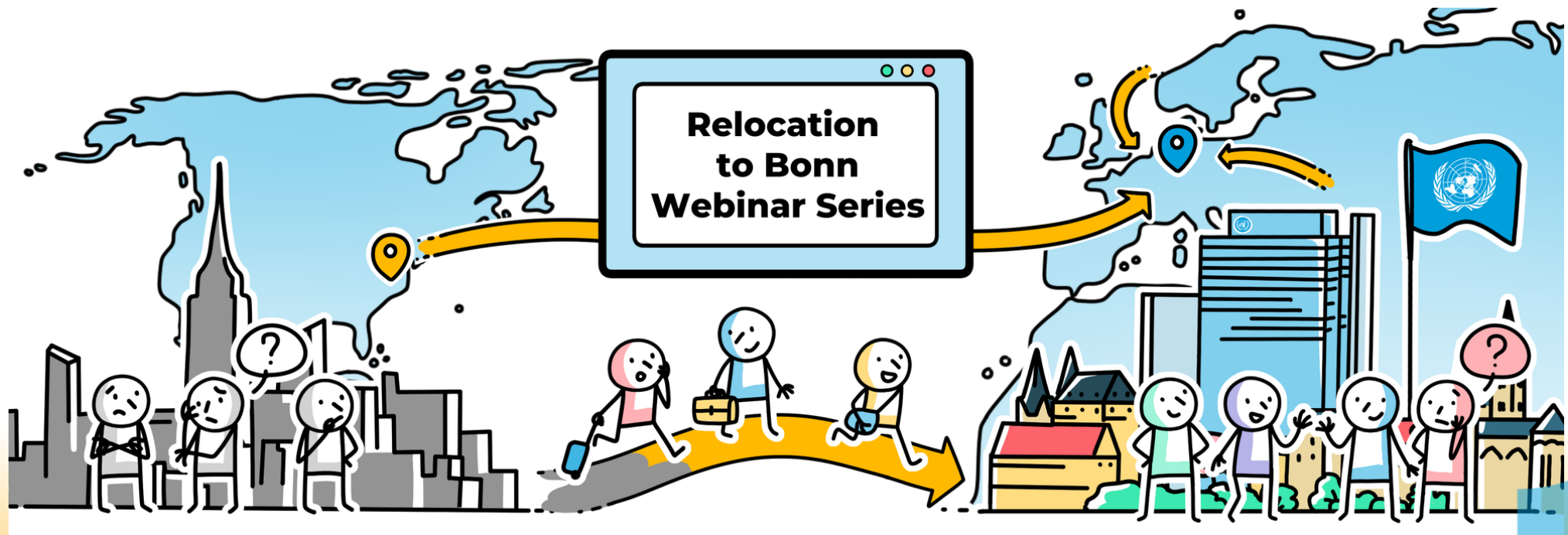


# Relocation to Bonn – Webinar Series

## Webinar 2: Tips for staff and partners



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## Career move to Bonn: Tips for Staff and Partners



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The UN Refugee Agency



World Health  
Organization

# Agenda

- **First Steps in Bonn & Support Services**
- **Overview of the Local Labour Market**
- **Job Search Services**
- **Q & A**

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# Ulrike Nauroth - Staff Advisor – City of Bonn

## Communication, Outreach, International Staff Services Department of International Affairs and Global Sustainability, City of Bonn

- Part of the team in the Department of International Affairs since 2007.
- Initial focus on English-language communication and outreach activities.
- International staff services since 2020.
- Previous professional experience included working in the Human Resources Department of the former U.S. Embassy in Bonn and serving as head of the translation office for the defense attaché.
- Married, three children.



