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The German Commission on „Growth, Structural Change and Employment“

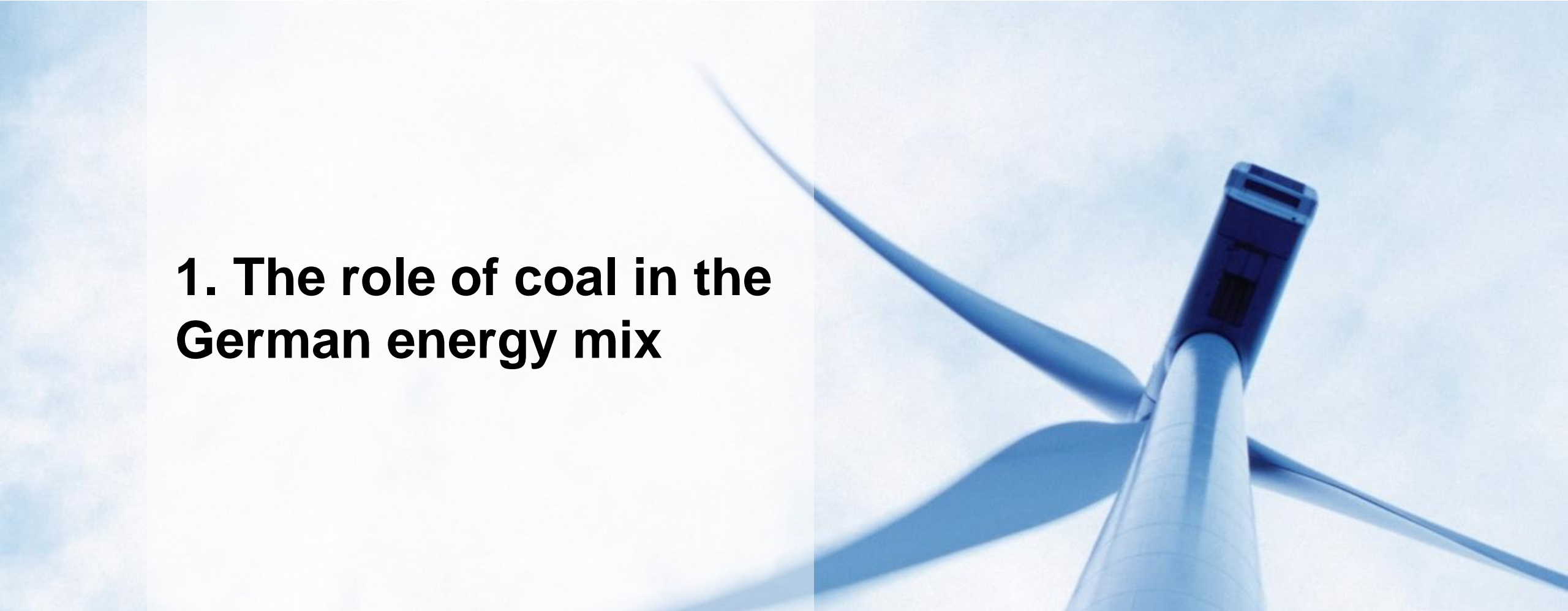
Overview on its recommendations

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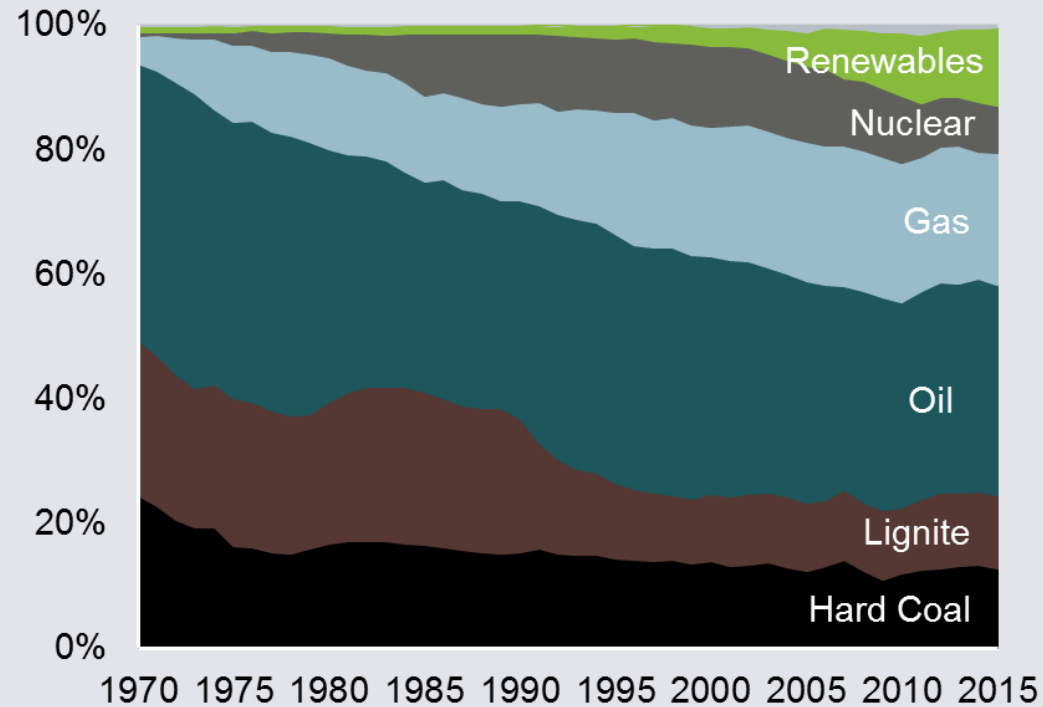


1. The role of coal in the German energy mix



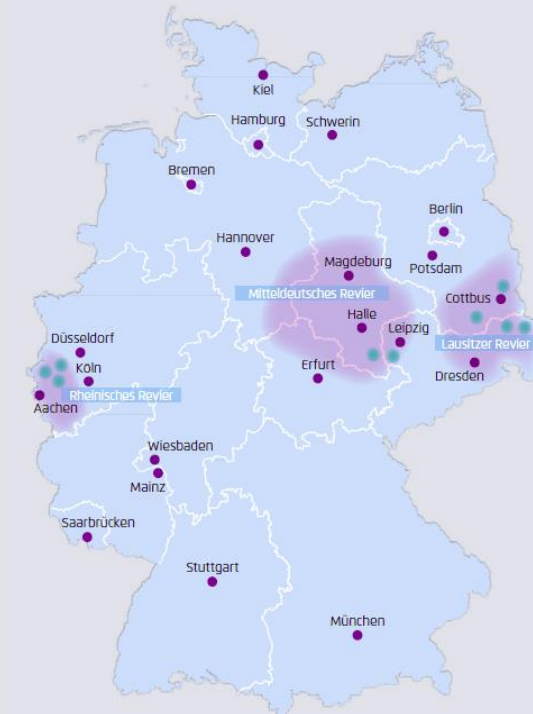
While the relevance of coal for the energy system and the economy in total has been declining steadily, the economic relevance in traditional mining regions is still substantial

Structure of primary energy consumption 1970 - 2015



AG Energiebilanzen

Traditional lignite mining areas in Germany



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“Coal Culture” is a relevant part of the German identity

