

Summary of the paper, issued by the
Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, Germany

This paper shows, that substantial members of the Merkel-government are rowing back from their former climate-aims because they are both, too expensive and inefficient.

Key phrase is that the european cap and trade system will damage economy and will destroy 250.000 Jobs in Germany. On the other hand all the european CO2-emission reductions will not be able to compensate perceptibly the enormous and continuous growth of emissions coming from the other countries. The ministry clarifies, that CO2 is NOT a harmful gas (it is needed by any plant) therefore it is not justified to call it atmospheric pollution or contamination. The presentation offers detailed facts about the most endangered carbon intensive industries, such as glass and paper industry. And argues towards the EU to protect the competitiveness of our economy by worldwide coordination and harmonization of all climate measures. With respect to the increasing needs of energy the ministry claims the unreserved use of CO2-free nuclear power.

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SUMMARY of the BMWi-Presentation

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- 1 - The Kyoto-Protocol - even if fully implemented - would not have a noticeable effect on the global greenhouse gas emissions' growth
- 2 - CO2 is NOT a harmful gas (it is needed by any plant) therefore it is not justified to call it atmospheric pollution or contamination
- 3 - The German contribution of 800 million tons CO2 per year represents only 2.8 % of the global emissions and will reduce to 1.7 % by 2030.
- 4 - Global emissions are increasing by some 400 million tons per year, or more than 1 million tons per day (mainly by China and India)
- 5 - Any CO2 reduction by Germany or the EU is quickly compensated within few weeks or months
- 6 - A further reduction of the German emissions by 21 % would lead to severe economic damage and the loss of some 250 000 industry jobs
- 7 - The "pilot role" of Germany (and UK) does not seem to have a political impact on other countries

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