# Meet Bonn - Germany's United Nations City and Sustainability Hub

*- Profile, Outreach, Services -*

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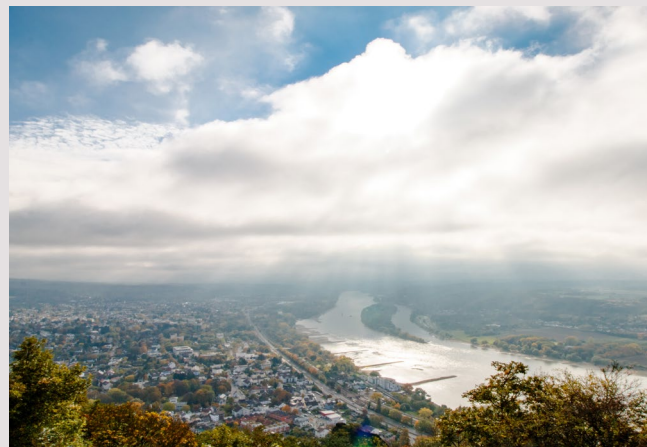
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Department of International Affairs and Global Sustainability,  
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## Charming city on the Rhine - green and manageable



- Germany's former capital city
- Roughly 340,000 inhabitants
- Beautifully situated on the Rhine river



## Germany's United Nations City

- 28 UN agencies, including the Climate Secretariat and the United Nations Volunteers programme or the UN SDG Action Campaign, for instance, are working in Bonn to implement the 2030 Agenda
- Shared motto of UN Bonn: Shaping a Sustainable Future
- Bonn Sustainability Hub includes international organizations, a unique sustainability cluster and a lively exchange in relevant networks



## Top destination for major UN Conferences

- Large conferences like COP 9 CBD or COP 23 UNFCCC or annual SB meetings UNCCC
- World Conference Center – conference venue tailored to the needs of the United Nations (up to 7,000 PAX)



Home to global  
players and hidden  
champions



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Dynamic business location:

International appeal and  
forward-looking industries

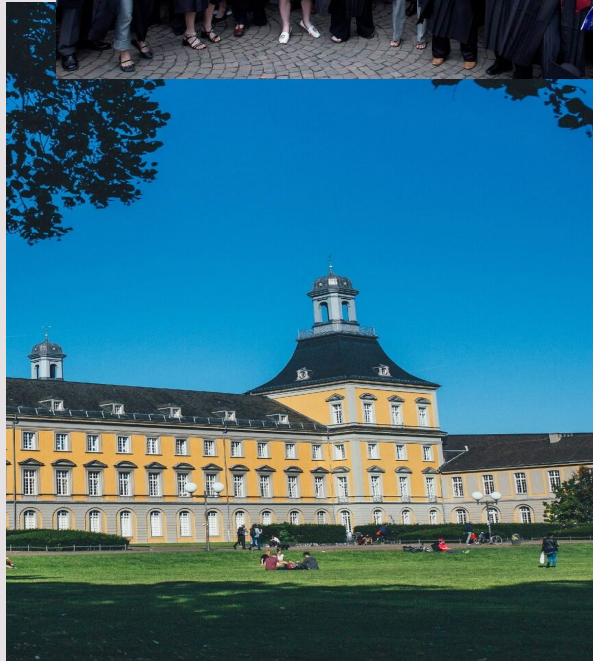


- Steadily growing and highly qualified workforce
- Service industry location
- 2,500 skilled trades businesses
- Bonn Region Sustainability Hub
- Cyber Campus Bonn

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Valuable synergies and  
competence in science  
and research



- University of Excellence
- Major research institutions
- National organizations promoting scientific exchange

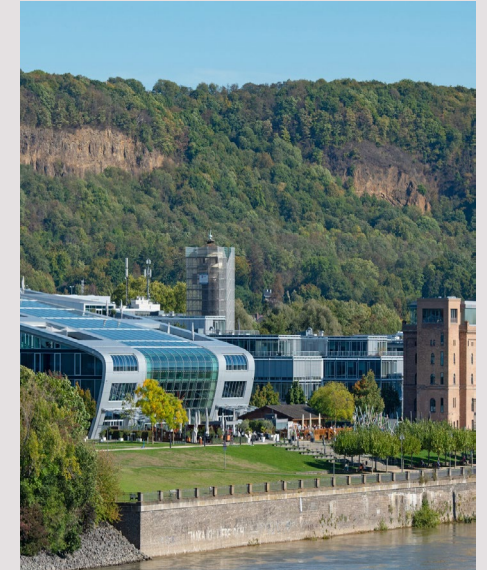


17 Goals.  
One Future.



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## International and cosmopolitan



- Growing international community
- Residents from 180 nations
- Attractive new urban developments
- Top-class cultural offers
- Large festivals and sports events

City of Ludwig van Beethoven, of the Gummibear, and much more!