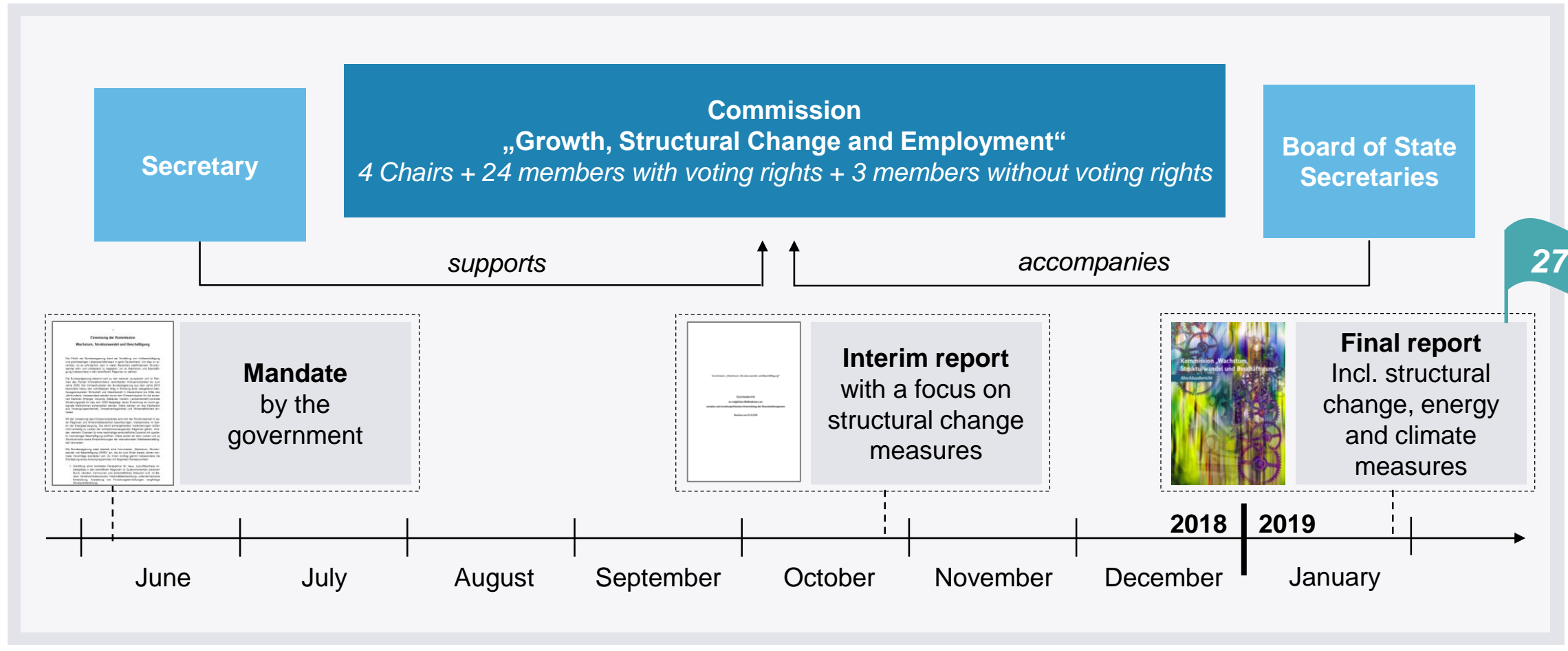


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2. Mandate and structure of the commission

