

Working for our cities – what we do

The Association of German Cities

- represents the interests of all autonomous cities and most county-affiliated cities,
- is in dialogue with the Federal Government, the Federal Parliament (Bundestag), the Federal Council (Bundesrat), the institutions of the European Union and numerous other organizations,
- exerts influence on lawmaking and legislation,
- promotes local self-government, which is guaranteed in the German constitution.

Numerous representatives of the cities are involved in the committee work of the Association of German Cities. Mayors, council members and full-time employees of the cities contribute their expertise in the Association's Board, in the Executive Committee, in expert committees, working groups, conferences and advisory boards.

The General Assembly meets every two years. It elects the President and the Vice President of the Association of German Cities.

The Executive Director manages the Association's two head offices in Berlin and Cologne.

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Over 100 years old – and still young

- 1905** The Association of German Cities is founded in Berlin.
- 1933** After the Nazis seize power, the Federation of Local Government Associations is dissolved and forcibly united.
- 1945** The Association of German Cities is re-established.
- 2005** 100th anniversary of the Association of German Cities in Berlin.

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Cities shape everyday life – and exchange ideas within the Association

In the Association of German Cities, around 3.200 cities and municipalities have joined forces with 53 million inhabitants. Cities from Aachen to Zwickau, among them all state capitals and the city-states of Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen – and of course many smaller cities too. The Association of German Cities is the voice of the cities.

Members

AROUND

200

direct member cities

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3.000

member cities and municipalities within 16 member associations

13

higher municipal, regional and professional associations

Cities for people – we provide guidance

- Cities shape the living environment for the people who live in them.
- We discuss issues with our member cities that affect all cities and together we define our standpoints.
- We give the cities guidance on what happens at national level and in the EU.
- We exchange ideas with the cities on a broad range of topics.

sustainable towns and cities

promote climate protection

social cohesion develop renewable energy

lifelong learning vibrant city centres

digital towns and cities for everyone

more quality of life adapt to climate impacts

cosmopolitan cities live for the common good

promote educational equality affordable housing

interconnected across Europe and worldwide

sustainable mobility

ensure equal opportunities

Our leadership



President
Markus Lewe
Mayor of the City of Münster



Vice President
Burkhard Jung
Mayor of the City of Leipzig



Vice President
Katja Dörner
Mayor of the City of Bonn



Executive Director
Helmut Dedy

Cities with a future – what we want to achieve

Cities provide most of the public services for their citizens. Their employees ensure that urban life runs smoothly. Cities are always on the move. Cities promote democracy. The federal and state governments should see the cities as partners. Cities need to remain capable of responding effectively. Cities require sufficient funding to meet their commitments.