

The rise of Germany's Greens

Germany's Greens are making their first bid for the country's most prestigious post with party co-leader Annalena Baerbock seen as a serious contender for German chancellor in September's elections



Annalena Baerbock, 40: Policies have succeeded in appealing to broad swath of voters



Armin Laschet, 60: Leader of CDU to run to succeed **Angela Merkel** as chancellor



Jan 2018: **Annalena Baerbock** and **Robert Habeck** are chosen as new co-leaders of Green Party

Oct: Popularity sees Greens polling in second place to Angela Merkel's CDU/CSU-led bloc

Jun 2019: Greens ride wave of popularity, co-governing in 11 of Germany's 16 states

Apr 2020: CDU hits new high boosted by Merkel's successful handling of pandemic

Jan 2021: CDU elects **Armin Laschet** as chairman

Mar: Facing federal election without Merkel, CDU falls to **27%** against Greens' **22%**

May 3: Greens **25%** CDU **24%**

