Country Information Guide

Germany

A guide to information sources on the Federal Republic of Germany, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites

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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: Catalog of data sources [select theme then country]
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: Germany
- European Commission: DG Agriculture: Agriculture and Rural Development
- European Commission: DG Agriculture: Rural Development Plans 2000-2006: Germany
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Plans 2007-2013: 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 of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz - BMELV)
Culture and language information

- Germany: Discover Germany (Entdecke Deutschland): Culture
- Germany: Culture Portal Germany (Kulturportal Deutschland) [in German]
- Germany: Goethe-Institut
- Germany: German Culture International
- Euromosaic: Regional and Minority Languages in the European Union
- European Commission: Languages of Europe
- European Commission: DG Education and Culture: Europe and Culture: National Cultural sites
- 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: Germany
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxation and customs duties in Germany
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development: EBRD in Germany
- International Monetary Fund: Germany and the IMF
- OECD: Country List: Germany
  - Overview [Latest edition, 2014]
- UNIDO: Country information: Germany
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: Germany
- WTO: Germany and the WTO
- Deutsche Bank Research: Country infobase: Germany
Education information

- Germany: Federal Ministry of Education and Research (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung)
- German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst, 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
- OECD: Education: Germany
- ENIC-NARIC: Country profiles: Germany [offers links to national education authorities and information sites]
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics: Education in Germany
- BrainTrack.com: Universities in Germany [Select Country]
- Nation Master: Education in Germany: Statistics
- Wikipedia: Education in Germany

Employment information

- Germany: Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales (BMAS))
- OECD: Employment: Germany
- European Industrial Relations Observatory on-line: Country information
- Federation of European Employers: Pay and working conditions across Europe: Germany
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations: Germany
- Germany: Confederation of German Employers’ Associations (Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände)

Energy information

- Germany: German Energy Agency (Deutsche Energie-Agentur)
- Germany: Federal Environmental Agency (Umweltbundesamt): Energy Germany
- 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 Energy Actors
  - National Energy Legislation
  - National Renewable Energy Action Plan [Select country]
- Market Observatory and Statistics: 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: German Environmental Information Portal (Umweltportal Deutschland)
Germany:
- Federal Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt)
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE: Germany
- FAO: Specialised Country Profiles [choose a country]
- FAO: Forestry Department: Germany
- European Environment Information and Observation Network: Germany
- State of the Environment Reporting Information System (SERIS): Environmental information about Germany
- OECD: Environment: Germany
- European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Information: Germany
- Friends of the Earth International: Germany
- Greenpeace: Germany [in German]
- European Environmental Bureau: Members: Germany

European policies and relations with the European Union

- Germany: Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt)
  - EU Presidency January-June 2007
- Germany: Federal Ministry of Finance (Bundesministerium der Finanzen)
  - Germany and the European Union
  - The Euro
  - Fiscal and budgetary policy
- 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 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 2007-2013: Germany
- European Investment Bank: Finance contracts signed, 2007-: 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
- Forest and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: Germany
- MapsOfWorld.com: 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)
- World Health Organisation: Country information
- World Health Organisation: Regional Office for Europe: Country Information
- World Health Organisation: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Germany
- 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):
  o Response to drug use: Drug treatment overviews
  o Legal Profile: Germany
  o National reports on the drug situation: Germany
  o National strategies: Germany
  o Legal text search: Germany [select country]
• OECD: Health: 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:
  o Country Profiles: Germany
  o Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010 [select country]
  o Violation by Article and by State 1959-2012
  o Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010
• United Nations: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: Germany
• The UN refugee Agency: Country Information Collection: Germany
• US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants: World Refugee Survey 2009: Europe
• United States: State Department:
  o Human Rights Report 2013
  o Human Rights Report 2012
  o Human Rights Report 2011
  o Human Rights Report 2010
  o Previous versions
  o Religious Freedom Report 2012
  o Previous versions
• Human Rights Watch: Germany
• Reporters Without Borders: Germany

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

Investment information
• German Trade & Invest: Invest in Germany
• United Kingdom: UK Trade & Investment: Country profile
• OECD: Investment: Germany
• OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: Germany
• World Bank: Germany
- United States: US Commercial Service: Doing Business in Germany
  - Country Commercial Guide
- Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA): FDI.net: Germany

### Justice and home affairs information

- Germany: Federal Ministry of Justice (Bundesministerium der Justiz) [in German]
- 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
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES: Living & Working: Germany
- Eurofound - European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working conditions: Homepage
- European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO): Germany
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: Germany
- United States: State Department: Post Reports: Germany
- JustLanded.com: Living, Working or Studying in Germany

### Media information

- Germany: deutschland.de: Communication & Media
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU): Active Members: Germany
- European Journalism Centre (EJC): Media Landscape: Germany
- European Newspaper Publishers Association: ENPA Members
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and News Media: Germany
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited: World News Guide: Germany
- Newslink: European newspapers
- Online Newspapers: European Newspapers: Germany
- Radiomap: Radio Stations in Germany
- Political Resources on the Net: Media in Germany [in German]

### 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
- European Public Sector Information Platform (ePSI): Country Reports 2006-2009

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: DG Enterprise: CORDIS
  - R&D Gateway: Map-based search
  - Germany
- European Commission: Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011 [click on map to select country]
- OECD: Innovation: 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): Members [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

  Baden-Württemberg
  - In Europe and the world
  Bayern
  - Bavaria in the Federal Republic, in Europe and in the World
- Berlin
  - Berlin in the EU
- Brandenburg
  - Brandenburg und die EU [in German]
- Bremen
  - Bremerhaven [in German]
  - Bremen in der EU [in German]
- Hamburg
  - Hamburg in Europe
- Hessen
  - Hessen in Europa [in German]
- Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
  - Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in Brussels
  - Government portal [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 Europe
- Sachsen
  - Relations with the EU
- Sachsen-Anhalt [in German]
  - Europapolitik [in German]
- 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
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: Social Protection of the Self-Employed
- Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: 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): Social Security Programs Throughout the World:
  - Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: Germany
  - Social Security Programs Throughout the World: Germany [2012]
- German System of Social Indicators (GESIS)

Statistical information

- Germany: German National Bank: Statistics
- Germany: National Statistical Institute (Statistisches Bundesamt Deutschland)
- Eurostat: Country profiles: Germany [choose country]
- World Bank: Data: Countries and Economies: Germany
OECD: Country Statistical Profile: 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:
  - Rail Transport and Interoperability in Germany
  - Road safety country profile: Germany
- 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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