

Party	Lead candidate	Fiscal policy, taxes	Debt Brake	EU/ Euro	EU fiscal policy	Climate change
Die Linke	Janine Wissler and Dietmar Bartsch	Pro fiscal expansion. Wants to leave policies of austerity behind. Proposing a wealth tax, heavier inheritance tax, high corporate tax	Abolish the debt brake	Pro-integration, with some reforms (e.g. to European taxes)	Debt and deficit rules need to be adjusted - SGP needs to be reformed such that the EU can invest "without a handbrake". In favour of EU bonds	Climate neutral by 2035 at the latest
SPD	Olaf Scholz	Pro fiscal expansion in the near-term: plans to legislate €50bn/year to invest. Wants to make tax system more equal, bring back wealth tax, reform inheritance tax.	Wants to use the "constitutionally possible leeway" for borrowing.	Pro-integration: wants EU to evolve into a fiscal, economic and social union, with completion of the banking union	Believes in fiscal union at EU level: "A crisis-proof EU must be able to act in terms of fiscal policy"	Climate neutral by 2045 at the latest. Increase the reduction target for 2030 significantly (to 65%), which increases to 88% for 2040
Greens	Annalena Baerbock	Pro fiscal expansion: proposing investment of €50bn/year for next decade, and wants to create more tax equality	Re-design debt brake such that necessary investments can be made whilst ensuring sustainability of future interest burden	Pro-integration: believes in a "democratically strengthened" EU that has more capacity to act against today's challenges. Wants to complete banking union with EDIS	Wants to make an EU-wide sustainable investment fund a permanent feature	Raise reduction target for 2030 to 70%, and achieve 100% renewable energy by 2035, so that climate neutrality can be achieved in 20 years
FDP	Christian Lindner	Fiscally conservative: wants Germany's debt ratio to return to below 60% ASAP. Lower income tax rate to below 40%, reduce corporate tax rate to 25%	Return to the debt brake	In favour of reforming EU institutions, against a fiscal and banking union	Rejects a debt union and an EU tax. Wants a return to SGP rules (without reform).	Climate neutrality by 2050
CDU/CSU	Armin Laschet	Fiscally conservative: want balanced budgets again without new debt as quickly as possible and reduce the debt ratio to below 60%	Return to the debt brake. Rejects any changes to Basic Law to soften it	Pro-integration: advocate a "stability and growth" union	Rejects debt union. NGEU is a one-time borrowing. Fiscal rules of SGP must be restored and violations must be consistently sanctioned	Climate neutrality by 2045
AfD	Alice Weidel and Tino Chrupalla	Fiscally conservative. Lower tax burden, abolish inheritance tax, implement a national digital tax on tech giants	Return to the debt brake	Believes the euro has failed and there should be a return to national currencies to ensure political sovereignty	There should be no borrowing at the EU level. Believes the NGEU breaks the European Treaties	Rejects decarbonisation measures, any form of CO2 tax to be abolished, rejects the EU's green deal, believes Germany should resign and withdraw support from "climate protection" organisations