

Energy transition and coal power in Germany and China

Employees in the coal and renewables industry

The energy transition has effects on the amount of employees in the two sectors in both countries. In China, many people are employed in the coal industry, so a quick transition in order to reach climate protection goals is a challenging task. In Germany, the structural change of the coal industry has developed over several decades. In comparison with China, there are proportionately fewer jobs that are affected by the transformation. The trend of the scenarios show: There are more new jobs generated in the renewables industry than existing jobs are omitted in the coal industry provided that the right political course is set.

