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)
- 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](http://www.goethe.de)
- Germany: [German Culture International](http://international-ifas.de) (ifa - Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen)
- Euromosaic: [Regional and Minority Languages in the European Union](http://euromosaic.eu)
- European Commission: [Languages of Europe](http://ec.europa.eu)
- SIL International: Ethnologue: [Languages of Germany](http://www.ethnologue.com)
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: [Germany](http://whc.unesco.org/en/countries/G/)
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe: [Cultural Policy Profile](http://ericarts.coe.int)

Defence and security information

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

Economic information

- ESO: Germany: [Economic situation](http://www.eso.org)
- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Finance](http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de) (Bundesministerium der Finanzen)
  - [Federal Customs Service](http://www.zoll.de) (Bundeszollverwaltung)
- Germany: [Federal Ministry of Education and Research](http://www.bmbf.de) (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung)
- Germany: [German National Bank](http://www资金.de) (Deutsche Bundesbank)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
  - Economies of the Member States: [Germany](http://ec.europa.eu)
  - [Stability and Convergence Programmes (Germany)](http://ec.europa.eu)
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxation and customs duties in [Germany](http://ec.europa.eu)
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development: EBRD in [Germany](http://www.ebrd.com)
- International Monetary Fund: [Germany](http://www.imf.org) and the IMF
- OECD: Country List: [Germany](http://www.oecd.org)
- UNIDO: Country information: [Germany](http://www.unido.org)
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [Germany](http://www.unctad.org)
- WTO: [Germany](http://www.wto.org) and the WTO
- Deutsche Bank Research: Country Infobase: [Germany](http://www.deutsche-bank-research.com)
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 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)
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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.de
  o European Commission: Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS): Germany
• European Commission: DG Research & Innovation:
  o European Research 2004-2009
  o European Research Area 2014
• European Commission:
  o Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011 [click on map to select country]
  o 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
    o In Europe and the world
  • Bayern
    o Bayern in the Federal Republic, in Europe and in the World [in German]
  • Berlin
    o Berlin in the EU
  • Brandenburg
    o Brandenburg in Europa [in German]
  • Bremen
    o Bremerhaven [in German]
    o Bremen in der EU [in German]
  • Hamburg
    o Hamburg in Europa [in German]
  • Hessen
    o Hessen in Europa [in German]
  • Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
    o Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and the EU [in German]
  • Niedersachsen
    o Europapolitik Niedersachsen [in German]
  • Nordrhein-Westfalen [in German]
    o Europa [in German]
  • Rheinland-Pfalz
    o Europa entdecken [in German]
  • Saarland [in German]
    o Saarland in Europa [in German]
  • Sachsen
    o Relations with the EU
  • Sachsen-Anhalt
    o Europapolitik
  • Schleswig-Holstein
    o Wir in Europa [in German]
  • Thüringen
    o 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):
  o Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: Germany
  o 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:
  o EU Transport in Figures: Statistical Pocketbook (2016)
  o 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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