

Renewables will never solve the world's energy problems.

How will we secure the future supply of energy?

Debate organised jointly by *The Economist*, the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin) and the Alfred Herrhausen Society (AHS).



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As the threat of global warming intensifies, energy costs rise and Europe's dependence on imported oil and gas increases, consensus is growing that dramatic change is needed. But what is the cheapest and cleanest way to secure future energy supplies? Many environmentalists, businessmen and bureaucrats believe that renewable power and biofuels are the answer. But sceptics complain that such tiny industries cannot grow quickly enough to meet rising demand, and are entirely dependent on government subsidies. Proponents retort that the technology and economics of renewables will improve, while rival energy sources, from nuclear power to petrol, also benefit from government largesse. Which side will triumph-and what part should governments and ordinary citizens play in the debate?

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Klaus Gretschmann, Director-General, Council of the European Union

Jürgen Hogrefe, Senior Vice President, EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG

Prof. Dr. Claudia Kemfert, Professor of Energy Economics at Humboldt University of Berlin and Head of the department "Energy, Transportation, Environment" at the German Institute of Economic Research (DIW Berlin)

Jürgen Trittin, Former Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

Chair:

Edward McBride, Energy and Environment Correspondent, *The Economist*

The debate will be conducted in English and followed by a drinks reception.

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