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Bilateral committees



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Economic talks



Working groups



Conferences



Publications



Delegation visits



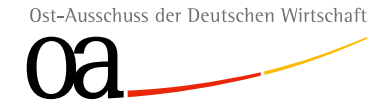
Economic forums



Training



Third party funded projects



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OUR PROFILE

Thanks to its proximity to Germany, its continued strong demand for modernization and its growing purchasing power, Eastern Europe is a major **region of opportunity** for the German economy. Founded in 1952, the German Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations has the richest tradition of any regional initiative of German business. Our goal is to improve the framework conditions for German companies in Eastern and Southeastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia. As a strong voice, we represent the interests of those companies in bilateral committees and in the public sphere. A major focus of our work is the promotion of small and medium-sized enterprises.

We **inform** our members about current market developments through delegation visits, specialist conferences and working groups as well as print and online publications.

We **network** companies with the Federal Government and the governments of our 21 partner countries and provide valuable contacts to the relevant economic players in the region.

We **act** on behalf of German business as a whole in bilateral working groups and committees, promoting the business interests of our members and addressing their corporate needs.



OUR SERVICES

- Around 100 events annually
- Country- and theme-specific working groups
- Assistance in market entry
- Delegation visits, conferences, specialist talks
- Networking events and receptions
- Project support
- Network of contacts to government agencies and industry associations
- Print and online publications, annual reports, position papers

OUR PROJECTS

- Our **contact point for small and medium-sized enterprises** helps companies enter new markets.
- Through projects such as the **Zoran Djindjic Internship Programme of German Business for the Countries of the Western Balkans**, the **Internship Programme of German Business for Ukraine** and the **German-Russian Dialogue Baden-Baden**, we establish new networks for German business.
- With conferences such as the **east forum Berlin**, we promote the dialogue on a common European economic region.
- **Consultation projects** in our partner countries promote market-oriented economies.

OUR GOALS

- Promoting small and medium-sized enterprises
- Ensuring legal security and compliance
- Abolishing trade barriers and visa restrictions
- Establishing a common economic region from Lisbon to Vladivostok

OUR MEMBERS

All companies with a registered office in Germany can apply for **membership**. The German Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations currently has some 200 member companies – from small and medium-sized enterprises and start-ups to DAX companies.

Our members meet every summer for a major **annual event**. **Country and working groups** meet once or twice a year, the **Executive Committee** and **Presidium** up to four times a year.

The German Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations is supported by five German industry associations: the **Federation of German Industries** (BDI), the **Association of German Banks** (BdB), the **German Insurance Association** (GDV), the **Foreign Trade Association of German Retailers** (AVE), and the **German Confederation of Skilled Crafts** (ZDH).

For the latest information about our work please visit our **website** at www.ost-ausschuss.de, follow us on **Twitter** @OstAusschuss, and subscribe to our our monthly **newsletter**.

SERVICES FOR (NEW) MEMBERS

If you have any questions about membership please contact our central **Members Service**: Tel.: +49 (0) 30 20 61 67-115, OA-Mitglieder@bdi.eu.

New members are warmly invited to join us for breakfast at our offices so that we can get to know one another.

We look forward to hearing from you and answering your questions!