

# DiCED: Monitoring the German Election

This document includes documentation to support the DiCED team with tracking events and developments that occur(ed) during the 2021 German federal election campaign.

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