

## Information Guide



### Germany

**A guide to information sources on the Federal Republic of Germany.**

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## Information sources in the ESO database

- [Germany - External / Internal / Regions](#)

## General information

- Germany: Government portal: [The Federal Government](#)
  - [Das Deutschland-Portal](#)
  - [Facts about Germany](#)
  - [Federal Foreign Office \(Auswärtiges Amt\)](#)
- Wikipedia: [Germany](#)
- UK: FCO: Country profile: [Germany](#)
- US: CIA: The World Factbook: [Germany](#)
- US: State Department: Background Note: US Relations with [Germany](#)
- BBC News: Country Profile: [Germany](#)
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: [Germany](#)
- Find websites on Germany through [Google](#)
- The Guardian: World News: [Germany](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World Data: [Germany](#)

## Agricultural information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection](#) (Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz - BMELV)
- FAO: Country Profiles: [Catalogue of data sources](#)
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: [Germany](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture: [Agriculture and Rural Development](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Plans 2014-2020: [Germany](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development: [Country Information](#) [select country]
- Organic Europe: Organic Farming in European Countries: [Germany](#)

## Competition policy information

- Germany: [Federal Cartel Office](#) (Bundeskartellamt)
- Germany: [Federal Network Agency](#) (Bundesnetzagentur)
- OECD: Regulatory reform: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Competition: [Germany](#)
- Joachim Rudo: [German Antitrust Law](#)

## Consumer information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry for Justice and Consumer Protection](#) (Bundesministerium der Justiz und für Verbraucherschutz)
- European Commission: DG Health and Consumer Protection: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health\\_food-safety/](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/health_food-safety/)
- National reports on Consumer Policy: [Consumer Policy in Germany](#)

## Culture and language information

- Germany: Discover Germany (Entdecke Deutschland): [Culture](#) [in German]
- Germany: [Culture Portal Germany](#) (Kulturportal Deutschland) [in German]
- Germany: [Goethe-Institut](#)
- Germany: [German Culture International](#) (ifa - Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen)
- Euromosaic: [Regional and Minority Languages in the European Union](#)
- European Commission: [Languages of Europe](#)
- SIL International: Ethnologue: [Languages of Germany](#)
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: [Germany](#)
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe: [Cultural Policy Profile](#)

## Defence and security information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Defence](#) (Bundesministerium der Verteidigung)
- Germany: [Armed Forces](#) (Bundeswehr) [in German]. Information on the Armed Forces available on the [Federal Ministry of Defence](#) website
- Germany: Intelligence Agencies
  - [Federal Intelligence Service](#) (Bundesnachrichtendienst)
  - [Military Counter-intelligence Service](#) (Militärischer Abschirmdienst) [in German]
  - [Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution](#) (Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz)
- Germany: [Permanent representation to NATO](#) (Ständige Vertretung der Bundesrepublik Deutschland bei der Nordatlantikpakt-Organisation Brüssel) [in German]
- Germany: [Federal Foreign Office](#) (Auswärtiges Amt):
  - [Peace and Security](#)

## Economic information

- ESO: Germany: [Economic situation](#)
- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Finance](#) (Bundesministerium der Finanzen)
  - [Federal Customs Service](#) (Bundeszollverwaltung)
- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Education and Research](#) (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung)
- Germany: [German National Bank](#) (Deutsche Bundesbank)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
  - Economies of the Member States: [Germany](#)
  - [Stability and Convergence Programmes \(Germany\)](#)
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxation and customs duties in [Germany](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Europe 2020: Measuring performance: Country Factsheets: [Germany](#)
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development: EBRD in [Germany](#)
- International Monetary Fund: [Germany](#) and the IMF
- OECD: Country List: [Germany](#)
  - [Economic Survey](#) [Latest edition, 2016]
- UNIDO: Country information: [Germany](#)
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [Germany](#)
- WTO: [Germany](#) and the WTO
- Deutsche Bank Research: Country Infobase: [Germany](#)
- United States: US Commercial Service: Country Commercial Guide 2015: [Germany](#)

## Education information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Education and Research](#) (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung)
- German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, DAAD): Information for Foreigners: 10 steps to studying in Germany: [Finding the right university in Germany](#)
- European Commission: Youth Partnership: [Youth Policy in Germany](#)
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: [Germany](#)
- World Bank: Education Data and Statistics: Country profiles: [Germany](#) (Select Country)
- OECD: Education: [Germany](#)
- ENIC-NARIC: Country profiles: [Germany](#) [offers links to national education authorities and information sites]
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics: [Education in Germany](#)
- Nation Master: Education in Germany: [Statistics](#)
- Wikipedia: [Education in Germany](#)
- EuroEducation: European Education Directory: [Germany](#) [select country]

