

Nuclear divestment in Germany: Example Berlin

Berlin [announced the adoption](#) of policy to allocate its investment assets according to environmental, social and governance criteria in 2016, becoming the first federal state in Germany to do so. With this, it departed from the common investment strategy of Exchange Trade Funds (ETFs) and establishes instead a sound precedent for building a sustainable energy economy.

The goal of the divestment strategy is to exclude companies from its portfolio whose business model contravene the principal of sustainability. Therefore, the focus includes not only environmental sustainability but also considers companies' practices, possible human rights and labour law violations, and their treatment of external suppliers. The index also excludes all weapon manufacturers and distributors, which since 2017 excludes nuclear weapons manufactures from its investment portfolio.

The German company Oekom research AG is tasked with rating the index and the compliance control of the companies listed. The funds continue to be managed by Deutsche Bundesbank, the German central bank, which offers the licences to the index making it possible for other federal states to invest in a sustainable and nuclear-free future.

Briefing: Sustainability Index Berlin

Name: "Solactive oekom ESG Fossil Free Eurozone 50 Index" (traded at SE Stuttgart)

Rated by: ISS-oekom/ oekom research AG;

Standard: "Prime" status for European companies: Best-in-Class on general Environmental, Social & Governance criteria, is informed of UN Global Compact standards and exclusion list

Exclusion of businesses active in the following areas:

- Fossil fuels (coal, natural gas, mineral oil)
 - including all companies in the value chain
- Nuclear energy
- Defence industry
 - Manufacturers and distributors of armaments, banned and conventional weapon systems
- Companies involved in severe and very severe controversies on:
 - Their business practice and management, money transactions and taxes
 - Corruption
 - Human rights violations, freedom of assembly and association, discrimination
 - Labour law forced labour and child labour
 - Environmental practices
 - Their treatment of external suppliers or contracting external suppliers involved in any of the points above

Since the update of the UN Global Compact exclusion list in 2017, tobacco producing companies and as well as nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons manufacturers are blacklisted

Certification of the rating agency: [Deep Data Delivery Standard](#); European quality standard [ARISTA](#)

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