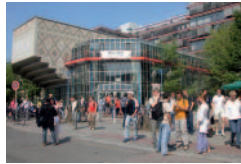


The Capital Region: Number-One in Research and Development.

7 universities and 21 other higher-education institutions with more than 182,000 students, as well as over 100 private and public institutes and development facilities make Berlin-Brandenburg one of the densest research networks in Europe. Automotive companies and innovative component suppliers alike benefit from the know-how of the Technical Universities in Berlin and Cottbus, the Universities of Applied Technology in Berlin, Cottbus, Brandenburg an der Havel, Senftenberg and Wildau, as well as several Max Planck and Fraunhofer Institutes.



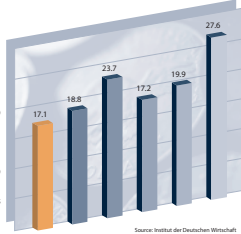
Mathematics Institute at the Technical University Berlin

Being successful costs less here.

Compared to most western industrial nations the Capital Region has convincing arguments in its favour, including low labour cost and longer, more flexible working hours. Recent investment decisions in favour of the region show that the Berlin-Brandenburg economic region is also cost-competitive with central and eastern European countries.

Labour costs per hour in western industrialized countries in euros, 2004 (manufacturing sector)

■ Germany (east)
■ Ireland
■ The Netherlands
■ Italy
■ UK
■ Germany (west)

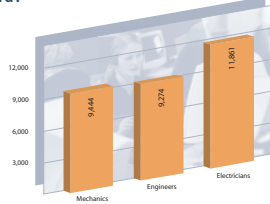


Source: Institut der Deutschen Wirtschaft (Institute of the German Economy)

Motivated specialists are easy to find.

Qualified and motivated staff are available in Germany's Capital Region for all occupations and trades relevant to the automotive industry. Berlin Partner and ZukunftsAgentur Brandenburg (ZAB) offer comprehensive service packages to help companies recruit and train new staff.

Availability of skilled workers in the region



Source: Dem-Lieferanten, Berlin-Brandenburg Employment Services, 09/2005

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Sony Center on Potsdamer Platz



Glöckcher Brücke linking Berlin with Potsdam



Sanssouci Palace in Potsdam



One of thousands of "in places"

High level of development promotion, good quality of life, best service.

■ Your investment is really worth something here.

As an Objective-1 and Objective-2 area of the European Union, Berlin-Brandenburg offers you the best development-promotion terms in Europe. You can also benefit from the development-promotion measures for eastern Germany sponsored by the Federal Government. Capital investment grants of up to 30 percent for large companies and up to 50 percent for small to medium-sized companies are available.

■ Real quality of life. Incomparable.

The region combines the international flair of an international metropolis - Berlin - with the fascinating natural landscapes and historical sights of Brandenburg. More than 170 museums, 150 stages and about 500 palaces, churches and parks await your visit. The choice of sporting activities - such as golf, riding, water sports, flying and so many more - seems unlimited. The club scene is unique in Germany and there are a host of major international events.

■ For you: all services from a single source.

Berlin and Brandenburg support investors with the unique "one-stop service" provided by Berlin Partner and ZukunftsAgentur Brandenburg. Companies can get an almost complete overview of the Capital Region's "hard" and "soft" location factors at the Business Location Center, the only business information system of its kind anywhere in Germany.

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Short distances to Europe's carmakers.

Germany's Capital Region Berlin-Brandenburg is the automotive powerhouse at the centre of Europe, the world's biggest producer and second largest market for road vehicles. Over 90 percent of all European vehicle manufacturers are no more than a day's truck drive away.

More than 150 companies in the sector with approx. 9,000 employees and numerous research and development institutions are already settled in the Berlin-Brandenburg region.



Door element from ThyssenKrupp

Berlin-Brandenburg automotive region.



Sprinter production line at DaimlerChrysler in Ludwigsfelde

Your advantages in Berlin-Brandenburg.

- Proximity to the European growth markets and leading automobile manufacturers
- Highly qualified, motivated and available workforce
- Lower labour costs and flexible working hours
- Above-average productivity of labour
- Best investment promotion in Europe
- Swift and unbureaucratic approval procedures
- Stable political and economic environment
- Large industrial sites available
- Excellent transport and telecommunications infrastructure
- Highest density of research facilities in Germany



