

OSH AUTHORITIES

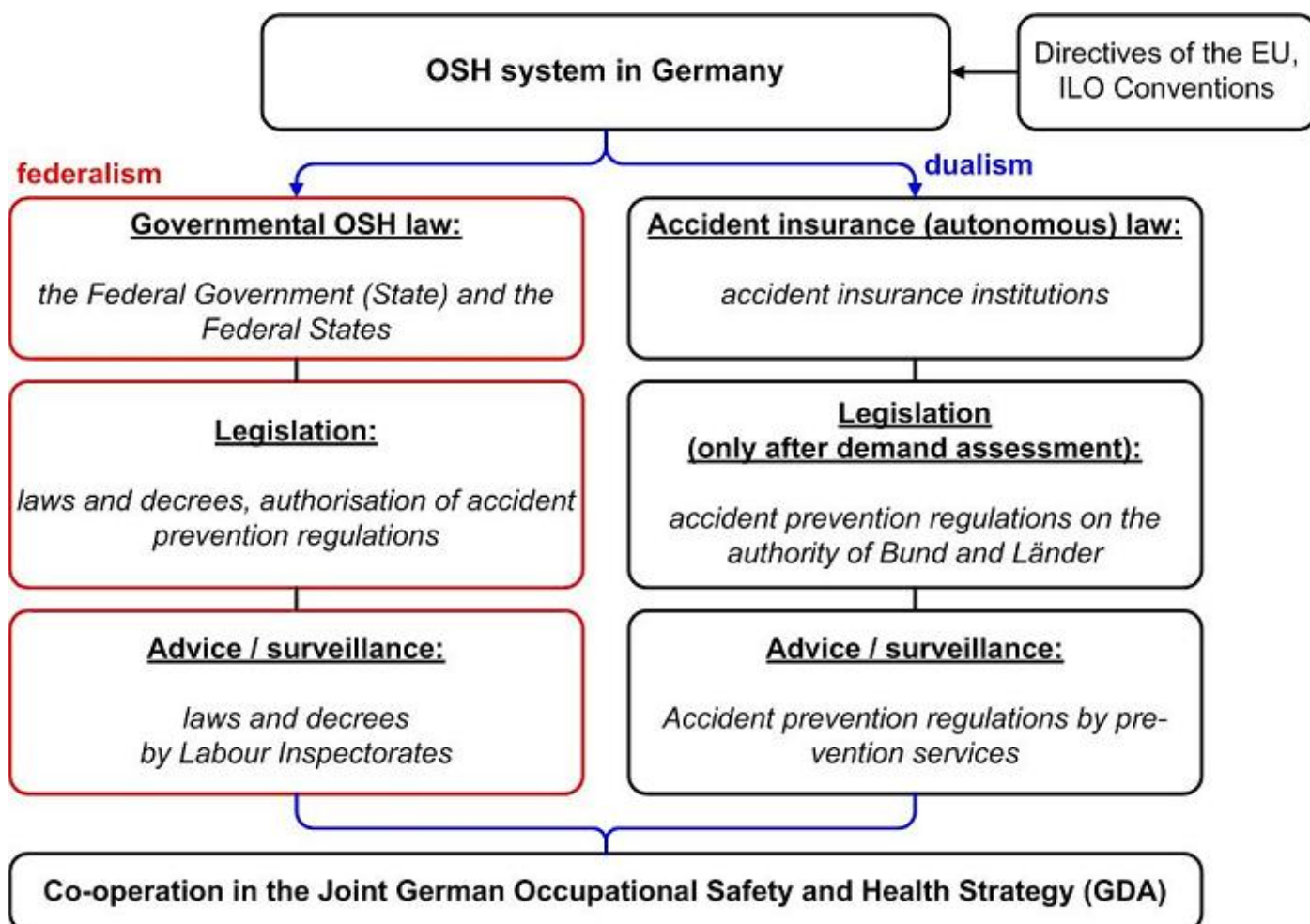
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▪ **OSH Authorities:**

