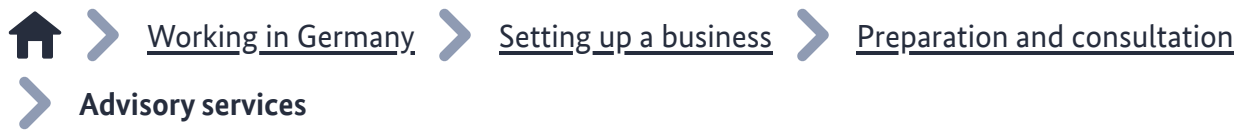


Advisory services

Get advice from experts: Numerous advice centres and information services provide support in your area.



Good advice can help contribute to the success of your business. Make sure to take advantage of the opportunity to get support from an expert.

In Germany, there are many public information centres that can help you set up your business. You can also find a general list of contact persons on the [start-up portal](#) .

The [Authority Finder](#)  (*Behördenwegweiser*) will also tell you which information centres are available in your area.

You can also hire a private consulting firm to help you prepare and embark on your first entrepreneurial steps. Some German federal states provide grants towards the costs incurred for this kind of consultation. It is important that your place of residence and your company's registered office are in Germany. The [start-up portal](#)  will tell you where to apply for this grant.



Practical tips for business consultations in Germany

It is sensible to be well-prepared for the consultation. Do not be afraid to address business topics immediately; in Germany, people tend to prefer dealing with specific questions rather than excessive small talk.

Advisory services for entrepreneurs with a migratory background

Addresses of regional and national information centres, specifically for entrepreneurs with a migratory background, can be found on the start-up portal in the “[Setting up a business as a person with migration background](#) ” (*Gründen mit Einwanderungsgeschichte*) section.

The [Specialist Office for Migrant Economics](#)  of the Network IQ also provides information and for people from abroad wanting to set up a business.

Support for female entrepreneurs

Women planning to set up a business will find information on funding and networking on the [start-up portal for female entrepreneurs](#) .

Further training

As an entrepreneur, you will need business knowledge. Do you lack expertise in this area? Or you would like to brush up on your knowledge? Then we advise you to consider further training. In seminars, you can learn the basics of bookkeeping and accounting, for example.

Many different organisations offer further training courses throughout Germany. Above all, the [Chambers of Industry and Commerce](#)  (IHK) and the [Chambers of Crafts](#)  (HWK) offer seminars on start-up businesses in your area.

A large selection of courses can also be found on the [KURSNET](#)  website. The [adult education centres](#)  (*Volkshochschulen*) are also good places to start.

Getting help after the initial start

Even after setting up your business, there are many opportunities for consultation. An expert can help you optimise your business processes and improve your business management planning. An initial overview of the

plethora of available services can be found on the [start-up portal](#)  of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE).

The public-sector banking group [KfW](#)  also offers [numerous programmes](#) to support young entrepreneurs.

Information for investors and companies planning to enter the German market

Germany offers great prospects for companies that operate on an international level and are planning to expand to Germany by setting up a subsidiary or branch office. You can find detailed information and support on the [Germany Trade & Invest](#)  website.

Information on the web

BMWK Authority Finder

[The Authority Finder will guide you to the right local public authorities and agencies for your requirements](#)

GTAI – The German Business Portal

[Information about entering the German market](#)

BMWK - Gründer Plattform

[Information about founding a startup](#)

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