

## History

- 1905 The Association of German Cities is founded in Berlin
- 1933 Forced to merge with other national organisations involved in local government to form the Deutscher Gemeindetag (German Local Authorities Association)
- 1945 The Association of German Cities is resuscitated, headed by Dr. Herrmann Pünder, Lord Mayor of Cologne at that time

### Subsequent Presidents of the Association of German Cities have included:

Prof. Dr. Ernst Reuter, Berlin

Willy Brandt, Berlin

Hans Koschnick, Bremen

Manfred Rommel, Stuttgart

Petra Roth, Frankfurt am Main

Christian Ude, Munich

## Members

- 197 cities are direct members, including all autonomous German cities and three city states, and 16 state local government associations with about 3400 indirect member cities and towns
- 13 special members: regional groupings of local authorities, regional associations, professional associations

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## Executive bodies

<b>General Assembly</b>	
Between 750 and 800 delegates from direct member cities, indirect member cities and special members	
meets every two years	
<b>Executive Committee</b>  around 135 members  meets three times a year	<b>Board</b>  around 40 mayors, Executive Director and permanent representative  meets five times a year
<b>President Executive Director</b>	

## Further information

Detailed information on the work of the Association of German Cities is available on our website:  
[www.staedtetag.de](http://www.staedtetag.de).

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## Association of German Cities – the Voice of Germany’s Cities

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 ASCHAFFENBURG | AUERBACH/VOGTLAND | AUGSBURG | BAD KREUZNACH  
 BAD REICHENHALL | BADEN-BADEN | BAMBERG | BAUTZEN | BAYREUTH  
 BERLIN | BIBERACH AN DER RISS | BIELEFELD | BOCHOLT | BOCHUM | BONN  
 BOTTROP | BRANDENBURG AN DER HAVEL | BRAUNSCHWEIG | BREMEN  
 BREMERHAVEN | CASTROP-RAUXEL | CELLE | CHEMNITZ | COBURG | COTTBUS  
 DARMSTADT | DELITZSCH | DELMENHORST | DESSAU-ROSSLAU | DORTMUND  
 DRESDEN | DUISBURG | DÜREN | DÜSSELDORF | EBERSWALDE | EISENACH  
 EISENHÜTTENSTADT | EMDEN | ERFURT | ERKNER | ERLANGEN | ESSEN  
 ESSELINGEN AM NECKAR | FALKENSEE | FINSTERWALDE | FLENSBURG | FORST  
 (LAUSITZ) | FRANKENTHAL (PFALZ) | FRANKFURT (ODER) | FRANKFURT AM MAIN  
 FREIBERG | FREIBURG IM BREISGAU | FRIEDRICHSHAFEN | FULDA | FÜRTH  
 GELSENKIRCHEN | GERA | GIEßEN | GLADBECK | GLAUCHAU | GOSLAR | GOTHA  
 GÖTTINGEN | GRÄFELFING | GREIFSWALD | GÜTERSLOH | HAGEN | HALBERSTADT  
 HALLE (SAALE) | HAMBURG | HAMELN | HAMM | HANAU | HANNOVER  
 HEIDELBERG | HEIDENHEIM AN DER BRENZ | HEILBRONN | HIENIGSDORF  
 HERFORD | HERNE | HILDESHEIM | HOF | HOYERSWERDA | INGOLSTADT  
 ISERLOHN | JENA | KAISERSLAUTERN | KAMENZ | KARLSRUHE | KASSEL  
 KAUFBEUREN | KEMPTEN (ALLGÄU) | KIEL | KOBLENZ | KÖLN | KONSTANZ  
 KREFELD | LANDAU IN DER PFALZ | LANDSBERG AM LECH | LANDSHUT  
 LEINFELDE-WORBIS | LEIPZIG | LEVERKUSEN | LIMBACH-OBERFROHNA | LINDAU  
 (BODENSEE) | LÖRRACH | LÜBECK | LUDWIGSBURG | LUDWIGSHAFEN  
 LÜNEBURG | MAGDEBURG | MAINZ | MANNHEIM | MARBURG | MEMMINGEN  
 MERSEBURG (SAALE) | MÖNCHENGLADBACH | MÜHLHAUSEN | MÜLHEIM AN DER  
 RUHR | MÜNCHEN | MÜNSTER | NEU-ULM | NEUBRANDENBURG | NEUENHAGEN  
 NEUMÜNSTER | NEURUPPIN | NEUSS | NEUSTADT AM RÜBENBERGE | NEUSTADT  
 AN DER WEINSTRASSE | NEUSTADT BEI COBURG | NEUWIED | NORDHAUSEN  
 NÜRNBERG | NÜRTINGEN | OBERHAUSEN | OFFENBACH AM MAIN | OFFENBURG  
 OLDENBURG | OSNABRÜCK | PASSAU | PFORZHEIM | PIRMASENS | PIRNA | PLAUE  
 POTSDAM | QUEDLINBURG | RECKLINGHAUSEN | REGENSBURG | REMSCHIED  
 REUTLINGEN | RIESA | ROSENHEIM | ROSTOCK | SAARBRÜCKEN | SALZGITTER  
 SASSNITZ | SCHWABACH | SCHWÄBISCH GMÜND | SCHWEDT/ODER  
 SCHWEINFURT | SCHWERIN | SIEGEN | SINDELFINGEN | SOLINGEN | SPEYER  
 STENDAL | STRAUBING | STUTTGART | SUHL | TAUCHA | TELTOW  
 TETEROW | TRIER | TÜBINGEN | ULM | VELTEN | VIERSEN | VILLINGEN-  
 SCHWENNINGEN | WEIDEN IN DER OBERPFALZ | WEIMAR | WIESBADEN  
 WILHELMSHAVEN | WISMAR | WITTEN | WITTENBERG | WOLFSBURG  
 WOLGAST | WORMS | WUPPERTAL | WÜRZBURG | ZWEIBRÜCKEN | ZWICKAU

