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Press Invitation

How do citizens in Europe view climate change? What energy policies do they want?

Presentation in Berlin of key results of a survey carried out in Germany and three other countries

Berlin/Potsdam, 22.2.2017 How worried are people in Germany, the UK, France and Norway about climate change? What level of trust do the architects of the energy transition such as the federal government, the EU Commission and energy concerns enjoy? To what extent is the climate research consensus on anthropogenic climate change being called into question? What energy sources do Europeans prefer: coal, nuclear or renewables? Do they support the energy transition?

In June 2016 – directly before the Brexit vote – citizens in Germany, the UK, Norway and France were asked for their opinion on these matters in a representative survey. The comparative survey on European Perceptions of Climate Change and Energy Preferences (EPCC) was carried out and evaluated by Cardiff University (UK), the Stuttgart Research Center for Interdisciplinary Risk and Innovation Studies at the University of Stuttgart (ZIRIUS), the Symlog Institute (France) and the University of Bergen (Norway) with funding from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research as part of the EU programme initiative “*Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe*” (*JPI Climate*).

Zirius (Stuttgart Research Center for Interdisciplinary Risk and Innovation Studies) at the University of Stuttgart, the research platform klimafakten.de and the IASS (Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies) would like to invite you to a press briefing where the key results of this survey will be presented:

When: Wednesday, **8 March 2017 at 9.30 a.m.**

Where: klimafakten.de

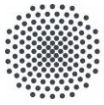
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With: **Ortwin Renn**, Project Leader of the study at the Stuttgart Research Center for Interdisciplinary Risk and Innovation Studies at the University of Stuttgart (ZIRIUS), Zirius Founding Director, and Scientific Director at the IASS Potsdam

Annika Arnold, Research Associate at ZIRIUS

Carel Mohn, head of the research platform klimafakten.de

NB: The study will also be presented at 11.30 a.m. (CET) on the same day at Cardiff University. It will be possible to live-stream the presentation in London.



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How widespread is climate change denial in Germany?

In the run-up to the federal elections the survey reveals the proportion of people in Germany who believe that the global climate is not changing and that climate change is not caused by human activities. It also investigated how citizens view the consensus among climate researchers on the question of whether climate change is happening and if it is mainly caused by humans – an important indicator of attitudes to climate research, where there are significant variations between the four countries surveyed.

Prohibit or promote? A comparison of different energy policy measures

The study also analysed what energy policy measures in the four countries meet with public approval and what measures face the toughest opposition – from taxes and state subsidies to statutory bans. Citizens were also asked about their level of trust in political institutions such as local and national government and the EU Commission in the implementation of the energy transition.

We would be delighted to welcome you to the presentation of the study results on 8 March. Please let us know if you will be attending by **Tuesday, 7 March at 3 p.m.**

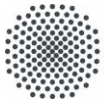
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Funded by the ministries of research of the Federal Republic of Germany and the State of Brandenburg, the **Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)** aims to identify and promote development pathways for a global transformation towards a sustainable society. The IASS employs a transdisciplinary approach that encourages dialogue to understand sustainability issues and generate potential solutions in cooperation with partners from the sciences, politics, the economy, and civil society. A strong network of national and international partners supports the work of the institute. Its



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central research topics include the energy transition, emerging technologies, climate change, air quality, systemic risks, governance and participation, and cultures of transformation.

The debate on climate change and its consequences needs to be grounded in hard facts. The platform **klimafakten.de** provides such facts. klimafakten.de is a non-profit initiative funded by the Stiftung Mercator and the European Climate Foundation.

ZIRIUS, the Stuttgart Research Center for Interdisciplinary Risk and Innovation Studies, is a cross-faculty research centre at the University of Stuttgart. The central task of the Center is to stimulate, coordinate and conduct research projects on the following topics: socio-technical transformation processes, sustainable development, and risk analysis and communication with a focus on environmental, climate and health risks.

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- Yes, I will be attending on 8 March at **9:30 a.m.**
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- ... with a film crew

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