1. The Problem: A brief overview on Climate Change, Capitalism, lignite mining
2. The Struggle: Climate Camps, Ende Gelaende 2015
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
1. The Problem:

Impact of Lignite mining on

- **Climate Change**: Fossil fuel with the highest CO$_2$ 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
1. THE PROBLEM:
Lignite mining, a global perspective

Global Coal production in m t in 2011
black coal 6025,1 & lignite 1025,46

Germany is the world's biggest lignite producers
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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
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Ende Gelaende 2015, Rhineland

Ende Gelände
Klimacamp im Rheinland
Tagebau Garzweiler, 15. August 2015

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 grassroot 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**
- 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.
3. THE ACTION: Ende Gelaende 2016 Lausitz

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- 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!
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ENDE GELAENDE!

Ending coal has to be done by hand!

13 - 16 MAY 2016
NEXT STOP: LAUSATIA