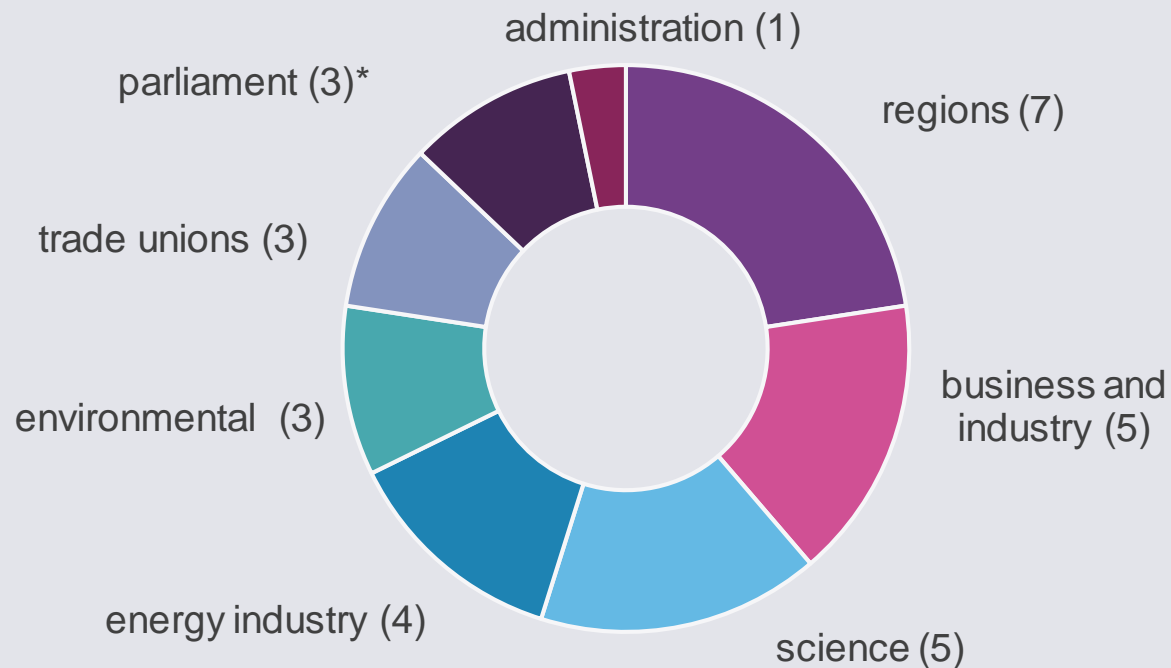


In June 2019, the German government mandated the Commission „Growth, Structural change and Employment“ to solve the ongoing political conflict around the future role of coal



The commission was staffed with 31 members rather representing social, economic and environmental interests than scientific expertise

Representatives from interest groups in the commission



Own presentation

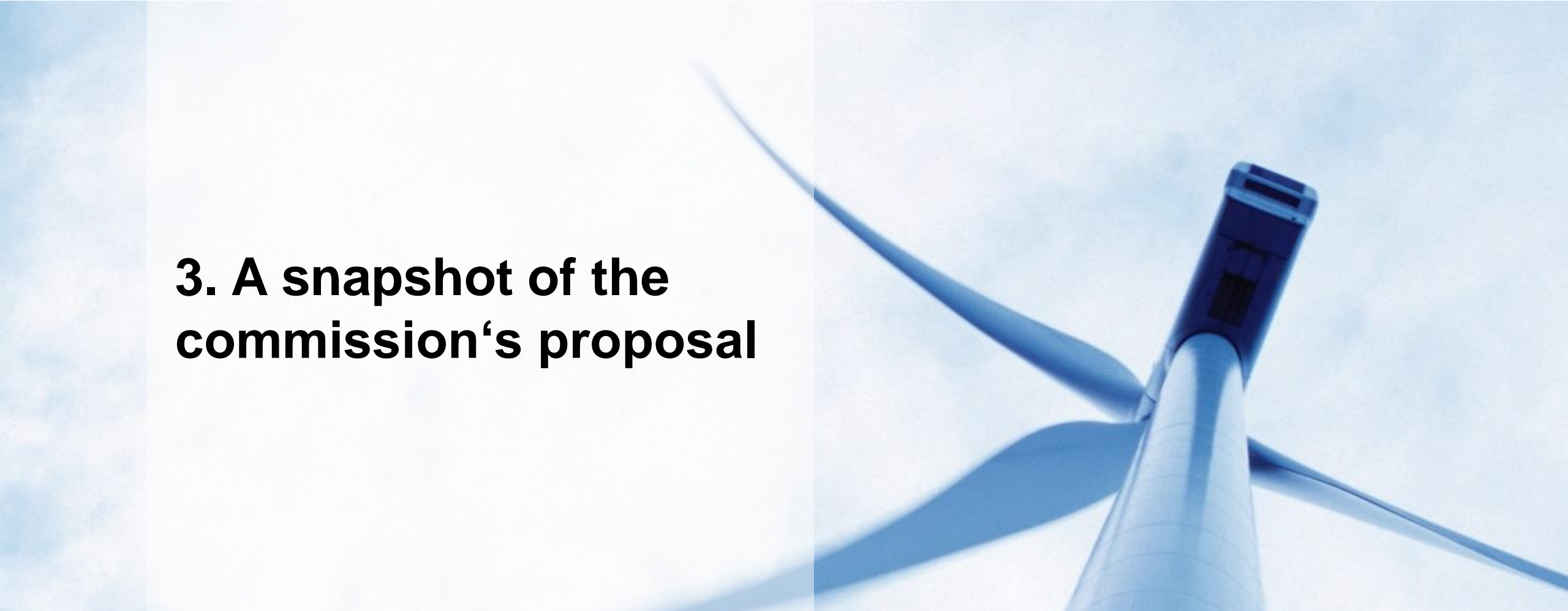
The commission included representatives from the following interest groups:

