

SDG Goal 7

Affordable and clean energy

SDG Target 7.a

By 2030, enhance international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and advanced and cleaner fossil-fuel technology, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technology

SDG Indicator 7.a.1

International financial flows to developing countries in support of clean energy research and development and renewable energy production, including in hybrid systems

Time series

Commitments and gross disbursements of Official Development Assistance and Other Official Flows in support of clean energy research and development and renewable energy production

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: June 29, 2026
- National data: <https://sdg-indicators.de/7-a-1>
- Definition: The time series shows Germany's commitments and gross disbursements of Official Development Assistance (ODA) and Other Official Flows (OOF) in support of clean energy research and development and renewable energy production.

The classification is based on the Creditor Reporting System (CRS) purpose codes. The CRS is the OECD's (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) international standard classification system for development finance. It is used to classify development cooperation activities by sector and purpose.

The following CRS codes are included:

- CRS-Code 23110:** Energy policy and administrative management
- CRS-Code 23182:** Energy research
- CRS-Codes 232:** Energy generation, renewable sources
- CRS-Codes 234:** Hybrid energy plants
- CRS-Code 23630:** Electric power transmission and distribution (centralised grids)
- CRS-Code 23631:** Electric power transmission and distribution (isolated mini-grids)

- Disaggregation: Type of financial flow, Type of Official Development Assistance

2. Comparability with the UN metadata

- Date of UN metadata: March 2026
- UN metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-07-0a-01.pdf>

Note: The indicator refers to developing countries, of which Germany is not a member.

- The time series is not compliant with the UN metadata, but provides additional information. The reasons are as follows:

- It shows Germany's ODA and OOF, while the UN metadata provides information on the development assistance received from the perspective of developing countries.

3. Data description

- According to the OECD, **Official Development Assistance** is government support that is specifically “designed to promote the economic and social development of developing countries.”

ODA is an internationally recognised measure agreed within the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC). It comprises financial flows provided by official agencies to developing countries, their nationals, or international organisations for the benefit of developing countries. Private contributions and charitable donations are not recorded as ODA.

Other Official Flows are public sector transactions that do not meet the criteria for ODA. OOF includes grants to developing countries for representational or predominantly commercial purposes; bilateral public transactions intended to promote development but with a grant element of less than 25 %; and bilateral public transactions which, regardless of their grant element, are primarily intended to promote exports. By definition, this category includes:

- export credits granted directly to a recipient of development assistance by a government agency or institution (official direct export credits);
- the net acquisition by governments and central banks of securities issued by multi-lateral development banks on market terms;
- subsidies (grants) to the private sector to facilitate its lending to developing countries; and
- funds to support private investment.

The DAC List of ODA Recipients is generally revised every three years by the DAC on the basis of the World Bank income classifications.

4. Access to data source

- OECD – ODA and OOF in support of clean energy research and development and renewable energy production [Selections: CRS Creditor Reporting System (flows); Sector: 23110, 23182, 232, 234, 23630, 23631; Measure: Official Development Assistance, Other Official Flow; Channel: All channels; Modality: All modalities; Flow type: Disbursements, Commitments]:
[https://data-explorer.oecd.org/?fs\[0\]=Topic%2C1%7CDevelopment%23DEV%23%7COfficial%20Development%20Assistance%20%28ODA%29%23DEV_ODA%23&pg=0&fc=Topic&bp=true&snb=20](https://data-explorer.oecd.org/?fs[0]=Topic%2C1%7CDevelopment%23DEV%23%7COfficial%20Development%20Assistance%20%28ODA%29%23DEV_ODA%23&pg=0&fc=Topic&bp=true&snb=20)

5. Metadata on source data

- General information about ODA:
<https://www.oecd.org/en/topics/official-development-assistance-oda.html>
- List of the OECD DAC purpose codes and channel codes:
<https://development-finance-codelists.oecd.org/CodesList.aspx>

- DAC list of ODA Recipients:
<https://www.oecd.org/en/topics/sub-issues/oda-eligibility-and-conditions/dac-list-of-oda-recipients.html#oda-recipients-list>

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: t + 11 months
- Frequency: Annual

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Million EUR; Million USD, constant prices
- Calculation: Not applicable.