## Employment information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs](#) (Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales (BMAS))
- [Confederation of German Trade Unions](#) (Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund (DGB)) [in German]
- [Confederation of German Employers' Associations](#) (Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände)
- OECD: Employment: [Germany](#)
- European Commission: DG Employment and Social Affairs: European Employment Strategy: Europe 2020 in [Germany](#)
- Eurofound: European Industrial Relations Observatory: Country Profile: [Germany](#)
- Federation of European Employers: Pay and working conditions across Europe: [Germany](#)
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: [Germany](#)
- International Labour Organization: NATLEX: [Germany](#)

## Energy information

- Germany: [German Energy Agency](#) (Deutsche Energie-Agentur (DENA))
- Germany: [Federal Environmental Agency](#) (Umweltbundesamt)
- Germany: [Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety](#) (Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit - BMU)
- International Energy Agency:
  - [Germany](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy and Transport: ManagEnergy:
  - [National Energy Agencies - Germany](#)
  - [National Renewable Energy Action Plan](#) [Select country]
- International Energy Agency:
  - Statistics and Balances: [Germany](#)
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [Country Analysis Brief](#)

## Environmental information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety](#) (Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit - BMU)
- Germany: [Federal Environment Agency](#) (Umweltbundesamt)
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE: [Germany](#)
- European Environment Agency:
  - EIONET: European Environment Information and Observation Network: [Germany](#)
  - SERIS: State of the Environment Reporting Information System: [Environmental information about Germany](#)
  - EPANET: European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Information: [Germany](#)
- FAO: [Specialised Country Profiles](#)
- FAO: Forestry Department: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Environment: [Germany](#)
- European Environmental Bureau: Members: [Germany](#)
- Friends of the Earth International: [Germany](#)
- Greenpeace: [Germany](#) [in German]

## European policies and relations with the European Union

- Germany: [Federal Foreign Office](#) (Auswärtiges Amt)
- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Finance](#) (Bundesministerium der Finanzen)
  - [Germany and the European Union](#)
  - [The Euro](#)
- Germany: [German National Bank](#) (Deutsche Bundesbank)
  - [SEPA: Single Euro Payment Area](#)
  - [Technical Central Bank Cooperation](#)
- Germany: [Permanent Representation to the European Union](#)
- European Union: Member Countries: [Germany](#)
- European Union: Europe Direct Information Network: [Germany](#)
- European Parliament: Information Office: [Germany](#) [in German]
- European Commission: Representation in [Germany](#) [in German]
- European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: [Germany](#) [in German]
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [Germany](#)
  - [Stability and Convergence Programmes](#)
  - [Germany and the euro](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: [Germany: Cohesion policy 2007-2013](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2014-2020: [Germany](#)
- Council of Europe: Member States: [Germany](#)
- Germany: [Permanent delegation to the OECD](#) [in German]
- OECD: [Germany](#)

## Geographic information and maps

- FAO: Country profiles and mapping information system: [Country maps](#)
- European Union: DG Press and Communication: [Europe maps](#)
- FAO: Forestry Country Information: Maps: [Germany](#)
- Maps of the World: [Germany maps](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Map of Germany](#)
- University of Texas: Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection: [Germany maps](#)

## Health information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Health](#) (Bundesministerium für Gesundheit)
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in [Germany](#)
- European Commission: DG Health & Consumers: Public health: Healthcare: [Trustworthy websites on Healthcare](#)
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
  - Country Overviews: [Germany](#)
  - Drug Treatment Profiles: [Germany](#)
  - Country Legal Profiles: [Germany](#)
  - Country Legal Profiles: [Germany](#) [select country]
  - National Drug Strategies: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Health: [Germany](#)
- World Health Organisation:
  - Countries: [Country information](#)
  - Regional Office for Europe: [Country Information](#)
  - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: [Germany](#)

