

Merkel's grand coalition cabinet

Members of Germany's centre-left Social Democrat Party (SPD) must approve the deal between Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservative CDU/CSU bloc and their own party, led by Martin Schulz

Bundestag 709 seats

Social Democratic Party (SPD)
464,000 members

Alliance 90 /
Greens

Left Party
(Die Linke)

GRAND COALITION – 399 seats

153

67

69

246

80

94

Christian Democratic Union / Christian Social Union (CDU / CSU)

Free Democratic Party (FDP)

Alternative for Germany (AfD)



Angela Merkel
Chancellor



Martin Schulz
Foreign Affairs



Horst Seehofer
Minister of Interior



Olaf Scholz
Finance,
Vice-chancellor



Ursula von der Leyen
Defence



Heiko Maas
Justice, consumer
protection



Eva Högl
Labour and
Social Affairs

CDU Economy
CDU Chief of staff

CDU Education
CSU Transport

CDU Health
SPD Family affairs

CDU Agriculture
SPD Environment