

Hundreds march in Berlin to demand an end to using coal

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Hundreds of protesters are marching through the German capital to demand an end to burning coal to produce electricity.

The demonstrators—many of them families pushing strollers, people on bikes and samba bands—walked through Berlin's government district on Sunday ahead of next week's first meeting of Germany's commission on exiting [coal](#) use.

Germany has invested a lot in renewable energy but still heavily relies on coal, which creates harmful carbon emissions when burnt. About 22 percent of Germany's [electricity](#) comes from burning soft lignite coal—and a further 12 percent from hard coal—while some 33 percent is now generated using renewable energy.

Last week, Germany's environment minister said the country will likely miss its goal of cutting emissions by 40 percent by 2020.



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German Chancellor Angela Merkel attends a meeting in Berlin, Tuesday, June 19, 2018, which prepares a climate change conference that takes place later this year in Poland's city Katowice. (AP Photo/Markus Schreiber, Pool)



Coal lay on a poster with slogan 'Stop Coal', during demonstration demanding the end of burning coal to produce electricity, in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, June 24, 2018. (Paul Zinken/dpa via AP)

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