- 7 representatives from mining regions
- 5 representatives from business and industry
- 5 scientists
- 4 representatives from the energy industries
- 3 representatives from environmental associations
- 3 representatives from trade unions
- 3 members of the federal parliament
- 1 representative from the administration



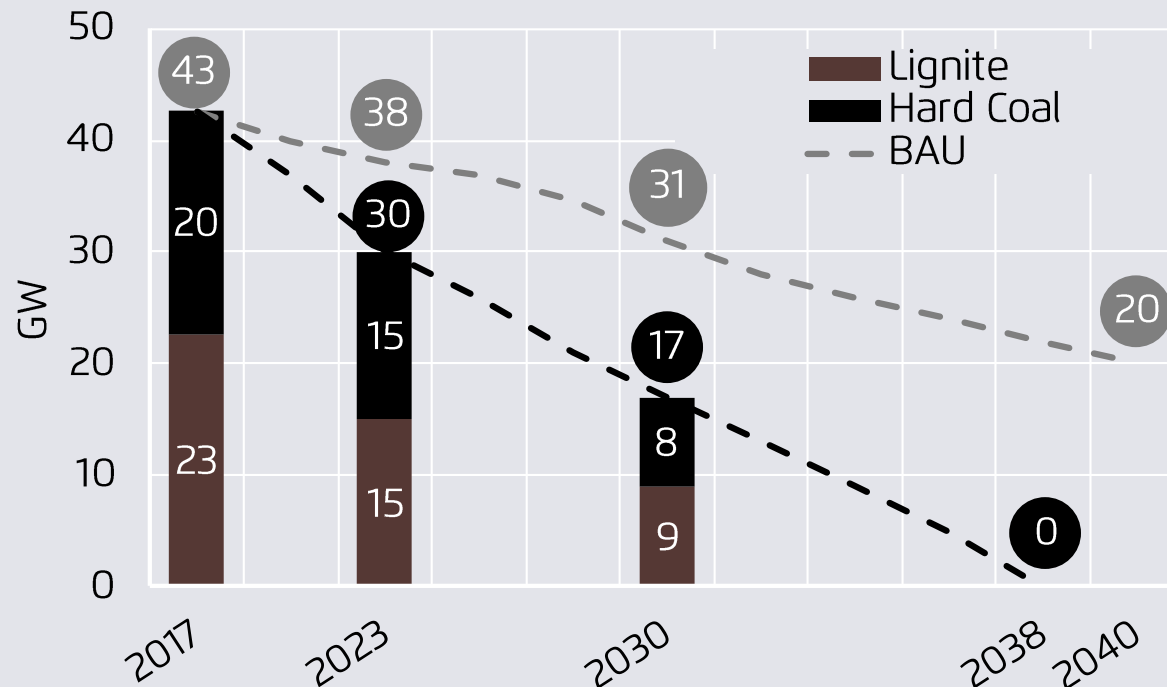


3. A snapshot of the commission's proposal



The Commission suggests to accelerate the proceeding reduction in coal power generation and to phase out coal until 2038 the latest