## Human rights information

- Council of Europe:
  - European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): [Germany](#)
  - European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [Germany](#)
  - European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: [State documents and visits](#)
- European Court of Human Rights:
  - Country Profiles: [Germany](#)
  - [Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010](#) [select country]
  - [Violation by Article and by State 1959-2012](#)
  - [Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010](#)
- United Nations:
  - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: [Germany](#)
  - UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency: Country Information Collection: [Germany](#)
- US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants: World Refugee Survey 2009: [Europe](#)
- United States: State Department:
  - Report on [Human Rights Practices 2016 \(Germany\)](#)
  - Reports on International [Religious Freedom 2015 \(Germany\)](#)
- Amnesty International: Annual Report: [Germany](#)
- Human Rights Watch: Human Rights in [Germany](#)
- Reporters Without Borders: Freedom of Information in [Germany](#)

## Intellectual property information

- Germany: [German Patent and Trademark Office](#) (Deutsches Patent- und Markenamt)
  - [Annual Reports](#)
- European Patent Office: Patent Information Centre: [Germany](#)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: [Germany](#)
  - Collection of Laws for Electronic Access (CLEA): [Germany](#)

## Investment information

- German Trade & Invest: [Invest in Germany](#)
- United Kingdom: UK Trade & Investment: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Investment: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: [Germany](#)
- World Bank: Countries and Economies: [Germany](#)
- United States: US Commercial Service: Doing Business in [Germany](#)

## Justice and home affairs information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Justice](#) (Bundesministerium der Justiz und Verbraucherschutz)
- Germany: [Federal Ministry of the Interior](#) (Bundesministerium des Innern)  
European Commission: DG Justice and Home Affairs: Data Protection: National Policy Documents: [Country information](#)
- Council of Europe:
  - European Commission for Democracy through Law: Documents on [Germany](#)
  - Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): [Evaluation and Compliance Reports](#) (select country)
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: [Germany](#)
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law Online: Nations: [Germany](#)
- University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: [Germany Constitution](#)
- EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship Laws and Policy: [Germany](#)
- University of Oxford: [German Law Archive](#)

## Living and working information

- Germany: [Federal service portal](#) (Dienstleistungsportal des Bundes)
- Germany: Embassy in London: [Living, working and studying in Germany](#)
- [How to Germany Magazine](#)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES – The European Job Mobility Portal: Living & Working in [Germany](#)
- Eurofound - European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working conditions:
  - [Homepage](#)
  - European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO): [page under construction]
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: [Germany](#)
- United States: State Department: Countries: [Germany](#)
- JustLanded: Living, Working or Studying in [Germany](#)

## Media information

- Germany: Deutschland.de: [Communication & Media](#)
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU): Active Members: [Germany](#) [select country]
- European Journalism Centre (EJC): Media Landscape: [Germany](#)
- European Newspaper Publishers Association: [ENPA Members \(Germany\)](#)
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and News Media: [Germany](#)
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited: World News Guide: [Germany](#) [select country]
- Newslink: [European newspapers](#)

- Online Newspapers: European Newspapers: [Germany](#)
- Radiomap: Radio Stations in [Germany](#)
- Political Resources on the Net: [Media in Germany](#)

## Political information (including Elections)

- Germany: Government portal: [Federal Government](#)
- Germany: [Constitution](#) (Grundgesetz) [in German]
- Germany: [Federal Government](#) (Bundesregierung)
- Germany: [Ministries](#)
- Germany: [Federal Press Office](#) (Bundespresseamt)
- Germany: [Federal Parliament of Germany](#) (Deutscher Bundestag)
- Germany: [Senate of Germany](#) (Bundesrat)
- Germany: [Federal President](#) (Bundespräsident)
- Germany: [Federal Court of Justice](#) (Bundesgerichtshof)
- Germany: [Constitutional Court](#) (Bundesverfassungsgericht)
- Germany: [National Election Commission](#) (Bundeswahlleiter)
- ESO: Germany: [Political situation](#)
- ESO: Germany: Political situation: [Elections](#)
- OECD: Public Governance: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Regulatory Reform: [Germany](#)
- IFES: Election Guide: [Germany](#)
- NCCR Democracy: [EU Profiler](#)
- Parties and Elections in Europe: [Germany](#)
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: Nations: [Germany](#)
- Wikipedia: Politics of [Germany](#)
- Wikipedia: Elections in [Germany](#)
- Infratest-dimap: [Surveys and Opinion Barometer](#)
- Political resources on the web: [Germany](#)

## Public management information

- Germany: [Federal service portal](#) (Dienstleistungsportal des Bundes)
- European Commission: eGovernment Observatory: eGovernment Factsheets: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Public governance: [Germany](#)

