



This message is an introduction to the Ende Gelände civil disobedience action taking place from the 3-5 November, near to Bonn. Maybe you're already heading to Bonn anyway for COP23? Come join us!

What is Ende Gelände and why do we do this?

Ende Gelände is a mass civil disobedience against lignite coal in Germany. We are part of the global movement for climate justice. In 2015, over a thousand people blocked Garzweiler mine in the Rhineland. In 2016, several thousand people from many different countries shut down the coal infrastructure in Lusatia. In August 2017 Ende Gelände disrupted coal mines and power stations across the Rhineland.

We need to take action now to stay below the 1.5 °C limit, pushed for especially hard by people from the Global South. Our actions of civil disobedience may not be legal but they are definitely legitimate.

When does Ende Gelände take place?

Ende Gelände takes place from the 3. to 5. November

Friday 5pm - Information plenary in Bonn, about Ende Gelände and the action plans. Then there is time to find affinity groups (small groups who support each other in the action). And, last but not least, space for socialising with other climate activists around the fireplace.

From 9am Saturday collective preparations begin – information meetings, affinity group meetings and action material distributed. Action trainings begin at **2pm**.

Saturday 5pm – Final action plenary. Last information about the action plans. All are welcome!

Sunday – Set your alarm clock – come to the plenaries on Friday and Saturday and you will know the details =)

Sunday evening - After-action celebration and reflection.

If you are organising transport, it would be best to arrive on Friday afternoon/evening at the latest and leave on Monday morning at the earliest.

Where will Ende Gelände take place?

The action plenaries will be in our circus tent in Bonn (check the website for updates on location). All preparations on Friday and Saturday will take place there. It will be the central info point during the weekend.

The action itself takes place in the Rhineland coalfields, ca. 50 km away from Bonn. You will find out when and how to travel from Bonn to the action at the plenaries on Friday and Saturday.

How can I participate?

Before Sunday you should:

- attend the plenaries
- take part in an action training
- find an affinity group
- read the Ende Gelände [action consensus](#) and [legal advice](#)
- decide how you want to participate

Is there a legal way to participate in Ende Gelände?

There will be a legal march very close to the action itself. This will be a space for those who wish to take no legal risks. We are aware that not everyone can take part in civil disobedience for visa reasons or due to a [declaration to cease and desist](#). Yet we wanted to allow people to express their solidarity and be part of Ende Gelände. We are still looking for speakers, banners, posters and speeches at this march especially from people from the Global South. Please contact weiss@riseup.net if you want to contribute.

Where can I sleep?

There are a few options for finding a place to stay in Bonn. Ende Gelände has a platform for offering and finding sleeping places – you can find it [here](#). For individuals and groups there are also sleeping places organised through the [NGO coalition](#). The city government also has a tool for finding a sleeping place. On Saturday night some people will stay at a camp set up close to the action (tents are not required for this). Please feel invited to stay! No tents, simply warm sleeping bags and sleeping mattresses are required.

What do I need, what do I need to pack and bring to the action?

Please bring sleeping bag and sleeping mattress as you may be staying in places that are not fully heated. The gyms and the camp can be a bit chilly. At the camp we will have lots of straw, some bonfires and blankets. But make sure your clothing and sleeping equipment is appropriate to German autumn. For a comprehensive packing list please check the Ende Gelände website: <https://www.ende-gelaende.org/en/packing-list/>

5 things we think are essential:

sleeping bag and sleeping mattress
water bottle minimum of 2 litres
warm and water proof clothing
sturdy shoes
snacks and energy food

What are the possible legal consequences of taking part in Ende Gelände?

Ende Gelände is not legally permitted, but it is legitimate and necessary. It falls within the tradition of civil disobedience which puts justice before formal law.

We can not exactly tell you what the legal consequences will be, it depends on the police response and their tactics. Ende Gelände encourages everyone to read out [legal booklet](#) and decide for themselves whether they want to take part in the action. Section 2 has information on the legal consequences. For those coming from outside of Germany, and the EU, there can be implications for future travels or residence in Germany. It is important to read section 6 of the legal aid booklet to understand these.

This November there will be ways to participate in Ende Gelände without legal risk - for those people who can not take part in acts of civil disobedience, but who want to join Ende Gelände. Find out more at the information plenaries.

What languages will be spoken at Ende Gelände?

The action plenaries that take place in Bonn before Sunday will be in English. There will be translation into Spanish, Italian, French and German. It is useful to bring headphones to plug into your mobile phone as we are using radio transmitters to translate the plenaries.

What else is happening over that weekend?

There are plenty of other exciting activities: the People's Climate Summit, a demonstration by large environmental NGOs and much more. Find out more at climate-protest-bonn.org/ which will direct you to the specific websites of each event.

We've tried to put as much relevant information as possible here. Some things are not yet finalised, or won't be disclosed until the action plenary on Saturday. If there's something you are missing, try the Ende Gelände [website](#). If you're interested in participating, but need some questions answered, go to the info point in Bonn over the weekend. Also, there are important ways to support the action - through kitchen work, helping prison support points, and many more tasks. Come to the circus tent on Friday or Saturday to find out more.

<https://youtu.be/JrUxyiH88nY> EG video