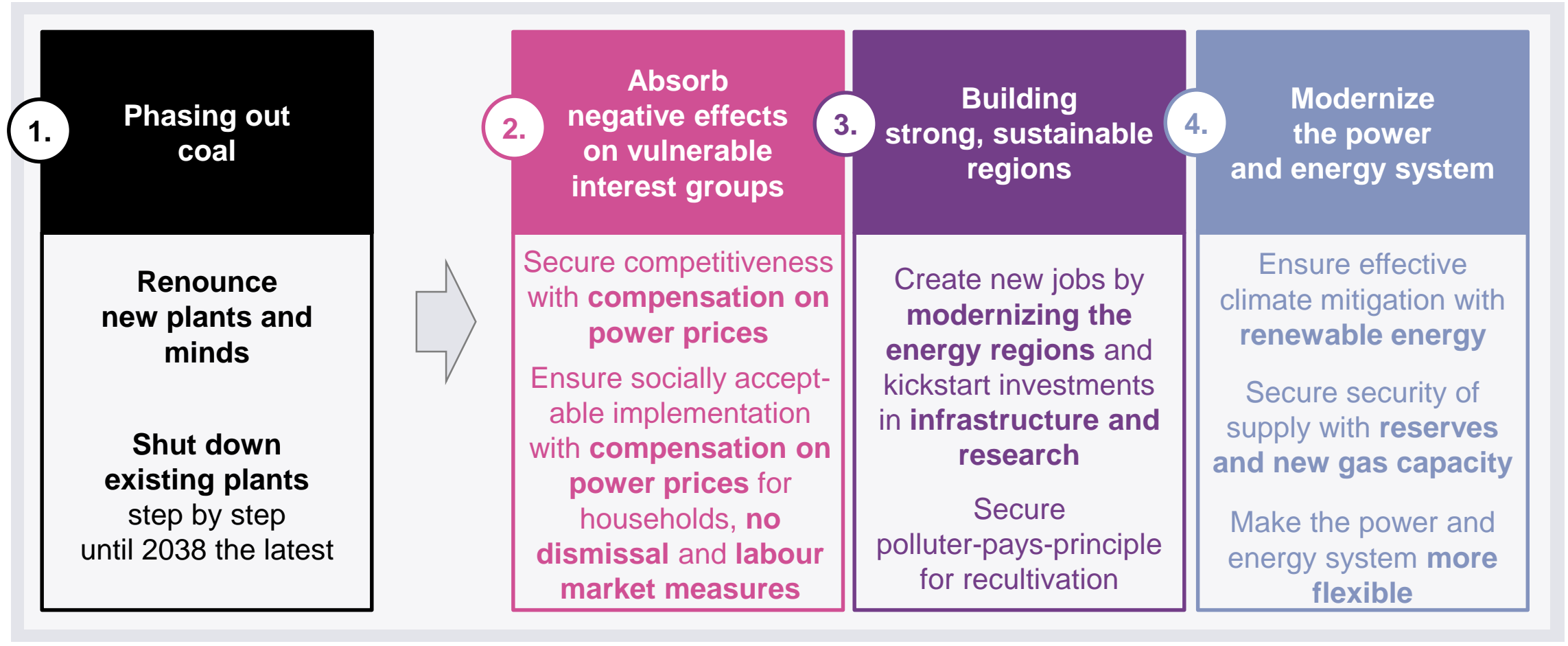
Capacity development along the phase out plan and in the business as usual



Step by step reduction of coal capacity in the market:

- from 23 GW lignite and 20 GW hard coal in 2017
- to 15 GW lignite and 15 GW hard coal in 2022
- to 9 GW lignite and 8 GW hard coal in 2030
- Final phase out until 2038 the latest; reviewing in 2032, if 2035 is doable

The Commission's proposal is a framework, aiming to both allow for Germany meeting its climate targets as well as allow for a *Just Transition*



...summing up

1

Germany, the 4th largest economy in the world, will accelerate the phase out from coal and complete the phase out within the next 20 years.

2

The compromise is not only a shut-down plan, but offers a credible modernisation and growth perspectives for the traditional coal regions and a just transition for workers

3

The proposal sets a framework of measures, which now are about to be implemented und afterwards closely monitored

...lessons learned

1

Be proactive before market forces do their thing. Or at least make a Plan B.

2

Talk with each other and exchange ideas, it's worth it.

3

Team up with allies from the other side when identifying common interests.

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