ACTION CONSENSUS

The action consensus is considered to be a binding framework for this Ende Gelände action. Many groups, individuals and working groups have developed it and agreed upon its contents collectively in open plenum sessions over the past few months. It is therefore very important to us. The action consensus is intended to make the Ende Gelände action transparent and accessible for all participants; it also highlights that in an action with so many people we need to take care of each other and be supportive. As Ende Gelände we make clear what we want to do and will stick to what we say. Those who share this understanding, as conveyed in the action consensus, are invited to participate in Ende Gelände’s action.

Our means of action is a publicly announced mass blockade. Whether you are an experienced or a new activist, everyone should be able to participate. We will not escalate the situation and we will not endanger any human beings. We will block and stop coal with our bodies, without damaging or destroying infrastructure. We will flow around police and security lines and not react to any provocations. Our action will create a picture of diversity, creativity and openness. It is not directed against coal workers or the police. Together we can stop coal!

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The climate is negotiated here: flood mines with protest instead of letting islands sink!
Fancy surroundings, pleasantly air-conditioned conference rooms. Just far enough away from where it stinks, smoulders and fumes from the chimneys, mines and the fracking boreholes. And even further away from the victims of climate change. That’s the way it usually goes with climate summits. This time will be different. When thousands of delegates from all over the world meet in November in Bonn for the UN climate conference (COP23), we are going to make sure they know that only 50 km away gigantic coal diggers are tearing their way through the landscape.

Global warming requires urgent action. Yet the climate negotiations typically progress at a snail’s pace – hampered by the big corporations and the capitalist obsession with profit maximization. In this respect, Germany is hardly any better than the US: the chancellor might talk a lot about climate change in the international arena, but at home Merkel allows coal-fired power stations to keep on running. Even watered-down climate targets are sacrificed to lobby interests, and at the same time the historical responsibility of the global North for climate change is flatly denied.

But not with us! When the climate summit begins in Bonn, we will take the fight against fossil lunacy and for climate justice into the place where the climate is really negotiated: in Europe’s biggest open-cast mine. If our leaders remain inactive we will take the coal phase-out into our own hands. More than a thousand people will enter the mine, sit in front of the diggers and stop the climate killers.

WE CAN DO NOVEMBER!
But wait, isn’t it cold in November? Seasonal discomforts will not deter us from fighting against climate destruction. As the huge protests against Castor transports and nuclear energy in Germany have proven in the past - we can’t be stopped, not even in November!

In the last two years Ende Gelände has mobilized thousands of people from all over Europe in the fight against coal. During the world climate conference in Bonn, we will take action with people from all over the world – with farmers from the Global South or conference delegates from many countries, with climate warriors from the Pacific and members of environmental organisations – together we will go into the pit! Together we say “ENDE GELÅNåDÉ! Here and no further” to coal-fired power stations and climate destruction. Rather than arguing over carbon credits, we will fight for climate justice now – from 3 to 5 November 2017 in the Rhineland!

Practicalities
There will be sleeping options available. There will be a place to meet, exchange ideas and receive warm food. The precise location is not yet known, but it will not be too far from Bonn. We want to organize transfers from Bonn to the mass action of civil disobedience. Stay updated at www.ende-gelaende.org

Who is Ende Gelände?
We are a broad coalition of individuals from the anti-nuclear and anti-coal movements, the climate camps in the Rhineland and Lusatia, from the forest occupations in Hambacher Forst, from grassroots climate activists and local groups, but also from larger environmental organisations, left political groups, support groups for refugees and many more. We share the conviction that we must take climate justice into our own hands. With actions of civil disobedience which push the boundaries of previous protests, we want to send a powerful signal that fossil capitalism is coming to an end. Together we can shut down the coal infrastructure in the Rhineland and make clear that we need to get our hands dirty to stop coal!