



# ENDE GELAENDE!

## 2016

### LAUSATIA, GERMANY



## WE ARE THE INVESTMENT RISK!

### CLIMATE JUSTICE IN ACTION

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# 1. THE PROBLEM: Climate Change

- **Paris COP 21:** Voluntary agreement on 3-4° reduction
  - Irreversible tipping points
  - IPCC warnings: increasing weather extremes, resource and water conflicts, social injustice, climate refugees
- **Paris agreement neither sufficient nor binding**
- **Climate Change is a social and ecological problem**



# 1. THE PROBLEM: Capitalism

- **Social consequences:** Profits over people → in the name of competition
- **Ecological consequences:** Limited resources vs. infinite growth (= inherent to the system → not sustainable)
  - **Capitalism is promoting injustice and exploitation**
  - **Green Capitalism isn't solving the problem**
  - **Inbuilt Rebound effect increasing the problem**



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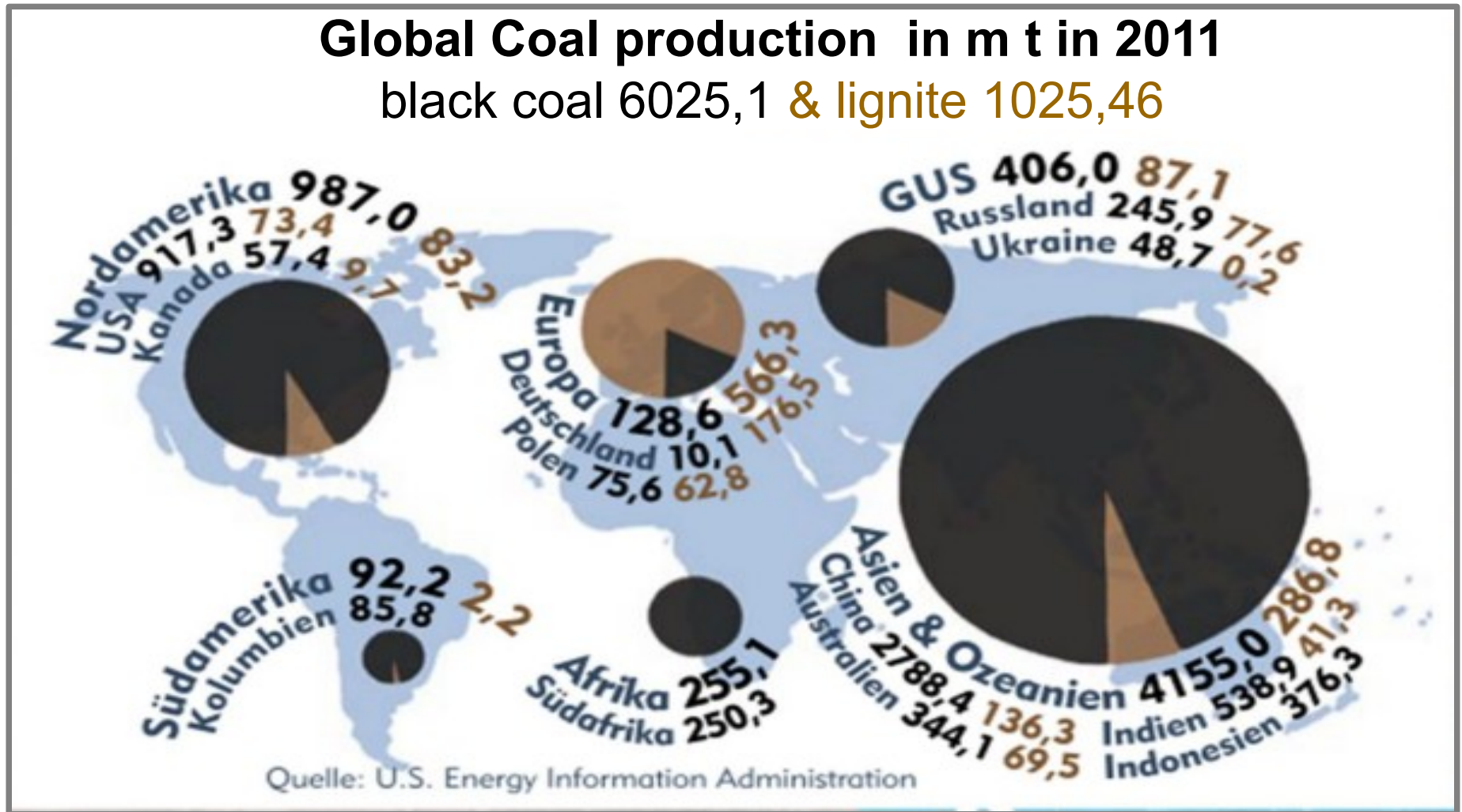
## Impact of Lignite mining on

