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### 1. **Phasing-out coal-firing in Germany - Coal Reader**

The phasing out of coal is necessary to reach climate goals, it is technically feasible and economically sensible. Coal-fired power plants account for almost 40 percent of the electricity generated in Germany and are responsible about 80 percent of the sector's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. In order to meet the goals of the climate mitigation plan adopted by the German government in 2016, coal-fired power generation must be reduced by at least 60 percent by 2030. Scientists from the German Institute for Economic Research, the Ecologic Institute, and the Wuppertal Institute have developed a detailed reader of how Germany's coal phase-out can succeed. The publication explains the most relevant aspects of climate and energy policy as well as the economic consequences of phasing out coal. The "Coal Reader" (Kohlereader) is available for download.

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## 2. **Result Oriented Spending for the Climate - Publication**

There are many promising ways in which the next EU budget could help EU Member States achieve their climate and energy targets. Explicitly targeting EU public spending towards climate could send a signal to other investors, creating a shift in financial flows. Existing legislative proposals the door already ajar, but concrete improvements are needed to push it open, analysis by Ecologic Institute shows. The analysis is available for download.

<https://ecologic.eu/16025> [2]

## 3. **Preventing and Remediating Degradation of Soils in Europe - Publications**

The RECARE project has come to a successful end. Over the last 5 years, the project applied a transdisciplinary approach, actively integrating and advancing knowledge of stakeholders and scientists in 17 case studies, to identify and develop effective measures for improved soil protection in Europe. Covering a range of bio-physical and socio-economic environments across Europe, the project also identified barriers and solutions to increase the implementation of effective soil management measures. Participants from 21 countries discussed the most important project findings at the final policy conference which took place on 27 September 2018 in Brussels. Ecologic Institute developed policy briefs on the topics "Soil Sealing and Land Take", "Subsoil compaction" and "Remediating Historical Soil Contamination, as well as co-wrote the brochure with the most important project findings. The policy briefs and the project brochure are available for download.

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## 4. **Stakeholders' Perceptions on the Role of Soil Organic Carbon - Online Survey**

The CIRCASA-Team would like to ask for your views on the role of the role of Soil Organic Carbon (SOC) management for climate change mitigation and sustainable development. The survey is part of the H2020 CIRCASA project. The aim of CIRCASA is to improve international research cooperation and strengthen the international research community in the field of soil carbon sequestration in agricultural soils at European Union and global levels. To support this aim a

Strategic Research Agenda is being co-designed with stakeholders. This Strategic Research Agenda will outline priorities for the alignment of international research. Take part in this survey about soil organic carbon management!

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## 5. **Footprints in the Arctic - Video**

Since industrialisation, the average air temperature worldwide has risen by one degree, whereas in the Arctic by five degrees. This leads to rapid changes with serious consequences. This animated explanatory video by the UBA explains what this has to do with us in Germany, 2000 kilometers away. It outlines the federal government's commitment to the Arctic and what each individual can do to protect the Arctic. This Ecologic Institute film production is available online.

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## 6. **Recommendations to Promote Sustainable Food Systems - Publication**

This paper formulates recommendations for action for policy makers to promote sustainable food systems in Germany and identifies open research needs. Stephanie Wunder and Dr. Martin Hirschnitz-Garbers of Ecologic Institute contributed to this. The results paper is available for download.

<https://ecologic.eu/16008> [6]

## 7. **District Heating in Decarbonising Economies - Webinar**

In the EU and in Denmark, the aim is to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and to use energy more efficiently. On 29 October 2018, this webinar will present a number of key topics connected to a role that the district heating plays in achieving decarbonisation of economies and energy systems. Online registration is required to attend the event.

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## 8. **Ecosystem-Based Management for the Protection of Aquatic Biodiversity - AQUACROSS Final Conference**

On 10 and 11 October 2018, the AQUACROSS Final Conference took place in Brussels. AQUACROSS project

team members presented different tools and aspects regarding aquatic biodiversity developed during the project. Conference participants from 21 countries discussed the eight AQUACROSS Case Studies with great interest with project team members in the Case Study Gallery, an interactive networking place with posters and information material. The presentations held during the conference are now available on the AQUACROSS project conference website.

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## 9. **"Dangerous" Research that Supports Societal Change - Presentation**

Ecologic Institute contributed to the Agenda Conference for Social-Ecological Research (SÖF) by leading on and supporting research theme clusters. The event took place in Kassel on 19 and 20 September 2018. It ended with an outlook by Florian Frank from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, who called for "dangerous" research to solve pressing socio-ecological problems.

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## 10. **Ecologic Institute is Looking to Hire - Job Opportunities**

- [Researcher in the Field of Energy and Climate Policy](#) [10]

As a Researcher, you will support our team in working on projects related to national and European energy and climate policy. In addition, you will support the acquisition of new projects in these fields.

- [Junior Researcher in the Field of Water Policy](#) [11]

The Water Team of Ecologic Institute is looking forward to receiving applications from young professionals with environmental and water policy expertise to support projects in the field of technical water management, resource conservation and pollution at local and regional level.

- [Apprenticeship as IT Specialist for System Integration](#) [12]

We are looking for a trainee IT specialist for system integration for the shortened training period starting in February 2019. During your training in our IT department, you will become a competent partner who supports our employees in the realization of customized IT solutions.

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