

Ende Gelände – Action consensus 2019

The action consensus is a binding framework of this Ende Gelände action. Many initiatives, individuals and work groups have been working on this text for several months in a collective process of open plenary sessions and agreed on it consensually. Therefore, it is very important to us.

The action consensus is the premise for making the Ende Gelände action transparent and well-assessable for all participants; it conveys that, even in an action with so many people, we take care of each other and support each other. As Ende Gelände we say what we do and do what we say. We invite everyone who joins this consensus to take part in the Ende Gelände action.

From June 19 to 24, 2019, we will be many people, massively disturbing the smooth operation of the Rhenish brown coal mining area by actions of civil disobedience. We thereby set a signal against the further mining and burning of coal, which is one of the crucial causes for the global warming and its dramatic consequences. In view of the urgency of the climate crisis, we consider it necessary and appropriate to go one step further: from public protest to civil disobedience.

Our form of action is an openly announced mass blockade with a wide range of participation opportunities, based on the successful model of Ende Gelände blockades from 2015 to 2018.

Whether experienced in action or not, everyone should be able to participate: we will block technical infrastructure such as rails, access roads and excavators. To make our blockade convenient, we will carry e.g. straw sacks with us during the blockade.

The end point of the blockade will be decided in consultation with the support structures and the delegate plenum. If small groups want to maintain the blockade beyond this point with or without tools (e.g. lock-ons), individual Ende Gelände- and support structures decide whether and how they can continue to support these small groups.

We will behave calmly and courteously, we will not endanger any people. We will block and occupy with our bodies. The goal is not to destroy or damage infrastructure. We will not be held back by structural obstacles. We will flow through or around police or plant security. Our action will convey a picture of diversity, creativity and openness. Our action is not directed against RWE workers, companies commissioned by RWE or the police. The safety of the participating activists, the workers and all those involved is our top priority. We are preparing well for a safe journey to our places of action.

We come from different social movements and political spectra. We take joint responsibility for the success of the action. We want to create a situation that is transparent for all participants and in which we respect each other and support each other. We will collectively prepare ourselves for the blockade with action trainings taking place beforehand.

We are in solidarity with all those who resist the destruction of the climate by coal-fired power plants and the social and ecological consequences of fossil energy supply. We are determinedly opposed to all attempts to misuse the resistance to coal mining for reactionary or nationalist goals.