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**FORMATION OF THE GERMAN STRATEGY IN THE SECOND HALF
OF 1940**

(Summary)

In the summer of 1940, Germany turned out to be a hegemony in Europe but it was not prepared for this position. The question of how to continue the war had to be discussed. Two opposing ideas were formed among the state leadership: on one side there were those who insisted on a naval and air war against England, and on the other side were the supporters of the decision to wage war against the Soviet Union. There were months of intensive exploration of opportunities and at the end of the year the opinion of a march in the East finally prevailed.

This article discusses the options the Third Reich had and how they were developed in order to arrive at the decision to wage German-Soviet war.