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A woman in a police uniform is seated at a desk in a control room. She is looking out a window with a grid pattern. The room is dimly lit with blue tones. The text "WE SHOW CRIME INTO ITS LIMITS" is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the text is a decorative line of yellow diagonal slashes.

**“WE SHOW
CRIME INTO
ITS LIMITS”**



**4,719
KILOMETRES**

LAND- AND
SEA-BORDERS



BORDERS

Controlling tourist traffic in the centre of Europe



The Federal Police protect the borders of the Federal Republic of Germany on land, at sea and in the air.

They control border traffic at the German Schengen external borders (airports and sea ports), monitor the 3,831 kilometre-long internal border and fight crime across borders effectively. They put a stop to offences involving certificates, rights of residence, weapon- and drug crimes as well as vehicle trafficking.

In doing this the Federal Police work closely together with domestic and foreign police authorities.

The Federal Police are empowered to prevent unauthorised entries into the Federal Republic of Germany. It is also within their power to stand up against irregular migration.

IDENTITY CHECKS

FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

BORDER CONTROL



**“TRAVEL SAFE WITH US
– ALWAYS”**

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RAILWAY

Safety at stations and on trains



The Federal Police protect the public and maintain order at about 5,700 stations and on more than 33,000 kilometres of the railway network.

Day by day the Federal Police prevent crimes of any kind such as vandalism or dangerous interference into the railway traffic. They keep the travellers safe at all times. The Federal Police accompany participants of demonstrations, football matches and similar events and protect them during their train journey to and fro.

In order to prevent dangers, the Federal Police also patrol locations under potential threat with additional safety equipment.

PROTECTION

SAFETY

PREVENTION



5,691

PASSENGER
STATIONS



**“OUR GOAL:
THAT YOU ARRIVE
SAFE AND SOUND”**

AVIATION SECURITY

Taking off in safety



The Federal Police maintain safe air traffic at the 13 largest airports in Germany.

They monitor the airport grounds and check travellers and their luggage. State-of-the-art technology detects objects and seizes those that could present a danger. In this way numerous objects such as firearms, ammunition and other objects not allowed in aeroplanes are found during safety control checks.

Aboard airborne German aeroplanes the Federal Police engage specially trained sky marshals.

CONTROLS

MONITORING

SAFETY



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COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS



**“I KEEP A WATCHFUL
EYE ON FEDERAL
INSTITUTIONS”**



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GUARDED
OBJECTS



AVERTING DANGER

PATROLLING

ENTRANCE CHECKS

GUARDING FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS

Securing federal constitutional bodies and federal ministries

The Federal Police protect particularly vulnerable constitutional bodies and federal ministries.

Apart from the Office of the Federal President and the Federal Chancellery, the Foreign Office, the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community, the Federal Ministry of Justice, the Federal Constitutional Court as well as the German Federal Bank are amongst those objects to be guarded in particular.

With its work the Federal Police prevent manifold disturbances and dangers that could considerably affect these institutions and ministries from carrying out their duties.



**“WE ARE ON THE
SPOT WHEN FAIR-
PLAY BECOMES
FOUL PLAY”**



4,000+

STRONG

FEDERAL RAPID REACTION POLICE

Always on duty



The Federal Rapid Reaction Police contribute considerably to maintaining inner safety.

They support house searches and the enforcement of arrests. On the occasion of state visits, the Federal Rapid Reaction Police ascertain internal and external protection. They monitor demonstrations or other large events and accompany – and separate, if required, participants on their way to the events or gathering places. Police departments from the Federal States, Customs or the Federal Criminal Police Office ask for support from the Federal Rapid Reaction Police. Police units focussing on preserving evidence and arrests are used during violent confrontations or to arrest

habitual offenders and support the GSG 9 of the Federal Police with their specially trained units BFE+ during their duties.

Not only the action forces of the water gun units or our specialists for heights and depths but also those to open doors or technical barriers or to take measures on and below water are technically specialised in these duties. Specialists for advanced video and photo technique work in the units for preserving evidence, documentation and clarification. This portfolio is rounded off with units for logistics as well as operational supplies.

DEMONSTRATIONS

EVENTS

PRESERVING EVIDENCE

**“OBTAINING
INFORMATION
IS OUR MOST
IMPORTANT WEAPON”**



FIGHTING CRIME

Tracking down crime



The Federal Police fight crime phenomena - from property damage, theft and fraud right up to document fraud, physical injuries and human trafficking – and ward these off with preventative measures.