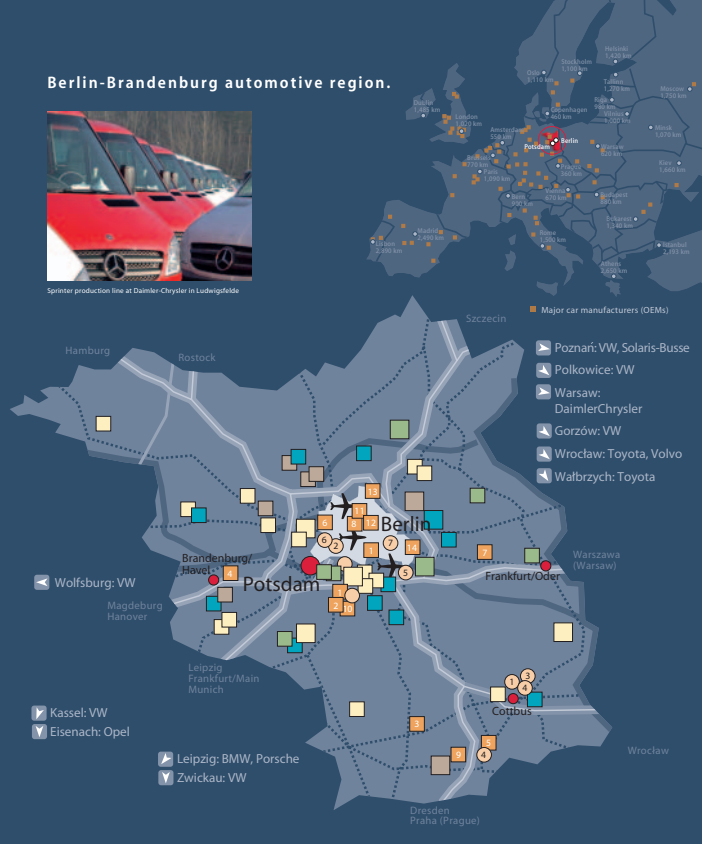
Motorcycle production at BMW in Berlin

Eyes on the markets of the future.

A new, global centre of the automotive industry has developed in the east of Germany and the neighbouring central and eastern European countries. Manufacturing capacity for over 2 million vehicles a year is currently being built by such technology leaders as BMW, DaimlerChrysler, Opel, Porsche and Volkswagen. This is also the region supplying the receptive markets in central and eastern Europe.



Jetcar at the Hannover Fair



- Selected companies from the sector
- Industry-related training and research institutions
- Suppliers of plastics, rubber, other materials
- Suppliers to the metalworking and mechanical-engineering industry
- Suppliers for electrical engineering, electronics, electromechanical equipment
- Suppliers for automation, maintenance, logistics

- Dresden: VW
- Prague/Kolin: Toyota/PSA
- Mlada Boleslav: Skoda

The network for success.

Selected automotive-industry companies and installations in Germany's Capital Region:

- 1 DaimlerChrysler**
Production of the Sprinter, manufacture of petrol and diesel engines and components for the Smart and MB cars
Ludwigsfelde and Berlin - www.daimlerchrysler.com
- 2 ThyssenKrupp**
Thyssen Umformtechnik-Guss GmbH, car and bodywork parts: spare parts, parts for mass production, tools and devices - Ludwigsfelde - www.thyssenkrupp.com
- 3 Intier Automotive Interiors**
Interior door panelling - Massen - www.intier.com
- 4 ZF**
Development and production of car transmissions, development and production of steering systems - Brandenburg an der Havel and Berlin - www.zf.com
- 5 DEKRA**
Automobile testing and assessment centre, homologation tests, engineering, CDP - Lausitzring and Berlin - www.dekra.com
- 6 BMW**
Manufacturing and assembly of motorcycles - Berlin - www.bmw.de
- 7 Goodyear Dunlop Germany**
Company of the Goodyear/Sumitomo group, development and production of tyres for cars and trucks, special tyres - Fürstenwalde - www.dunlop.de
- 8 AutoSysteme**
Subsidiary of Volkswagen Bordnetz GmbH, development and production of vehicle energy system solutions including precabling and highly complex on-board systems - Berlin - www.volkswagen-bordnetz.de - www.autosysteme.de
- 9 BASF**
Development and production of water-based paints and PUW systems for the automotive industry - Schwarzheide - www.basf.de
- 10 VW Original Teile Logistik**
Supplier of east Germany with original parts for the VW, Audi, Seat and Skoda brands - Ludwigsfelde - www.volkswagen.de
- 11 IAV**
Engineering in the field of vehicles, automotive electronics, engines and drives - Berlin - www.iav.de
- 12 carmeq**
Project management, process design, development of software modules and system architectures - Berlin - www.carmeq.de
- 13 DELPHI**
Engineering laboratory for vehicle safety, production of wiring harnesses - Berlin - www.delphi.com
- 14 TAKATA-PETRI**
Research and development in the field of car passenger-protection systems (steering-wheel, airbag and safety-belt systems) - Berlin - www.takata-petri.com
- 1 BTU Brandenburg Technical University**
Specialized in lightweight construction technology - Cottbus - www.pantech.tu-cottbus.de
- 2 Technical University (TU)**
For example: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Transport Systems, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science - Berlin - www.tu-berlin.de
- 3 Fraunhofer Application Centre**
Logistic systems planning and information systems for the automotive industry - Cottbus - www.ifl.thg.de
- 4 Lausitz University of Applied Technology**
Computer science/electrical engineering/mechanical engineering: piston and dynamical type compressor/turbosuperchargers, robotics, tribology - Cottbus and Senftenberg - www.ltu-lausitz.de
- 5 Wildau University of Applied Sciences**
Engineering, industrial engineering - Wildau - www.fh-wildau.de
- 6 THH Berlin - University of Applied Technology**
University courses in mechanical engineering and business administration/engineering - Berlin - www.fhh-berlin.de
- Associated Institutes**
Laser Laboratory Adlershof (LLA), Institute for Process-Adaptive and experience-led automation (IPEA), Institute for Technology and Environmental Protection (INTUS) - Berlin - www.fh-berlin.de/forschung
- 7 University of Applied Sciences and Business Berlin (FHWT)**
Bachelor and master course in automotive engineering - Berlin - www.fhw-berlin.de



Light tunnel, Uwe Braun GmbH