- **Climate Change:** Fossil fuel with the highest CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per g/kwH
- **Local Ecology:** extensive land destruction, affecting drinking water and local ecosystems
- **Society:** displacement of people, future unemployment of an entire region, high follow-up costs
- **Health:** particulate matter, mercury and uranium are causing many chronic diseases such as cancer and damage to the respiratory system



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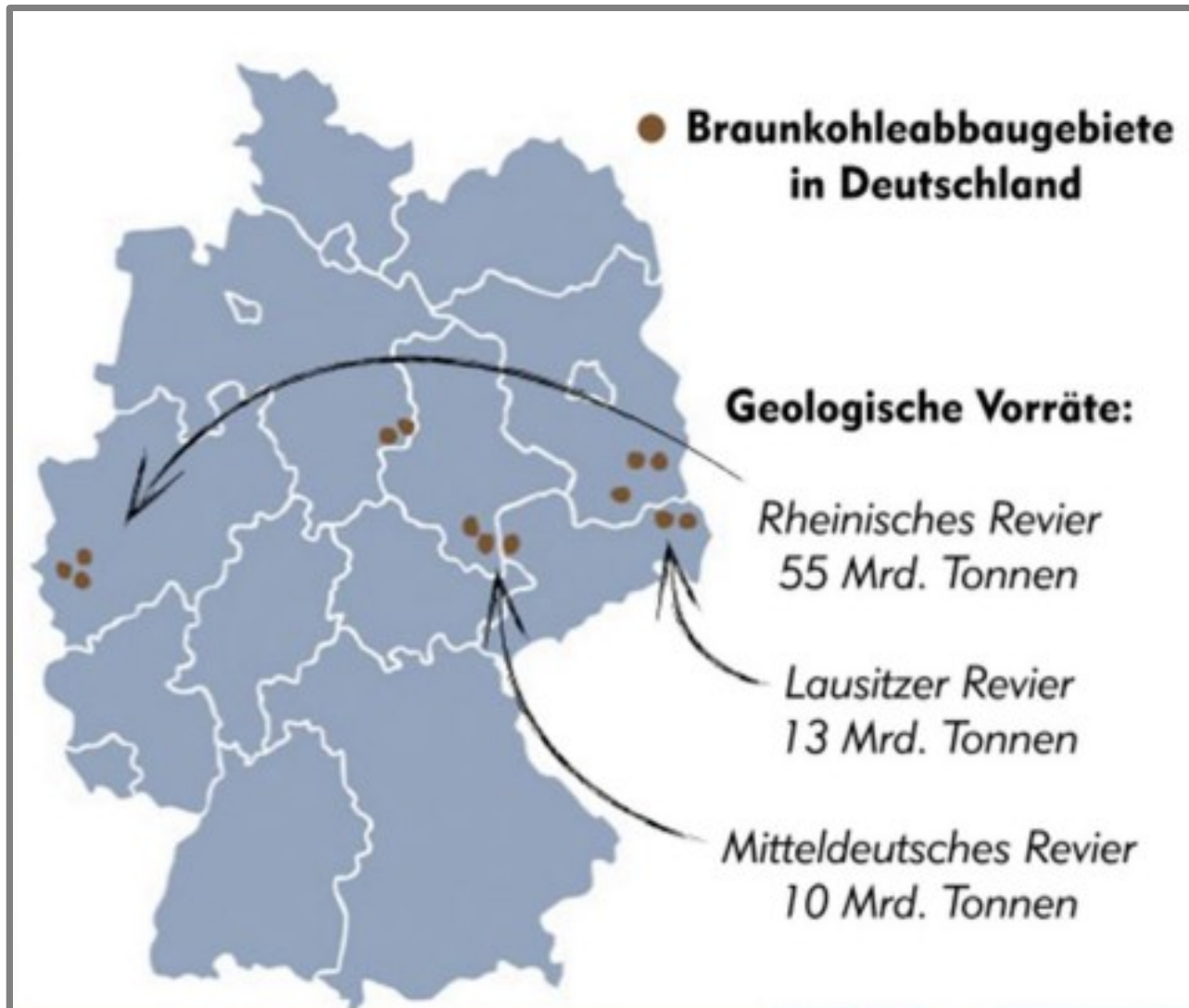
## Lignite mining, a global perspective



