

Educator Estelle

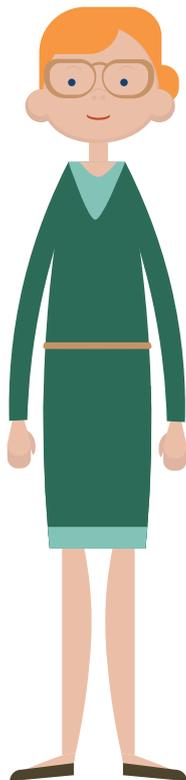
Life, activities, and motivation

Estelle is a trained special needs educator who specializes in **early childhood education**.

She has worked for many years in both public and private institutions for children with disabilities and is the author of several guides for parents. After completing further training, she took over the **leadership of an inclusive daycare center** in a small town three years ago.

As an active member of the **diversity committee** of a large daycare association, Estelle advocates for greater diversity, equal opportunities, and better working conditions for single parents.

She volunteers in the local **refugee support program**, offering free German lessons for young mothers and their children. Estelle sees education as a key factor for inclusion, integration, and a good life for everyone.



Main focus: Education and social justice

“Education provides the basis of a self-determined and responsible life. It plays a key role in enabling everyone to participate fully in society, and encourages social cohesion and progress.”

Expert knowledge



 High-quality education for all people promotes equal opportunities (SDG10)

 Equal opportunities for all strengthen social peace (SDG16)

4a Digitization and modernization of educational institutions



A strategy for improving and modernizing educational institutions is being developed and implemented in order to exploit the opportunities offered by digital education in a timely manner. The focus is on expanding the IT infrastructure at schools and other educational institutions. Teachers are also being trained and further educated, and pedagogical concepts are being developed using modern technology. Curricula are also being adapted. Topics such as algorithms or blockchain will be covered in expanded computer science classes.



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QUALITY
EDUCATION

+ 7%



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DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH

+ 2%

Cost: 7 budget points

Frequency: maximum 3x playable

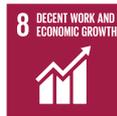
1a Introduction of a basic child care allowance



Despite child benefits and child allowances for families, 2.7 million children in Germany live in poverty. The introduction of a new support model means that families will no longer be relieved via taxes in the future, which gave preference to higher-earning and married parents. To combat child poverty in Germany, a family will receive between 364 and 503 euros per month for each child, graded according to age. This corresponds to the necessary subsistence level.



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Cost: 10 budget points

Frequency: maximum 1x playable

Condition: Action 1c was not played

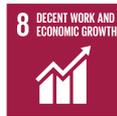
4b Platform for free advanced training



Employees are changing jobs more and more frequently, or are even learning new professions. Inspired by talks between the government and business associations, various companies and committed employees then set up a Germany-wide platform where further training courses can be offered and taken up free of charge. Employees should thus be able to continue their education immediately and prepare themselves for future challenges. Companies then have an easier time finding qualified and motivated skilled workers.



+ 2%



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Cost: 5 budget points

Frequency: maximum 1x playable

Condition: SDG8 > 80%

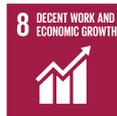
4c Free advanced trainings



Since a platform for continuing education offerings was provided on the initiative of the government and companies, many groupings are developing their own offerings and making them available on the platform. Attractive funding programs provide additional incentives for innovative educational formats. Employees can thus continue their education comprehensively and prepare themselves for future challenges. Companies have the opportunity to find qualified and motivated specialists more easily.



+ 3%



+ 2%

Cost: 2 budget points

Frequency: playable as often as desired

Condition: Action 4b was played

5b Extension of the Equal Rights Act



To counteract the shortage of skilled workers that affects many industries, the „FRAUEN unternehmen“ initiative is being expanded. It no longer only supports women who want to become self-employed, but also offers women who want to return to work after parental leave advice and arranges job offers from particularly family-friendly companies. To this end, the federal government is also adopting tax reliefs for family-friendly measures taken by companies.