Name of Authority	Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
Link	http://www.bmas.de/EN/Our-Topics/our-topics.html
Short abstract	<p>The Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales, BMAS) is the ministry in the areas of labour market, labour law, occupational safety and health, initial and continuing training, social security, pensions and the participation of persons with disabilities.</p> <p>The BMAS prepares laws, ordinances and technical rules in the field of occupational safety and health. Furthermore, the Ministry supervises the social accident insurance institutions and the Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (Bundesanstalt für Arbeitsschutz und Arbeitsmedizin, BAuA) and it is represented in the National Occupational Safety and Health Conference of the Joint German OSH Strategy as well as in the National Prevention Conference.</p>
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Name of Authority	The Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (Bundesanstalt für Arbeitsschutz und Arbeitsmedizin, BAuA)
Link	https://www.baua.de/EN/Home/Home_node.html
Short abstract	<p>The Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (Bundesanstalt für Arbeitsschutz und Arbeitsmedizin, BAuA) is a public-law institution without legal capacity. As a federal authority (Bundesbehörde), it is directly responsible to the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS). As a governmental research institution (Ressortforschungseinrichtung), it advises the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in all matters of occupational safety and health and on the humane design of working conditions. As a federal institution with R&D functions, BAuA operates at the interface between science and politics and renders transfer services from the science system into policy, corporate practice and the broader society and vice versa. BAuA's tasks range from policy advice, research and development in OSH and the performance of sovereign duties through to transferring knowledge into corporate practice and the educational and instructional work done by the DASA Working World Exhibition.</p>
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■ Compensation and insurance bodies

Name of the Body	German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV)
Link	http://www.dguv.de/en/index.jsp
Short abstract	The German Social Accident Insurance (Deutsche Gesetzliche Unfallversicherung, DGUV) is the umbrella organisation of the social accident insurance institutions for the industrial and the public sector[90]. The DGUV members consist of nine branch-specific social accident insurance institutions for the industrial sector (called Berufsgenossenschaften) and 19 social accident insurance institutions for the public sector (called Unfallkassen or Gemeindeunfallversicherungsverbände), four social accident insurance institutions for fire services (Feuerwehr-Unfallkassen) and the accident insurance of the Federal Government and the Railway Services (Unfallversicherung Bund und Bahn).
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Name of the Body	Social Insurance for Agriculture, Forestry and Horticulture (SVLFG)
Link	http://www.svlfg.de/11-wir/index.html
Short abstract	<p>The Social Insurance for Agriculture, Forestry and Horticulture (SVLFG) covers the social protection for accidents, health, pensions and nursing care of persons working in agriculture and forestry.</p> <p>Since January 2013 the Social Insurance for Agriculture, Forestry and Horticulture is the succeeding umbrella organisation on federal level of the former Agricultural Social Insurance (Spitzenverband der landwirtschaftlichen Sozialversicherung, LSV) of the agricultural accident insurances (landwirtschaftlichen Berufsgenossenschaften), the agricultural pension funds (landwirtschaftlichen Alterskassen), the agricultural health insurances (landwirtschaftlichen Krankenkassen) and the agricultural long term care insurances (landwirtschaftlichen Pflegekassen).</p> <p>The SVLFG attends to the interests of its members and promotes their tasks for the benefit of the insured and the companies. It represents the agricultural social security face to face with politics, federal, European and other national and international institutions, the social partners, federal courts and the European Court.</p>
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■ Research institutes

Name of the institute	Bundesanstalt für Arbeitsschutz und Arbeitsmedizin (BAuA)
Link	https://www.baua.de/EN/Home/Home_node.html
Short abstract	The BAuA explores the conditions and developments in gainful employment with a view to providing workers with the best possible protection and support both today and in the future. Based in Dortmund and with locations in Berlin and Dresden, as well as a branch in Chemnitz, the BAuA is under the control of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS).
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Name of the institute	Landesinstitut für Arbeitsgestaltung (LIA)
Link	https://www.lia.nrw.de
Short abstract	<p>In the 100-member-strong team, employees from the fields of medicine, ergonomics, psychology, sociology, physics, chemistry, biology, technology and engineering as well as administration work across disciplines to identify future-oriented questions and problems from the world of work, to develop design approaches and insights to spread.</p> <p>The aim is to preserve and promote the employability and well-being of workers through a healthy work design.</p>
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■ Prevention services

