GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Frank-Walter STEINMEIER
Head of Government
Chancellor Angela MERKEL
Government Type
federal parliamentary republic
Capital
Berlin

Legislature
bicameral Parliament or Parliament consists of the Federal Council or Bundesrat (69 seats) and the Federal Diet or Bundestag (709 seats)
Judiciary
Federal Court of Justice (court consists of 127 judges and is organized into 25 Senates subdivided into civil, criminal, and special panels; Federal Constitutional Court or Bundesverfassungsgericht
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Emily Margarethe HABER
US Ambassador
Ambassador Richard GRENNELL

GEOGRAPHY

Area
total: 357,022 sq km
land: 348,672 sq km
water: 8,350 sq km
Climate
temperate and marine; cool, cloudy, wet winters and summers; occasional warm mountain (foehn) wind
Natural Resources
coal, lignite, natural gas, iron ore, copper, nickel, uranium, potash, salt, construction materials, timber, arable land

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
80.6 million (July 2017 est.)
Population Growth Rate
-0.16% (2017 est.)
Ethnic Groups
German 91.5%, Turkish 2.4%, other 6.1% (made up largely of Polish, Italian, Romanian, Syrian, and Greek)
Religion
Roman Catholic 29%, Protestant 27%, Muslim 4.4%, Orthodox Christian 1.9%, other 1.7%, none or members of unrecorded religious groups 36% (2015 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 77.3% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 0.27% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
Europe’s largest economy is a world leading exporter that benefits from a highly skilled labor force and favorable euro exchange rate; social welfare system is challenged by low fertility and high immigration rates
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)$4.15 trillion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)$50,200 (2017 est.)
Exports
$1.401 trillion (2017 est.)
partners: US 8.8%, France 8.2%, China 6.8%, Netherlands 6.7%, UK 6.6%, Italy 5.1%, Austria 4.9%, Poland 4.7%, Switzerland 4.2% (2017)
Imports
$1.104 trillion (2017 est.)
partners: Netherlands 13.8%, China 7%, France 6.6%, Belgium 5.9%, Italy 5.4%, Poland 5.4%, Czech Republic 4.8%, US 4.5%, Austria 4.3% (2017)

as of July 2018