+ 3%

Cost: 2 budget points



+ 2%

Frequency: maximum 1x playable

5c Promotion of family-friendly companies



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+ 5%



+ 3%

Cost: 2 budget points

Frequency: playable as often as desired

Condition: Action 5b was played

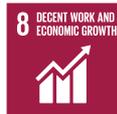
1c Reforms for a poverty-proof pension system



In Germany, there are around 18 million people who are 65 or older. Around 15% are affected by poverty in old age. Various measures are being implemented to counteract poverty in old age. Firstly, a solidarity pension for those insured for many years and an allowance for occupational and private pension provision will be introduced. Secondly, the conditions for entitlement to basic benefits for older people will be relaxed to ensure that at-risk groups such as part-time workers, single mothers, the long-term unemployed or people who have been employed in low-wage jobs are not threatened by old-age poverty.



+ 6%



- 2%

Cost: 5 budget points

Frequency: maximum 2x playable

5d Reducing the gender pay gap



The gender pay gap is the wage gap between men and women. According to the Federal Statistical Office, women working full-time in Germany earn on average 20% less than their male colleagues. A major cause is that women, for example, more often work in lower-paid professions in the care sector (>80%). To compensate for this, the collectively agreed pay for the occupations concerned is to be raised step by step.



+ 5%



+ 3%



+ 3%

Cost: 5 budget points

Frequency: maximum 3x playable

10a Investment in rural areas



To counteract the migration to the cities and improve purchasing power in structurally weak regions, companies are joining forces and promoting the development of smaller towns and communities in more rural areas. For example, they create additional cultural offerings, establish (sports) clubs and make sustainable improvements to the infrastructure. They are supported by the German government.



+ 4%

Cost: 4 budget points



+ 3%

Frequency: playable as often as desired

9b Promoting broadband expansion in Germany



Digitization is a technological trend in our time and opens up many new opportunities and possibilities for both the economy and the population. For this reason, there is an urgent need to expand a high-performance infrastructure with increased download speeds for German households and the economy. However, Germany is currently in 34th place in the country rankings with a fiber optic share of around 4.7 percent. Broadband expansion is being driven forward more strongly by various measures.



+ 4%

Cost: 5 budget points



+ 3%

Frequency: playable as often as desired

10b Tax reform for top earners



Taxes are the basis for financing our community. In view of the challenges ahead, the public budget situation will be very tight in the coming years. Reforms in tax policy are intended to help redress the social inequalities between rich and poor and promote the middle class. While top earners and corporations will have to pay higher taxes, the socially disadvantaged will be supported through educational opportunities and an appropriate minimum wage.



