

# Jamaica coalition factbox

Germany's Angela Merkel faces the task of agreeing a coalition with three wildly differing parties of the left, centre and right – a “Jamaica” alliance\* of her conservatives, right-liberal Free Democrats, and the Greens

Seats in 709-seat Bundestag



67

CDU/CSU

246



80



## ECONOMY

**Angela Merkel**, her conservative **CDU/CSU** and **FDP** leader **Christian Lindner** (right) agree on fiscal discipline, but diverge on detail. FDP powerbrokers call for freedom for entrepreneurs, tax-free periods for start-ups and “working-middle class” tax cut of €30 billion. **Greens**’ co-leader **Cem Özdemir** (left) supports introducing quotas for senior woman managers in private sector. Greens want to close polluting coal-fired power plants and ban sale of new combustion-engine cars from 2030

## IMMIGRATION

Merkel lost votes to anti-immigration **Alternative for Germany** party, but all three Jamaica parties support right to asylum for war refugees. FDP supports Canada-style point system while CDU supports removing right to remain for law breakers. Both parties likely to oppose Greens’ call to let anyone born in Germany become a citizen

## HOUSING

CDU wants investment to boost home ownership and Greens want to build one million new affordable homes. FDP is opposed to state intervention in free market

## EUROZONE

FDP opposes Eurobonds and calls for strengthening of no bailout clause, and is resistant to CDU and Green plans for greater eurozone integration

## DEFENCE

Merkel says she is committed to increase military spending to 2% of GDP, in line with NATO pledges – Greens oppose large increases in military spending. FDP supports establishment of European army controlled by European Parliament

\*Party colours of political parties involved in coalition talks resemble three colours of Jamaican flag  
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