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Ecologic Institute Ranks 18th in Global Think Tank Evaluation from China

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As an alternative to global think-tank rankings based on perceptions, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences ([CASS](#) [2]) conducted its own systematic and criteria-based evaluation of think tanks worldwide, in part in order to learn lessons for the establishment and improvement of think tanks in China. Ecologic Institute attained 18th rank overall; the highest ranking among think tank focusing on environment, resources, energy, climate and sustainability.

The Chinese Evaluation Center for Humanities and Social Sciences (CECHSS) under CASS carried out the underlying data collection and analysis. The methodology is designed to measure the (theoretical) ability of think tanks to do good work, looking at (in their words):

- **Attractive Power:** the external environment of a think tank. A favorable external environment can attract more resources and enhance attraction of the evaluation object.
- **Management Power:** the ability of managers to manage and develop a think tank.
- **Impact Power:** the direct expression of a think tank and the ultimate embodiment of the two aforementioned powers above.

The three components are combined into the "AMI Index".

The ranking confirms the international standing of Ecologic Institute that is expressed also in other rankings, such as the annual [Global Go To Think Tank Index Report](#) [3] of the University of Pennsylvania, or the [ICCG Climate Think Tank Ranking](#) [4] by the International Center for Climate Governance (ICCG).

CASS published a short [news article](#) [5] covering the launch of the CECHSS ranking.

The scores of the Top 10, Ecologic Institute, and selected sustainability, environment, resource & climate think tanks can be found in the image below:

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Rank	Country	Name of Think Tank	AMI	A	M	I
1	US	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP)	179.56	64.56	53.00	62.00
2	Belgium	Bruegel	178.20	63.20	54.00	61.00
3	US	Heritage Foundation	175.00	60.00	51.00	64.00
4	UK	Chatham House	172.00	64.00	41.00	67.00
5	Sweden	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)	170.00	62.00	51.00	57.00
6	US	Brookings Institute	169.40	73.40	48.00	48.00
7	Germany	Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)	169.00	58.00	43.00	68.00
8	US	Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars	168.36	64.36	45.00	59.00
9	China	Development Research Center of the State Council	168.32	51.32	48.00	69.00
10	UK	International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)	160.00	57.00	45.00	58.00
18	Germany	Ecologic Institute	150.36	54.36	34.00	62.00
21	KOREA	Korea Environment Institute (KEI)	149.50	49.00	38.00	62.50
33	Japan	Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)	142.20	54.20	47.00	41.00
48	US	Resources for the Future (RFF)	136.00	56.00	36.00	44.00
51	US	World Resources Institute (WRI)	135.00	59.00	42.00	34.00
59	India	Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)	133.64	44.64	41.00	48.00
73	Italy	Eni Enrico Mattei Foundation (FEEM)	131.00	56.00	38.00	37.00
83	Italy	Euro-Mediterranean Center for Climate Change (CMCC)	129.00	54.00	42.00	33.00
87	Germany	Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)	128.00	56.00	35.00	37.00

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