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# Resource Policy (PolRess)

## Project

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In order to enhance resource efficiency nationally and internationally, the emerging political and societal debate needs to be analysed and fostered. The project aims to scientifically analyse this debate, to support it and to contribute impulses. To this end, inter alia policy options will be assessed and impulses to the debate will be developed.

Germany has dedicated itself to a sophisticated resource policy - not least with its recently adopted national programme on resource efficiency (ProgRess). Furthermore, the National Sustainability Strategy calls for a doubling of resource productivity by 2020 compared to 1994.

Increasing resource efficiency is necessary because natural resources are finite and their extraction and use are often associated with environmental impacts. Existing monitoring reports suggest that achieving the goal of doubling resource productivity will require substantial additional efforts. Here, further potentials must be exploited and politics must contribute to overcome existing barriers. However, within the political and societal debate there is contention around the concrete objectives and priorities, aspirations and the instruments best to be employed.

In order to effectively contribute, the [project](#) will systematically analyse the debate on objectives and indicators. Based thereupon, different options for selection, operationalisation and prioritisation of objectives of resource policy will be elaborated. For these policy options, an impact assessment will then be conducted. Furthermore, quantitative simulations and qualitative scenarios will be developed, as well as scientifically based impulses to the debate be compiled.

Ecologic Institut will contribute to discussing objectives and indicators, will analyse policy options and will develop and assist impulses for the debate.

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