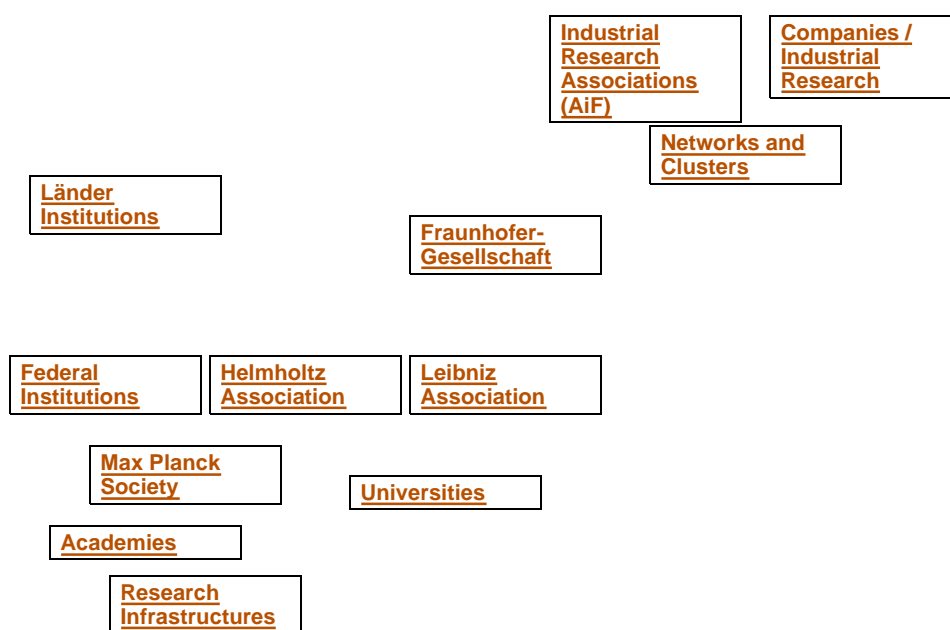


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## Research Performing Organisations



### Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft

The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft conducts applied research for private as well as public enterprises and for the general benefit of the public. It has more than 80 units overall, including 60 Fraunhofer Institutes in Germany, and is the largest organisation for applied research in Europe.

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### Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres

The Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres provides top scientific achievements to society, science and industry for addressing the major challenges of today. The Helmholtz Association is the largest scientific organisation in Germany.

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### Leibniz Association

The Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Scientific Community (WGL), known as the Leibniz Association, is the umbrella organisation for 87 research institutions which address scientific issues of importance to society as a whole. It stands out for its enormous diversity of themes addressed by the institutes.

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MAX-PLANCK-GESellschaft

### Max Planck Society

The Max Planck Society (MPG) is an independent, non-profit research organisation named after the world-famous physicist Max Planck (1858 - 1947). Primarily, the MPG performs basic research in natural science as well as in humanities, thus complementing research projects at universities.

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### Universities

Germany is home to almost 400 universities providing a variety of disciplines. Academic formation is characterised by a close link between education and research. This principle has a long tradition and was coined by Wilhelm von Humboldt (1767-1835), philosopher and founder of Humboldt University in Berlin.

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### Academies of Science

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### Federal Research Institutions

The Federal Government funds 38 research institutes that the Federal Ministries are in charge of. This departmental research is always directly related to the activity fields of a ministry. Its main task is to support the respective Federal Ministry's activities and to provide the necessary scientific basis for the execution of sovereign tasks.

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### "Länder" Institutions

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### Companies / Industrial Research

German companies are among the most innovative in Europe. At 67.9%, the proportion of industry-based and financed investments in research and development is particularly high. Companies cooperate especially closely in the field of applied research.

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### German Federation of Industrial Research Associations (AiF)



The "German Federation of Industrial Research Associations" (AiF) was founded in 1954. As a registered non-profit association, the AiF promotes research and development (R&D) in all industry sectors in favour of small and medium-sized enterprises (SME). The association acts at Federal as well as European level.

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### Research Infrastructures

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