

Press release

Announcement: The Council of Experts on Climate Change publishes biennial expertise on Wednesday, February 5th, 2025

Berlin, January 28, 2025 – The Council of Experts on Climate Change will publish its biennial expertise on February 5, 2025. In accordance with its legal mandate, the independent panel will examine previous developments and trends in greenhouse gas emissions, as well as the effectiveness of climate action measures. In this context, the Expert Council also examines the economic viability of the measures and, for the first time, their social distributive effects. In addition, the Expert Council discusses on the basis of existing studies the investment volumes for Germany's transformation towards greenhouse gas neutrality. It also offers a position on the direction of Germany's future climate policy and formulates requirements for the climate action program that the new government must present within its first year.

The Council of Experts on Climate Change (ERK) is an independent panel of five experts from different disciplines. It is mandated by Sections 11 and 12 of the Federal Climate Action Act (KSG). The panel includes the five members Prof. Dr. Hans-Martin Henning (Chairman), Dr. Brigitte Knopf (Deputy Chair), Prof. Dr. Marc Oliver Bettzüge, Prof. Dr. Thomas Heimer, and Dr. Barbara Schlomann. Among other legally defined tasks, the Expert Council presents the biennial expertise to the Bundestag and the Federal Government every two years in accordance with Section 12 (4) KSG. The first biennial expertise was published in 2022, covering developments from 2000 to 2021.

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