

Lower Saxony

INFORMATION ABOUT LOWER SAXONY

Lower Saxony is Germany's second-largest state, stretching from the Harz Mountains in the east to the North Sea in the west. It borders the North Sea, eight other federal states, and the Netherlands. Niedersachsen's size and location put it right in the center of the major trans-European trade routes.

This central location has attracted the headquarters of a significant number of foreign companies and some of the world's largest trade fairs, including the Hanover Industrial Trade Fair. Twenty inland harbors and nine sea harbors make the state a hub for international freight transportation. Luxury cruise ships are also constructed here, and the JadeWeserPort under construction in Wilhelmshaven will be Germany's largest deep-water port.

These industries are joined by agriculture, logistics, electronic engineering, steel, chemicals, and travel. At the same time, companies in e-business, biotechnology, and high-tech are growing rapidly. The region's major industry, however, is undoubtedly the automotive sector. The state is also famous for its more than 30 institutions of higher learning, such as those at Braunschweig and Göttingen, and its research centers, particularly those in science, medicine, and aerospace.

BUSINESS RELATED SITES IN LOWER SAXONY

Foreign entrepreneurs will find many state level institutions that offer helpful support for business operations.

The State of Niedersachsen

The official website of the State of Niedersachsen is a first source of information on local matters.

<http://www.international.niedersachsen.de>

Ministry for the Economy, Labour, Transport and Digitalization of Lower Saxony

The website of the Ministry for Economy, Labour, Transport and Digitalization of Lower Saxony offers comprehensive information about foreign trade promotion of the German federal state of Lower Saxony.

<http://www.mw.niedersachsen.de>

Lower Saxon Association of Chambers of Craft

The Lower Saxony Chambers of Crafts are non-profit corporations under public law which provide a wide range of services to promote a strong and competitive skilled crafts sector in Lower Saxony and represent the interests of its members in politics as well as vis-à-vis the public administration.

<http://www.handwerk-lhn.de>

Tourism Marketing Niedersachsen

Online travel guide of the TourismusMarketing Niedersachsen GmbH (TMN).

<http://www.niedersachsen-tourism.de>

POINT OF SINGLE CONTACT IN LOWER SAXONY

Service businesses from EU Member States seeking for support with the German administrative procedures may address the local Points of Single Contact. These state run one-stop-shops will guide them through the necessary paper work.



If you would like to offer your services or start a service company according to the European Services Directive in the state of Niedersachsen, our service portal provides you all the necessary information and support in all administrative processes online and lets you get in touch directly with the competent authorities.

+ [Point of Single Contact in Lower Saxony](#)

The service of the Points of Single Contact is optional. Entrepreneurs may always contact the relevant authorities directly, if they prefer. Moreover, there are many institutions at the state level that may be addressed for further support.

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