Name of Authority	German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV)
Link	http://www.dguv.de/en/index.jsp

Short abstract	The DGUV supports its members (Berufsgenossenschaften, Unfallkassen, Gemeindeunfallversicherungsverbände) in the development of common measures for OSH prevention, the promotion of the ongoing development of rehabilitation and addresses new methods and approaches in vocational training. In addition, the German Social Accident Insurance is divided into six regional associations. These regional associations take over common regional tasks in the areas of prevention and rehabilitation.
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▪ Other OSH services

Name of Association	The German Federal Association for Occupational Safety and Health (Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft Sicherheit und Gesundheit bei der Arbeit, BASI)
Link	http://www.basi.de/
Short abstract	The German Federal Association for Occupational Safety and Health consists of 82 institutions and national organisations in the field of OSH (ministries on national and regional level, unions, social accident insurance institutions, health insurances, OSH professional and scientific associations), which collaborate on a voluntary basis. The BASI mainly organises the International Congress and Trade Show on Occupational Health and Safety (A+A), which is the largest national and one of the biggest international meeting for OSH experts.
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Name of Association	The German Network for Workplace Health Promotion (Deutsches Netzwerk für Betriebliche Gesundheitsförderung, DNBGF)
Link	http://www.dnbgf.de/
Short abstract	The German Network for Workplace Health Promotion is intended to promote health at workplaces. The DNBGF integrates existing activities and encourages the consideration of previously neglected areas. Other tasks include the exchange of and the preparation of research results and good case studies in order to convince decision makers of the benefits of workplace health promotion.

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Name of Association	The Society for Occupational Science (Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft, GfA)
Link	http://www.gesellschaft-fuer-arbeitswissenschaft.de
Short abstract	The Society for Occupational Science is an association of scientists and other interested parties with the aim of promoting the occupational science. Occupational science is concerned with the analysis, planning and design of work processes and includes the technical, organisational and social conditions of work. The GfA functions as a platform for interaction between science and practice as well as all interested social groups.
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Name of Association	The Health and Work Initiative (Initiative Gesundheit und Arbeit, iga)
Link	http://www.iga-info.de/
Short abstract	Within the Health and Work Initiative the BKK Federal Association (BKK Bundesverband, health insurance), the AOK Federal Association (AOK-Bundesverband, health insurance), the Association of Health Insurance Companies (Verband der Ersatzkassen, vdek) and the German Social Accident Insurance DGUV cooperate in OSH prevention and workplace health promotion. These four associations further develop successful procedures in projects in occupational safety and health promotion as well as workplace health promotion. For example, they develop new prevention methods for accident and health insurance companies and their member companies and evaluate these methods.
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Name of Association	The Initiative New Quality of Work (Initiative Neue Qualität der Arbeit, INQA)
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Link	http://www.inqa.de/
Short abstract	<p>The Initiative New Quality of Work was created in 2002 by the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and aims at improving the quality of work by providing attractive and healthy working conditions as well as a modern, employee-oriented corporate culture.</p> <p>Therefore INQA offers practical support for companies in four strategic fields of human resources policy: management, equal opportunities and diversity, health and knowledge and competences. Here it offers for example up-to-date information, event notes, research projects, more than 180 publications e.g. from successfully implemented research projects, practical action-aids, practical tools and the „Top 100 – Good Business Practice“ database, which contains successful best-practice interventions. Its aim is to provide an uncomplicated, practical and informative exchange of experiences in the field of human resources policy between companies.</p>
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▪ Standardization bodies

Name of Body	The German Institute for Standardisation (Deutsches Institut für Normung e.V., DIN)
Link	http://www.din.de/
Short abstract	The German Institute for Standardisation is the official German standardisation body. This registered non-profit association was acknowledged by an agreement with the German Federal Government. DIN represents German interests in European and international standards organisations. The primary task is to work closely together with its stakeholders (industry, government, associations) to develop consensus-based national and international standards that meet market requirements.
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