

IT'S IN OUR POWER TO
PROTECT THE CLIMATE
IT'S TIME TO
GET STARTED!



- Visit www.ende-gelaende.org to sign up to our action and to register your support. Even before the action we'll be building public pressure against coal.
- You can already prepare for the action by getting together a local group to come and participate in Ende Gelände. You can contact us if you need support with training and organising.
- Organise a local event telling people more about the action and the Rhineland coal fields. We will gladly come and present the action.
- Come to the Rhineland on the 14.-16. of August. Let's all say together: **ENDE GELÄNDE – Keep it in the ground!**

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many, many people
in an action
of Civil Disobedience



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ENDE GELÄNDE!

STOP DIGGING
KEEP IT IN THE GROUND!

14. - 16.08.15
IN THE RHINELAND COAL FIELDS
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Whether at the G7 summit in Bavaria this summer or the UN climate conference in Paris in December, politicians will endlessly express their concerns about climate change. Yet, there is a huge gap between needs and deeds. Short term profits of energy corporations are once again placed above common welfare. The economic system that caused the climate catastrophe in the first place is now supposed to solve the problem. Meanwhile the window is closing in order to avert runaway climate change.

This is where we say "no more!" We are fed up with watching passively how livelihoods of millions are destroyed and how already large social inequalities will increase even more due to climate change. Europe's answer to climate change is raising the walls of fortress Europe, instead of dealing with the causes of climate change and accepting our responsibility for it.

Everywhere in the world people are resisting energy companies in order to keep fossil fuels in the ground. Resistance and courage is rife: blockades have been built in front of fracking drills; lock-ons to rail tracks have stopped coal trains; tree houses protest pipelines; canoes and climbing gear are tools against coal cargo ships or to stop the deep destruction of the tar sands. All are fighting for a renewable future.

This year the chance of a coal phase out is more possible than ever. Our public pressure has already seen results. The German government is working on legislation to transition away from coal mining and local government is drawing limits on the expansion of open cast mines.

TIME TO RESIST AND TAKE ACTION! OUR ACTION: ENDE GELÄNDE – KEEP IT IN THE GROUND!

Over the weekend of 14-16th August 2015, many people will shut down the open cast mines of the Rhineland mining area in an mass act of civil disobedience. Our action will show diversity, creativity and open-mindedness. There will be different ways to engage, with some people on the edge of the mine, others blocking the work in the mine and the diggers. We say: this far and no further!

TOGETHER A MASS ACTION

Recent victories show that together we can achieve a lot - from nuclear phase out to over-turned plans for 15 new proposed coal power plants. Our protest is part of many resistances including against coal mining in Lusatia and the Rhineland area; the anti-coal chains; and the blockades in the Wendland area for energy transition. It is also part of the resistance against fuel poverty, for better working conditions in the renewable energy sector and by those who are on the frontlines of climate change due to global north over-consumption of fossil fuels.

We are part of a worldwide movement that stands for climate justice and a global energy transition.

LEGITIMATE AND NECESSARY

Our action will break the current law. We announce this openly, convinced that in the face of irreversible climate change, this infringement is legitimate and needed to prevent the worst effects of climate change. **It is in our power to protect the climate – it's time to get started!**

THERE MUST BE RESISTANCE

- **Example UN climate conference:** This year's climate summit in Paris will fail to solve the problem of climate change the same way the one in Copenhagen did six years ago. Since the start of the negotiations, worldwide emissions have risen by 60%! The growth paradigm of our economic system is not called into question by the UN talks, even though it contributes significantly to the climate crisis.
- **Example federal German government:** While the German energy policies are praised internationally as the prime example for an energy transition, Germany remains world leader in lignite coal. The government is not taking dirty coal power stations off the grid at an appropriate scale. At this rate, Germany will fail its own climate target of a 40% reduction in CO₂-emissions.
- **Example North Rhine Westphalia (NRW):** The lignite coal power stations in NRW emit the highest levels of CO₂ in Europe. The plan is for this to remain still for decades – at least according to the provincial government (a coalition of the Social Democrats and the Greens) – who will decide about the size of the open cast mines this year.



AKTIONSKONSENS

Our action will take the shape of a mass blockade. Everyone should be able to participate, whether you are new to this or more experienced in protesting. Some will enter the mine to block diggers and other infrastructure, others will protest close to the edge of the mine and the access road. There will also be a registered demonstration. **We will be calm and considered. Escalation won't be provoked by us.** We will use our bodies to block, we will not damage infrastructure. The safety of activists and mine workers is of up-most importance.