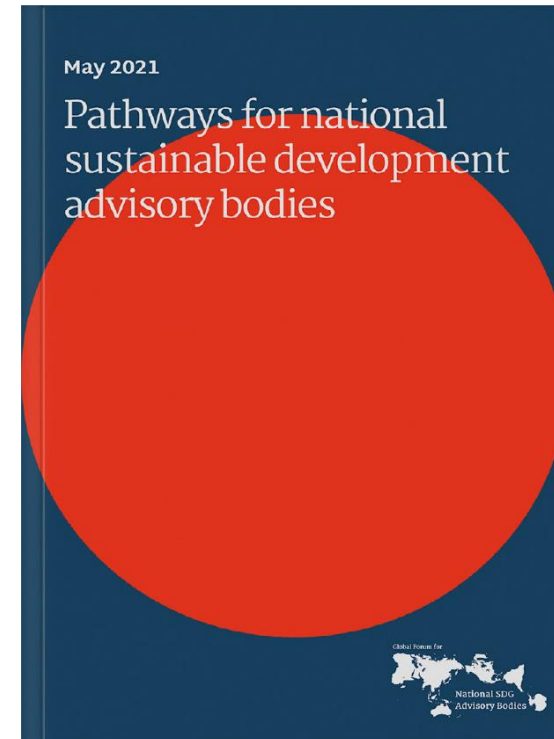


“Systematically laying the foundations for a sustainable food system is essential” - Statement of the German Council for Sustainable Development for the State Secretaries’ Committee for Sustainable Development on 8 June of 30/04/2020

“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:

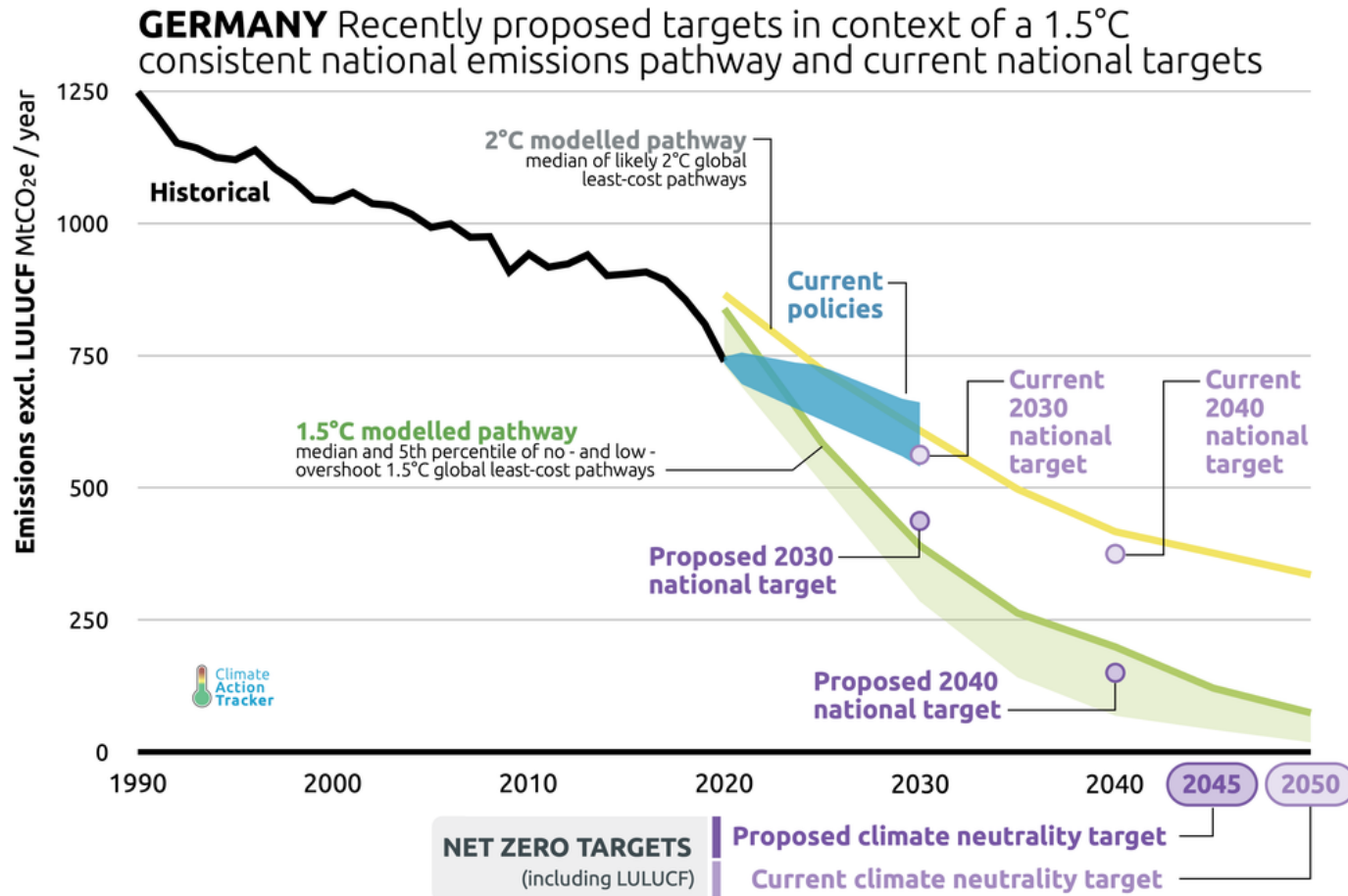
- Focus on „**off track indicators**“, incl. final energy productivity, primary energy consumption, GHG emission reduction
- Range of activities and **key measures for delivery**, incl. Climate Law, Climate Action Programme, Renewable Energy Act, coal phase-out, national carbon pricing scheme for non-ETS 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 \(bundesregierung.de\)](https://www.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](https://climateactiontracker.org) (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**





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Thank you for your
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