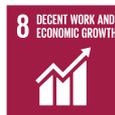
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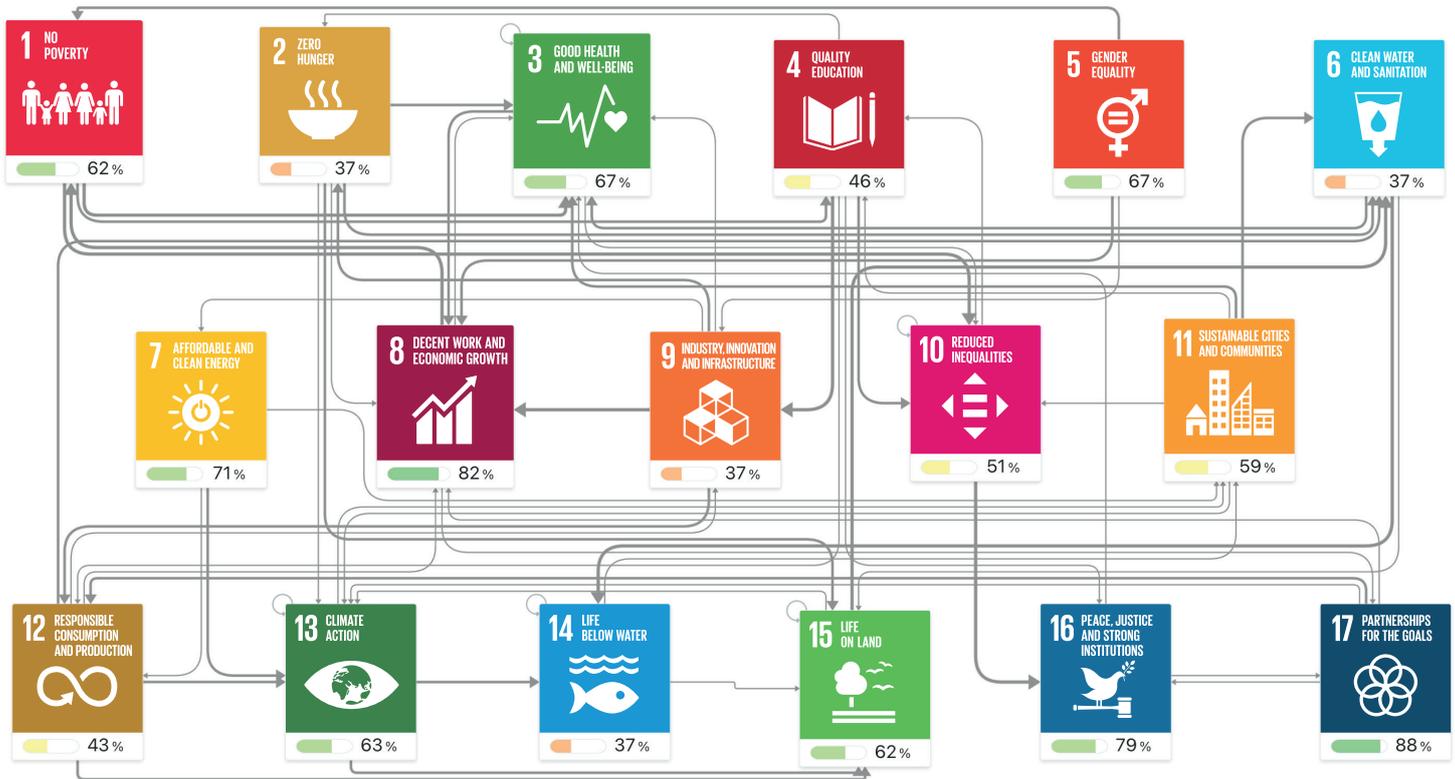
Cost: 1 budget point

Frequency: maximum 1x playable



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

with their interactions and initial states 2021



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

and their relevance in the national context



End **financial poverty** and reduce the risk of poverty through secure material, **social, and cultural participation**.



Ensure safe, **healthy, and balanced nutrition** for all, based on sustainable, resilient, and regenerative **agriculture**.



Ensure easily accessible, high-quality **medical and nursing care** as well as prevention through digitalization and innovation.



Ensure equal opportunities at all levels of education and structurally embed **education for sustainable development (ESD)** across all areas of learning.



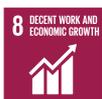
Ensure **equal participation** of women in the labour market, prevent gender-based violence, and support women affected by violence.



Improve **water and aquatic ecosystem quality** (e.g., by reducing nitrate and phosphate inputs) and support global water security.



Advance the **energy transition** through efficient energy use, reduced energy consumption, and the further expansion of renewable energy generation.



Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, ensure **decent work** and high levels of employment, and support **sustainable supply chains**.



Strengthen **technical and social infrastructure**, maintain industrial competitiveness, and promote an open **culture of innovation**.



Ensure the **economic and social participation** of all citizens and promote inclusion, **equal opportunities**, and freedom from discrimination.



Ensure resource-efficient and **inclusive infrastructure** (mobility, housing, waste management) through **resilient urban development** with a focus on the common good.



Decouple **resource consumption** from economic growth, advance the **circular economy**, and take responsibility along global supply chains.



Achieve the goals of the **Paris Agreement** and reach greenhouse gas neutrality, while strengthening research on climate, **climate action, and climate adaptation**.



Ensure the **protection of oceans and coasts**, reduce nutrient inputs, and tackle illegal fishing, environmental damage, and marine litter.



Ensure the **protection and restoration of ecosystems**, promote sustainable forestry, and halt the accelerating loss of **biodiversity**.



Strengthen multilateral cooperation and promote **peace and the rule of law** for crisis prevention and conflict resolution.



Strengthen the **technology and innovation transfer**, support value-based trade policies, and promote international and civil society **partnerships**.