## Association of German Cities

The Association of German Cities is the voice of Germany's cities. It is also the national association of all the country's autonomous and most of its affiliated cities and towns. A community of solidarity, it acts as the cities' advocate for the idea of local self-government in dealings with the Federal Government, federal states (Bundesländer), the European Union, and governmental and non-governmental organisations. The work and services of the Association of German Cities are primarily geared to the needs and interests of the direct member cities and their citizens.

The Association of German Cities is the country's largest national federation of municipalities, comprising about 3400 cities and towns with nearly 52 million inhabitants. 197 cities are direct members, including all autonomous German cities such as the city-states of Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen.

## Responsibilities

- The Association of German Cities actively represents the cause of local self-government. It upholds the interests of the cities and towns in their dealings with the Federal Government, the Federal Parliament and the Federal Council (Bundesrat), the European Union, and numerous other organisations.
- The Association of German Cities advises its members and keeps them informed on all matters and developments of importance to local government.
- The Association of German Cities facilitates the exchange of experience between its members and promotes it in numerous official bodies.

## How we work

Article 28 paragraph 2 of the German Constitution guarantees local self-government. The Association of German Cities devotes itself to ensuring that the federal and state governments and the European Union respect and implement this guarantee in their work.

## Main objectives of the Association

Cities and towns must remain effective actors, because it is they who provide most public services for citizens. To cope with the growing challenges, federal and state governments need to see cities as partners. And if new tasks are delegated to local authorities, then the relevant funds must also be provided.

The Association of German Cities

- influences lawmaking by stating its position on draft legislation, by holding discussions with the parliament and the government and through public-relations work,
- promotes modern public administration that is responsive to the needs of citizens,
- collaborates with the cities and towns to develop ideas to meet new challenges of local politics.

## Organisation

President **Burkhard Jung**  
Mayor of the City of Leipzig

Vice-President **Markus Lewe**  
Mayor of the City of Münster

Executive Director **Helmut Dedy**

- The Association of German Cities relies on the unpaid work of innumerable representatives in the General Assembly, and on the Executive Committee and the Board. It is led by its President, who chairs these decision-taking bodies.
- Council members and full-time experts on urban administration meet on professional committees, in working groups, at conferences and on advisory boards. This is where opinions are formed within the Association of German Cities.
- We also employ a total of around 120 full-time staff at our two head offices in Berlin and Cologne, and our European office in Brussels. This workforce is organised into seven departments, headed by the Executive Director.

## Areas of Activity

- finance
- school, culture, sports and equality
- work, youth, health and social affairs
- urban development, building, housing and transports
- environment and economy, energy, fire and civil protection
- law and administration
- refugees, immigration and integration
- Europe and international relations
- demographic change, city and citizens
- press- and PR-work