

The coalition negotiations are going on since a couple of weeks now, where decisions about how the political framing of the upcoming government (SPD as leader + FDP/Grüne) in the next four years are being made. They are talking about a lot of important issues: For example work, housing and family-related topics. But there is only one topic that has the potential to destroy civilisations itself and how we know it. It's the Climate Crisis. Climate Crisis is not about people working seven or eight hours a day. It's not about having a digital bureaucracy.

It's about wars that are being held because there no longer will be enough resources. It's about other areas, where people with no responsibility for climate change are living, getting uninhabitable. Whether it's because of the expansion of deserts, or the rise in sea levels. And it's about whether people have to leave their homes because they were destroyed by our lifestyle.

It's also about Germany and Halle, whether thousands of people are dying because of heat waves, whether we get century floods every year, like this year in Ahrtal and it's about how we will be dealing with the people who lost their homes because of us and therefore are searching for a new one. The Number of those people will not only be one Million here in Europe. The World Bank estimates, that until 2050 there will be about 500 Million People who will lose their homes. And even if only a fraction of those people are about to come to Germany, one might imagine what's probably going to happen. So we are talking about things like getting fascist dictatorships.

... The limitations we have had to face in the Corona Virus Pandemic are only a joke in comparison to this.

But when one looks at the ambitions of the probing parties („Sondierungsparteien“), apart from the catastrophic climate politics of the last couple of years, one gets the feeling, that they are taking place either in another country or time. Politicians already claim that the 1.5 degree border is so important and how they do so much to stay underneath it. But one needs to ask the question: What does 1.5 degree even mean? 1.5 degrees mean, that the world can eject only a certain amount of carbon dioxide still. Worldwide it's about 330 gigatons. Calculated down to Germany this means 3,3 GT. Right now we are emitting about 700 megatons per year. So if we keep on doing this, the budget would be empty in about five years. We are talking about the year 2027 then. The federal government is planning with **2025** still. And all of this happens completely detached from a budget. With a reduction path until 2045 we would exceed our budget more than double. With a linear reduction path within our budget we would have to cut emissions by ten percent yearly and would need to be emission-free by 2032. Linke und Grüne are even far away from this plan.

All of this is already bad enough. On top of this comes, that Germany profits from emitting gas, oil and coal since the Industrial Revolution, which means roughly since 200 years. So we got a high responsibility for the amount of accumulated CO2 in the atmosphere. Emerging economies should have the right to experience the same economic growth like their predecessor, so our (already scarce budget) is extremely unfair based on this equal share calculation.

Now on to the concrete climate protection measures. To get a grip whether they are enough or ambitious at all, one has to look if they fit the goals we have to reach. Spoiler: They have never been and as imprecise as the current ideas are now, they will probably not reach the goal too. It's even worse if one looks at the fact that even if reaching the goal of becoming climate neutral in Germany, it's not nearly enough to reach 1.5 degrees in the bigger picture.

All of this makes us restless and angry. But we are not surprised. How, when not even one of the coalition-parties hasn't even had a plan to stay within the CO2-budget to begin with?

That's why we demand from the involved political parties to do anything to stay within the 1.5 degree border. Part of that means determining a CO2-budget which follows the scientific evidence and also takes measurements which are based on the science.