**Germany is the world's biggest lignite producers**

# 1. THE PROBLEM:

## Lignite mining in Lausitz region



### Lignite mining in Germany:

- Rhineland
- Central-german
- Lausatia



# 1. THE PROBLEM:

## Lignite mining in Lausitz region



- Displacement of 136 villages and 30.000 people in 80 years
- Mainly Sorb minority affected
- Owned by Swedish energy giant Vattenfall

→ **Vattenfall plans to sell the lignite division**  
→ **opening 3 new pits to increase the asset value of the planned sale**





## 2. THE STRUGGLE: German Climate Camps

**After the failure of the COP in Copenhagen German Climate camps evolved:**

- **Rhineland:** Camp since 2010 + Trainblockades
  - since 2014 also digger blockades
  - 2015 human chain with 6000 people
  - forest occupation „Hambacher Forest“ since 2012
  - Ende Gelaende 2015
- **Lausitz:**
  - Lausitzcamp since 2010
  - 2014 human chain with 7500 people



# 2. THE STRUGGLE:

## Ende Gelaende 2015, Rhineland

### Climate Camp & Degrowth Summerschool:

- More than 1600 people from 50 different countries
- > 50 workshops
- One week of networking and alternative living ideas



### The Action, entering the pit:

- 1500 people in an action of civil disobedience (cd)
- Biggest cd action of the climate movement

## 2. THE STRUGGLE:

Ende Gelände 2015, Rhineland



**350 – WRAP UP VIDEO**



# 3. THE ACTION:

## Ende Gelaende 2016 Lausitz

- **Lausitzcamp:**

→ **What it is offering:** Workshops, action trainings, briefings, networking, alternative living, creating public interest, connecting with locals

→ **What it is:** experimental ground, a place of grassroots democracy, open platform, a place of tolerance and respect

- **Ways to get involved:**

→ Camp starts Monday 9 May 2016

→ 13-16 May 2016 cd action + legal demo



# 3. THE ACTION:

## Ende Gelaende 2016 Lausitz

### What's different this year?

- EG process goes international → people from 11 different countries are mobilising already!
- Part of the **global action week #keepitintheground**  
7 – 15 May 2016 <http://breakfree2016.org> on 5 continents!
- **Campaign against Vattenfall and potential new investors:** → This deal would be the biggest investment in coal in the whole of Europe
- We say: Enough resettlements, pollution, destruction & climate disaster: „**We are the investment risk!**“



# 3. THE ACTION:

## Ende Gelaende 2016 Lausitz

### Key element: Action Consensus

- A publicly announced mass blockade with diverse forms of engagement – based on the success of 2015
- Some will enter the mine to block diggers and technical infrastructure, others will protest around the escarpment or lend practical support to the action in variety of ways
- Our action will convey an image of diversity, creativity and openness.
  - **All together we will force the mine operator, Vattenfall, to suspend its normal operations**
  - **We take common responsibility for the success of this action.**



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### Key element: Action Consensus

- We will behave in a calm and cool-headed way - **Escalation will not be provoked by us.**
- **We will not put people in danger.** We will block and occupy with our bodies, but **we will not destroy or damage any machinery or infrastructure** in the process.
- We will pass through or around the policelines and pit security, and we will not respond to provocation.
- Our action is not directed at Vattenfall workers or the police. **The safety of the activists taking part, and of the pit workers, will be our top priority.** We will be well-prepared for a safe entry to the action sites, e.g. descent into the pit and access to the conveyor belts.

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### Legal Infos:

#### Criminal Consequences:

- Trespassing
- Violating public operations
- Resistance,
- Breach of public peace

#### Consequences by civil law:

- Claim of compensation

- **We have never been in Lausatia, we can not anticipate the legal consequences**
- **We will not leave anyone behind (Anti- Repression-WG)**
- **Last year 798 charges, 50% against persons unknown**
- **so far no enforcement**



# HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

- Subscribe to our Newsletter [www.ende-gelaende.org](http://www.ende-gelaende.org)
  - Like and Share our Posts on Facebook & Twitter
  - Distribute flyers and posters
  - Tell your friends and family about the action
  - Check out our homepage for more information, legal & health infos, and what to bring to the camp
- **Organise a bus, an info event, training, solidarity action, media event!**
- We will help you with that!**



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Ending coal has to be done by hand!