In order to fulfil these tasks, the Federal Police use extensive measures. These include operations of investigation, manhunt, observation and clarification that also take place in a virtual space. Once police on patrol and those on control duty have undertaken first criminal investigation measures within the scope of a first response, 61 regional

investigation units are subsequently involved in following up light and medium crimes. A further nine “Federal Police Inspections Fighting Crime”, specialised units follow up cases of serious and organised crime by using forensic methods and state-of-the-art technologies. Basis for a successful outcome is a target-oriented, highly qualified and on-going further training as well as close cooperation between German and international safety authorities.



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REGIONAL
INVESTIGATION
UNITS

OBSERVATION

LOCATING CRIMINALS

FORENSIC SCIENCE



**“MY WORKPLACE
HOLDS NEW
PERSPECTIVES
EVERY DAY”**





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HELICOPTERS

RECONNAISSANCE

RESCUE

TRANSPORT

AIR SERVICE

Agile airbound support

The Federal Police air service holds the largest police helicopter fleet in Europe. With 76 police helicopters, it monitors the German borders including the territorial waters of the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, as well as the railway systems across Germany.

It takes police forces fast and reliably to assignments, transports vulnerable persons from politics and parliamentary sections and also supports various other authorities. The machines and their crews are also used in fighting forest fires. Within the maritime

emergency service, one transport helicopter is always on standby for the Central Command.

In case of serious accidents and disasters, the air service with 18 civil protection and rescue helicopters is an important part domestically and abroad for rescue services under public law.



**“YOU CAN DEPEND
ON OUR CREWS –
ESPECIALLY ON
HIGH SEAS”**



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OFFSHORE
PATROL VESSELS

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CONTROL BOATS



BORDER PROTECTION

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SUPPORT

FEDERAL POLICE MARITIME DIRECTORATE

Sea-going and right on course

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The Federal Police act within and outside of German territorial waters, within the area of the foreign trade zone and – according to the cause – also outside of these areas. They are responsible for a coastal line of 3,338 kilometres along the North Sea and the Baltic Sea, up to 200 sea miles into the open sea.

The Federal Police have six modern offshore patrol vessels, five control and patrol boats and several smaller boats available to monitor areas close to the coast as well as those far off the coast.

Equipped with such means, the Federal Police fight crime across borders, take over maritime police tasks and give support in case of maritime emergencies.

In addition, the maritime investigation and manhunt group also follows up offences far off the German coast.

The Federal Police also give advice to German shipping companies regarding the worldwide fight against pirate attacks.



**“FOR FREEDOM
AND SECURITY WE
GIVE EVERYTHING –
EVEN OUR LIVES!”**



THE FEDERAL POLICE SPECIAL UNIT GSG9


for freeing hostages and
averting terrorism



The GSG 9 unit of the Federal Police is used to fight terrorism and serious violent crime. The unit's objective is to save threatened lives. The unit works overt and covert when it is involved in complex or highly dangerous situations. The GSG 9 is used both by the Federal Police and in support of other institutions such as the Federal Criminal Police Office, the Foreign Office, police units of the Federal States or Customs Administration.

The highly specialised members of the GSG 9 take part in foreign police missions of the European Union as well as the United Nations. Beyond that they offer support by training other special units nationally and abroad.

- FIGHTING TERRORISM
- HOSTAGE RESCUE
- TRAINING SUPPORT



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SPECIAL UNIT

**“NO LIMITS FOR US
WHERE SAFETY
AND PROTECTION
ARE CONCERNED”**






90

PARTNER STATES

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Federal Police – on duty worldwide



Safety cannot just be guaranteed within one’s own borders. Up to 2,000 members of the Federal Police are on duty in well over 90 countries worldwide.

About 50% support the border police, work as liaison officers, security advisors or as advisors for documents and visa business. Some work under mandate of the European Union or the United Nations within the scope of missions, bilateral projects or at “Police and Customs Cooperation Centres” of various security authorities. The remaining

50% are used as security forces at German representations abroad and as personal security guards.

At the EU-external borders the Federal Police contributes enormously to protect and maintain the Schengen area within the scope of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, Frontex. The relevant member states are mainly supported in the area of border surveillance and control as well as repatriation.

