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Differences over energy and climate policies could prove a sticking point in complex German coalition negotiations as disparate party leaders seek to form a government following last weekend's indecisive federal election.

Chancellor Angela Merkel was returned to power but with a significantly diminished vote for her ruling Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party. A disastrous result for the Social Democrats (SPD) forced them out of office, ending the grand coalition formed with Merkel in 2013.

The result opened the door to a coalition between the CDU, left-leaning Green Party and centre-right liberal Free Democrats (FDP) – known as a 'Jamaica coalition' because the black, green and yellow party colours are those of the Jamaican flag.

Informal talks are getting underway to scope out each other's policy red lines. The Greens took the most concrete positions on energy prior to the ballot, calling for ...



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