

Newsletter September 2023

Dear reader,

September is here and – at least in the northern hemisphere – the hot days of summer are over. Or are they? Many regions around the world experience increasingly unpredictable and extreme weather conditions; heat waves, droughts or rainstorms are becoming more and more common. Climate change can be felt in our everyday lives and forces us ever more firmly to adapt, make changes or find solutions for pressing problems. Science and research play an important part in this – which is why we have chosen “climate” as the spotlight topic for this newsletter.

In this issue, we want to focus on legal, scientific and societal developments regarding climate and climate change. Germany is taking action in ways big and small – we hope you enjoy exploring!

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Wherever you see this tag, the post connects to our monthly spotlight topic.

Current calls

Apply by: 24 October 2023, up to 2.5m €, max. 5 years
Postdoc: all disciplines

ERC Starting Grants

[Go to European Research Council](#)

Apply by: 27 October 2023 (Fellowships), 20,000–40,000 €/one time + max. 3,500 € travel expenses, 1 year | 4 November 2023 (Grants), max. 3,500 € travel expenses & accommodation, 1–3 weeks
Postdoc & Advanced research: all disciplines

Junior and Senior Fellowship Programme 2024 | Short Term Grants Programme 2023

[Go to University of Bayreuth Centre of International Excellence “Alexander von Humboldt”](#)

Apply by: 30 October 2023, 25,000 €/one time + additional benefits, max. 5 years
Postdoc: natural and engineering sciences, medicine, psychology

Hector Research Career Development Award

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Apply by: 31 October 2023, 1,450 €/month, 1–3 years
PhD: all disciplines except for human medicine and dentistry

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Apply by: 1 December 2023, 1,365 €/month + allowances, max. 5 years
PhD: disciplines related to the research fields cognition, matter to life, photonics

Max Planck Schools

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Apply by: 1 February 2024, 2,170+ €/month, 1–2 years
Postdoc: natural and engineering sciences

International Climate Protection Fellowship

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Apply by: any time, 934–3,617 €/month + max. 1,075 € one-time travel grant, 1–6 months
Graduates, PhD, Postdoc & Advanced research: sustainability research topics in India or Germany

IGCS grants for students and researchers

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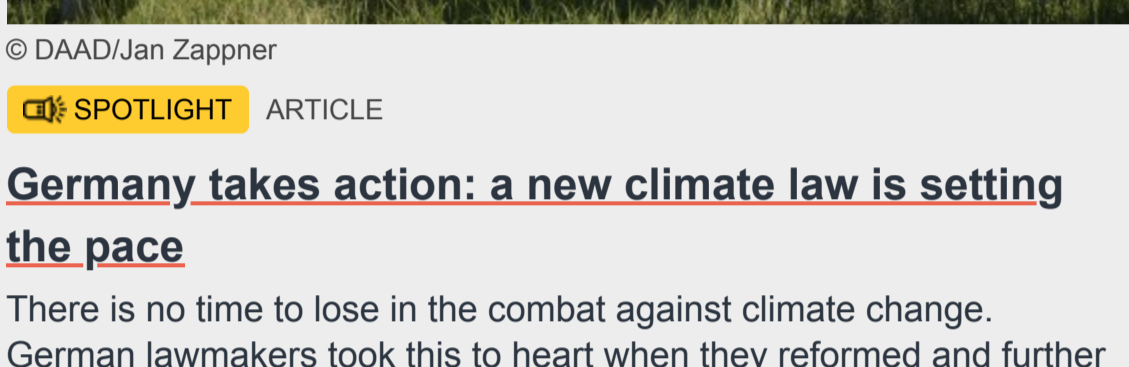
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Apply by: any time, 1,200–2,800 €/month, 1–24 months
PhD & Postdoc: all disciplines

ERA Fellowships – Green Hydrogen

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A spotlight on: climate



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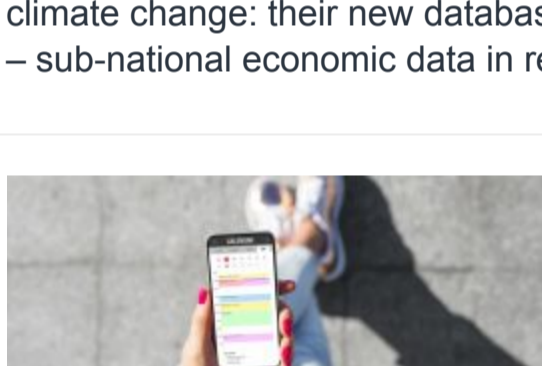
Germany takes action: a new climate law is setting the pace

There is no time to lose in the combat against climate change. German lawmakers took this to heart when they reformed and further substantiated Germany’s Climate Action Law. A landmark ruling by the German Constitutional Court prompted the country to take a huge step towards climate protection in alignment with the new EU targets: climate neutrality by 2045 is now legally binding and a responsibility on all levels of administration in Germany.