MISSIONS ABROAD

PERSONAL SECURITY GUARDS

ADVISING AND SUPPORTING



**“CONTROLLING
AND ORGANISING –
WITH EMPATHY AND
COMPETENCE”**



ADMINISTRATION

Achieving a goal in a structured and competent way



Altogether 8,330 administrative officers and tariff-employed personnel contribute to the Federal Police fulfilling their statutory mandate.

The organisational units across Germany do not only manage internal police matters but also represent it externally. Committed specialised experts look after the manifold tasks of a modern authority – starting with personnel administration and budget matters right up to technical administration or public relations. Many more areas offer the opportunity for young talents and experienced specialists.

BUDGET

ADMINISTRATION

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



8,330

EMPLOYEES



**“OUR SPECIAL SUBJECT
IS EMPATHY”**



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FEDERAL
POLICE ACADEMY

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FEDERAL POLICE
TRAINING AND
ADVANCED
TRAINING CENTRES

TRAINING

QUALIFICATION

CAREER CHANCES

FEDERAL POLICE TRAINING AND ADVANCED TRAINING

Excellent perspectives for the future

Future Federal Police officers are extensively prepared for their tasks at ten locations in Germany – at the Federal Police Academy in the Hanseatic city of Lübeck, in the faculty of Federal Police at the Federal University for Public Administration, as well as at a further seven training and advanced training centres in Walsrode, Neustrelitz, Eschwege, Oerlenbach, Swisttal, Bamberg and Diez. In 2021 a further two temporary training centres were established in Bielefeld and Rotenburg an der Fulda.

The trainees are equipped with and prepared for their everyday policing with specialised knowledge in theoretical studies, practical police training as well as workout and endurance sports.

Members of the Federal Police receive numerous ongoing and interdisciplinary advanced training courses with the opportunity to be trained for special duties in the most varied subjects.

“MUSIC IS A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE”





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FEDERAL POLICE
ORCHESTRAS

FEDERAL POLICE ORCHESTRAS

Musical ambassadors in uniform



The Federal Police maintain three professional orchestras. With their musical portfolio they reflect the diversity of the Federal Police.

In honour of high-ranking guests, at festive events or at charitable functions, they demonstrate their immense stylistic range in various orchestral arrangements – from quartet via jazz combo to big band.

VARIETY

CREATIVITY

MUSICAL VOICE

**“MY ACHIEVEMENTS
IN SPORTS OFFER
ME CHANCES IN
MY JOB”**





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FEDERAL POLICE
SPORTS ACADEMIES

PROMOTING TALENTS

PASSION

ENTHUSIASM FOR SPORTS

PROMOTING HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORTS

From Olympic disciplines to police work

The Federal Police promote performance-oriented sports talents in various disciplines, offering a professional perspective at the same time.

The promotion comprises twelve Olympic winter sports as well as ten Olympic summer and all-year sports activities.

The Federal Police Sports Academy Bad Endorf (Bavaria) promotes alpine skiing, biathlon, freestyle, Nordic combined, cross-country skiing, ski jumping, speed skating, short-track, bobsleigh, luge, snowboarding, and skeleton.

The Federal Police Academy in the Brandenburg area of Kienbaum is the centre for track and field athletics and gymnastics, cycling and canoeing as well as the disciplines of judo, rowing, archery and sport shooting. Karate has been in its testing phase since 2021.

Once their careers in these high performance sports come to an end, the athletes – by then fully trained police officers – are offered manifold opportunities within the Federal Police.

»Serial Offenders on Air«



“RADIO DISCIPLINE”

BPOL-Podcast. Learn more from real Federal Police folk.



The police radio is one of the most important instruments for communication in the daily work of the Federal Police. But one thing is really important: Radio discipline! Communication only works target-oriented and comprehensible with discipline. “Radio Discipline” is also the title of the Federal Police podcast.

Our colleagues Johanna, Susann, Simon, Daniel and Philipp exchange their radio sets for a microphone every now and then. They let the public see behind the curtain of the everyday work at the Federal Police.

What is the difference between Federal Police and the general police force? What areas of operation are there? What is the training all about and what are the first few days in service like? And of course: How do

I apply properly to the Federal Police what do I have to look out for in the application procedure? This and much more is discussed by our podcast team, also giving a good insight into their experiences and personal observations, meaning – always authentic, straight from the horse’s mouth and sometimes even completely without “radio discipline”.

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