

Field narrows in race to succeed Merkel

Germany's two top polling parties – the CDU/CSU* and the Greens – have announced their candidates in the contest to replace chancellor Angela Merkel in September's federal elections



CDU/CSU

Armin Laschet

Won backing to lead Merkel's centre-right bloc into election after standoff with CSU sister party that exposed deep divisions in CDU



Annalena Baerbock

Co-chair of Greens is making party's first-ever bid for chancellorship. At 40, she is youngest candidate to succeed Merkel and likely to be only woman in race

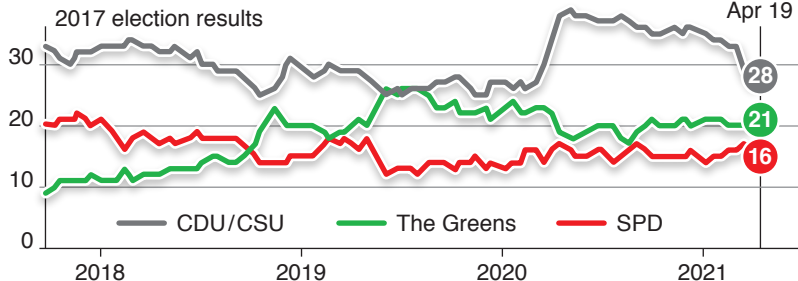


Olaf Scholz

Germany's finance minister nominated as Social Democrat candidate in 2020. Party hopes his pragmatic handling of pandemic crisis will appeal to voters

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FEDERAL ELECTION VOTING INTENTION (%)



*Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union

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