

WHAT DOES THE FINANCE MINISTRY DO?

FEDERAL ASSETS

The Finance Ministry manages the Federation's assets, including real estate and holdings in companies.

FEDERAL BUDGET

Every year, the Ministry prepares a budget and fiscal plan based on expected revenue and expenditure.

UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

We keep abreast of new developments in all areas of IT, including artificial intelligence, quantum computing, automation and digitalisation. Our objective is to ensure that Germany's tax administration is coherent, standardised and up-to-date.

CUSTOMS

As the Finance Ministry's largest executive agency, the customs administration works to protect citizens, the economy and the environment.

FIGHTING TAX FRAUD

The Finance Ministry is working hard to close tax loopholes. We have enhanced the powers of the government task force that fights tax evasion schemes.

EUROPEAN POLICY

The Ministry's directorate-general for European policy coordinates Germany's positions on EU budgetary and financial issues.

A STABLE, COMPETITIVE EUROPE

We are an advocate of responsible budget management in the EU. In addition, we are committed to establishing globally competitive capital market conditions in Europe.

PUBLIC FINANCES

These cover all of a state's activities that result in revenue or expenditure. Stable public finances safeguard the state's ability to take effective action and facilitate sustained economic growth. In addition to being responsible for the federal budget, the Finance Ministry also oversees financial relations between all levels of government: federal, state and local. Furthermore, for over 70 years now, the Finance Ministry's remit has included compensation measures to make amends for crimes committed by the National Socialist regime.

INVESTMENT

Investment fosters innovation and helps to create the jobs of tomorrow. Private capital plays a crucial role here, and the Finance Ministry is committed to providing a policy framework that is conducive to private investment.

FINANCING THE TRANSITION TO A CARBON-NEUTRAL ECONOMY

The Finance Ministry is helping to finance the shift towards a climate-friendly future. Funding for renewable energy safeguards the energy supply and creates new jobs.

FINANCIAL MARKET POLICY

The Finance Ministry is committed to ensuring a stable, future-proof financial system. We keep abreast of the opportunities and challenges posed by new technologies.

TAX POLICY

Taxes are the most important source of revenue for the state. The Finance Ministry is committed to the prudent management of taxpayers' money.

INTERNATIONAL TAX LAW

The Finance Ministry is a worldwide advocate for a fair tax system. We work with our international partners to take action against tax havens.