The law has its foundation in the Paris Agreement target of limiting global warming to well below 2°C and possibly to 1.5°C. Among other measures, the climate law includes the reduction of greenhouse gases, reaching net greenhouse neutrality by 2045 and even negative emissions by 2050.

Even though the law is very ambitious, this was definitely not the case in its first adopted form – at least according to the opinion of the German Constitutional Court. The highest court in Germany ruled that it was insufficient and forced lawmakers to strengthen it. Read here how the law came to be, how it was changed and how Germany is planning to achieve its goals.

A closer look: work in Germany



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The true cost of climate change: weather and economics in one database

Sometimes we need details to understand the big picture. With weather, national averages are often too coarse to properly see the economic impact on a regional level. Experts of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC) have now taken an important step to support research on the economic effects of climate change: their new database DOSE provides – for the first time – sub-national economic data in relation to climate data.



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ARTICLE

4 is less(er) than 5? What Germans think of the 4-day work week

More time for family, hobbies and relaxation? Sounds great! The 4-day work week model has been getting lots of good press lately – most businesses and organisations that tested the concept found evidence that it reduces stress and improves the work-life balance among their employees. However, a recent survey has found that Germans are divided on the concept, and many don’t consider working four days on full pay practical. Why? Find out in this article!

The bigger picture: life in Germany



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Hot summers equal thirsty people: an app for public drinking fountains

Out and about and getting thirsty? Just take a sip then ... or even more if you want to! Summers are getting hotter in many places, and heat exhaustion is a serious health risk. With this app (for now only available in German), you can find drinking fountains on the go anywhere in Germany: whether you’re looking for one in your neighbourhood or in an unfamiliar place, it is now easier than ever to stay hydrated.



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Football for future: EURO 2024 sets sustainability goals

Goals, goals, goals – what is true for football now also applies to sustainability. In June, more than 200 industry experts and stakeholders from all over Europe came together in Frankfurt. Their goal: a concept for a sustainable men’s European football championship 2024 in Germany that can serve as a model for all future competitions.

In case you missed it

Welcome to Germany! New “Plan your stay” section on our website

Moving to a different country takes courage, time and preparation. To make the process easier, Research in Germany has collected the most important information for international researchers planning a stay in Germany – from visa regulations and health insurance to childcare. We also provide helpful facts and links for refugee researchers. If you are thinking about coming to Germany, this is the site for you!

Stronger together: 50 European Universities alliances cooperate across borders

There is strength in numbers – more than 430 European universities have already taken this message to heart and have joined the Erasmus+ European Universities initiative. With 51 universities among the selected, Germany takes the pole position. Recently, the European Commission announced the addition of 30 to the already existing 20 European Universities alliances supporting the rollout of the initiative. The aim is to strengthen cooperation across borders and to reinforce the quality and international competitiveness of higher education in Europe.

Upcoming events



12.09.

SEPT 2023 · SÃO PAULO / BRAZIL

[Falling Walls Lab Brazil 2023](#)



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14.09.

SEPT 2023 · ONLINE

[Information session on ERA Fellowships – Green Hydrogen](#)



18. – 22.09.

SEPT 2023 · VARIOUS LOCATIONS / GERMANY & ONLINE

[Postdoc Appreciation Week Germany](#)



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21. & 25.09.

SEPT 2023 · ONLINE

[Info Talks on DFG Funding Opportunities for Research Careers](#)



9. – 10.10.

OCT 2023 · BERLIN / GERMANY

[ELSA – Interdisciplinary Scientific Conference “Human embryos in medical research: Taboo? – Justifiable? – Chance?”](#)



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20.10.

OCT 2023 · NEW YORK CITY / USA

[Future Forum 2023: From Crisis to Resilience](#)

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