

# German election – coalition scenarios

Polls suggest five parties stand a chance of playing a role in government, with only the far-right Alternative for Germany shut out



**Olaf Scholz**  
**Social Democratic Party (SPD)**

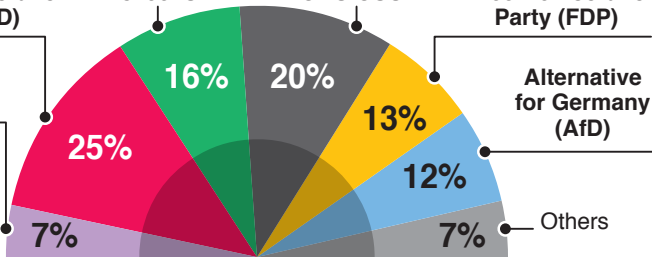
**Annalena Baerbock**  
**Greens**

**Armin Laschet**  
**CDU/CSU\***

**Christian Lindner**  
**Free Democratic Party (FDP)**

**The Left**  
**Die Linke**

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## “TRAFFIC-LIGHT” COALITION SPD-Greens-FDP

SPD and Greens back looser budget policy but pro-business FDP would likely resist higher spending and increased borrowing, and argue for return to stricter budget policy

## “KENYA” COALITION CDU/CSU-SPD-Greens

Likely to lead to internal disputes as each member would have similar number of seats in Bundestag. With no clear “senior” and “junior” members, political decisions will be hard to reach

## SPD-Greens-Die Linke

Left-wing alliance is unlikely but cannot be ruled out

## “JAMAICA” COALITION CDU/CSU-Greens-FDP

CDU/CSU and FDP would aim to balance budget and restore borrowing limits, but Greens want 10-year, €500bn investment programme and loosening of debt restrictions

## “GERMANY” COALITION CDU/CSU-SPD-FDP

Fiscal conservatism of CDU/CSU and FDP could clash with SPD pledges to reinstate wealth tax, introduce financial transaction tax, and raise minimum wage and pensions

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