
Looking to the Future: Trend Report for a Forward-Looking Resource Policy

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In this "Trend Report for a Forward-Looking Resource Policy" Ecologic Institute's Susanne Langsdorf and Dr. Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers analyze more than 300 individual trends, allocated to 12 trend themes. They discuss the potential developments and relevance for German resource policy. The report was released during the European Resources Forum on 10 November 2014 and is available for download.

In the future, will we live in the city or the countryside? Will we rely on traditional models of growth and consumption or will we develop alternative, more sustainable lifestyles? Will we work longer, more and increasingly faster, or will we strive for more free time and quality of life? Does digitization rob us of our privacy or does it allow consumers more transparency and influence? How can German resource policy respond to these possible developments?

These trends will determine how we live and work in the future. Their further development, however, is uncertain. This analysis can help outline possible future paths of various sectors of society and, thus, better shape a forward-looking resource policy.

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