Is the political and business landscape favorable for doing business (Links to an external site.)Links to an external site. in that country? What do you think will be the biggest challenges for US wanting to do business in that country?

Overall, Germany is credited for it’s strict, intellectual, and respectable people that makes up its economy. Being the fourth largest economy, Germany’s economy is experiencing a bit of prosperity, and, people standard of living and income has improved greatly. So, is Germany really the pocket full of sunshine that it is projected to be? Out of nearly 170 countries, Germany is ranked eleventh in the world for having the most corruption based off certain sectors; and, we can infer from the information that Germany is a relatively a great place for doing business (Transparency 2015). The ease of doing business is pretty good in Germany based on the data. The World Bank ranks Germany at twenty-fourth place as the easiest places to do business since 2018. However, there are some factors that makes it very difficult to conduct business in Germany.

It’s easy to do business in Germany if you get several factors that make conducting business a nightmare. However, we will only look at three factors that are more important than others. These three factors are actually starting your business, enforcing contracts, and registering property. Despite Germany being ranked so high in the business world it is relatively difficult to start a business in this country. Germany is ranked 114 in the world for starting a business. (The World Bank) Companies must follow strict procedures that are leant in the American market. Companies must also register with the Local Chamber of Industry and Commerce, the Local Commercial Register, the Local Office of Business and Standards, and the Professional Association of the Relevant Trade. (TMF) All of these establishments have varied times of completing your paperwork. God forbids that you’ve waited eight months for your paperwork to be processed and there is an error on the papers causing you to redo the paperwork and wait another 8-15 months. Another factor is enforcing contracts. Contracts are handles by Germany’s legal system. It usually takes almost two years for the contract to be enforced and nearly another two years to resolve liquidation. Finally, the last factor is registering property. The World Bank rank Germany at 78 out of 173 for registering property. Registering property takes an average of 95 days to complete all procedures to register your property. (John-Taylor) Tax is due about four weeks after the deed has been signed by the buyer and seller. (John-Taylor) Companies have to obtain a solution from the Land Registry and legalize the agreement before acquiring a wavier of preemption rights with Germany’s government. Overall, if you have the patience to wait for long periods of time, then doing business in Germany is easy and very profitable for the entrepreneur.

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