## R&D information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Education and Research](#) (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung)
- Germany: Federal [Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development](#) (Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung)
- Germany: deutschland.de: [Knowledge](#)
  - European Commission: Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS): [Germany](#)
- European Commission: DG Research & Innovation:
  - [European Research 2004-2009](#)
  - [European Research Area 2014](#)
- European Commission:
  - [Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011](#) [click on map to select country]
  - Research and Innovation Performance in [Germany](#) in 2013
- European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): [Germany](#)



- OECD: Innovation: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Science and Technology: [Germany](#)

## Regional information

- Committee of the Regions: Europe in my Region: [Germany](#) [choose region]
- Assembly of European Regions: AER Member Regions: [Germany](#)
- European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): [Germany](#) [click on map to select country]
- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Regional, Rural and Urban Development: [Germany](#)
- Regions:
  - [Baden-Württemberg](#)
    - [In Europe and the world](#)
  - [Bayern](#)
    - [Bavaria in the Federal Republic, in Europe and in the World](#) [in German]
  - [Berlin](#)
    - [Berlin in the EU](#)
  - [Brandenburg](#)
    - [Brandenburg in Europa](#) [in German]
  - [Bremen](#)
    - [Bremerhaven](#) [in German]
    - [Bremen in der EU](#) [in German]
  - [Hamburg](#)
    - [Hamburg in Europa](#) [in German]
  - [Hessen](#)
    - [Hessen in Europa](#) [in German]
  - [Mecklenburg-Vorpommern](#)
    - [Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and the EU](#) [in German]
  - [Niedersachsen](#)
    - [Europapolitik Niedersachsen](#) [in German]
  - [Nordrhein-Westfalen](#) [in German]
    - [Europa](#) [in German]
  - [Rheinland-Pfalz](#)
    - [Europa entdecken](#) [in German]
  - [Saarland](#) [in German]
    - [Saarland in Europa](#) [in German]
  - [Sachsen](#)
    - [Relations with the EU](#)
  - [Sachsen-Anhalt](#)
    - [Europapolitik](#)
  - [Schleswig-Holstein](#)
    - [Wir in Europa](#) [in German]
  - [Thüringen](#)
    - [Europa](#) [in German]

## Social information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs](#) (Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your Social Security Rights in [Germany](#)
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: [Organisation of Social Protection](#) [Select country]

- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: [Social Protection of the Self-Employed](#)
- Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Insurance and Pensions: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Social and Welfare Issues: [Germany](#)
- UNICEF: Information by Country: [Germany](#)
- World Bank: Data: [Germany](#)
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions: [Germany](#)
- United States: Social Security Administration (SSA):
  - Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: [Germany](#)
  - Social Security Programs Throughout the World: [Germany](#) [2016]
- [German System of Social Indicators](#) (GESIS)

## Statistical information

- Germany: German National Bank: [Statistics](#)
- Germany: [National Statistical Institute](#) (Statistisches Bundesamt Deutschland)
- Eurostat: Country profiles: [Germany](#) [select country]
- World Bank: Data: Countries and Economies: [Germany](#)
- OECD: Country Statistical Profile: [Germany](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Country and Regional Profiles: [Germany](#)
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: [Germany](#)
- NationMaster: Nations of the World: Statistics on [Germany](#)

## Taxation information

- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: [Taxation trends in the EU](#)
- Taxsites.com: [Germany](#)
- Worldwide tax.com: [Germany](#)
- Wikipedia: [Taxation in Germany](#)

## Tourism information

- Germany: deutschland.de: [Tourism](#)
- Germany: [German National Tourist Board](#) (Deutsche Zentrale für Tourismus)
- Guardian News & Media Ltd.: Travel: [Germany](#)
- The Telegraph: Destinations: [Germany](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Germany](#)
- Rough Guides: [Germany](#)
- TripAdvisor: Europe Tourism: [Germany](#)

## Transport information

- Germany: [Federal Ministry for Transport, Building and Urban Development](#) (Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Bau- und Stadtentwicklung)
- Germany: Flag Carrier Airline: [Lufthansa](#)
- Germany: National Railway: [Deutsche Bahn \(DB\)](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility and Transport:
  - [EU Transport in Figures: Statistical Pocketbook](#) (2016)
  - [Road safety: How is your country doing?](#) (2014)
- Wikipedia: Transport in [Germany](#)

## **Weather information**

- Germany: [German Weather Service](#) (Deutscher Wetterdienst) [in German]
- Hong Kong: Hong Kong Observatory: [World weather information](#)
- BBC Weather Centre: Climate Guide and five day weather forecast: [Germany](#)
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: [Germany](#)

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