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# City of Bonn Department of International Affairs and Global Sustainability:

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**Focal point** for international organizations and conferences, city-to-city partnerships, international networks and for the localization of the SDGs

We provide:

- **Visibility and strategic support** to our Bonn-based organizations from day one
- **Platforms and event formats** to facilitate international dialogue, networking and exchange
- **UN and international staff services** for residents and newcomers

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## Outreach is key: UN Day

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- Annual celebration of UN Day (Saturday around 24 October)
- SDG-themed infotainment event in front of the Old Town Hall
- Over 30 exhibitors presenting their work in tents (UN Bonn, governmental institutions, NGOs and academic institutes)
- Stage program with information and music

## Outreach is key: Bonn SDG Days -17 Days for the 17 Goals



- Annual local SDG Campaign; 17 days in September/October
- Joint program and partner events all over the city
- Different formats (e.g. SDG pub quiz, panel discussions, bicycle tours, urban gardening tours)
- Partnering up with existing events like #ZeroHunger Run (Welthungerhilfe) and with the business community
- 17-Goal-Zone on Friedrichstraße in the city center with the popular symbolic umbrella roof in the SDG colors

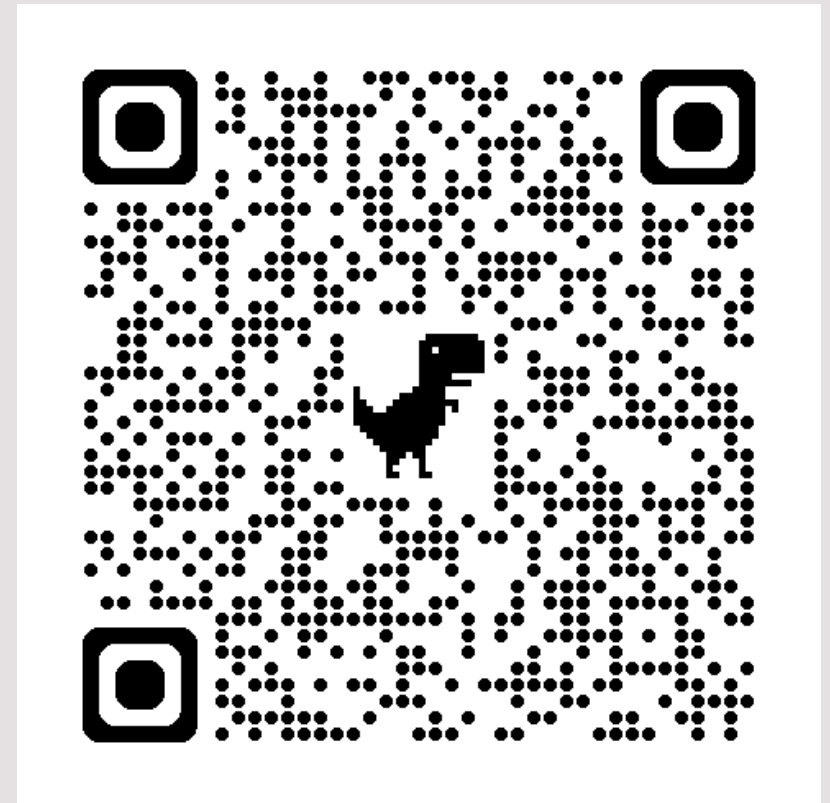
# Outreach is key: celebrating Germany's UN City of 30 years

## Goals:

- Raising awareness for UN Bonn and the important work
- Promoting Bonn as a UN location at home and abroad
- Gaining public attention for sustainability-related topics

## Partners:

- UN Bonn
- Federal Foreign Office
- State of North Rhine-Westphalia
- Relevant organizations and networks



# Celebrating Germany's UN City for 30 years: Related activities and events



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Creating visibility:

- Graffiti mural
- Landscaping in public spaces
- UN Day celebration
- Zero Hunger Run charity event



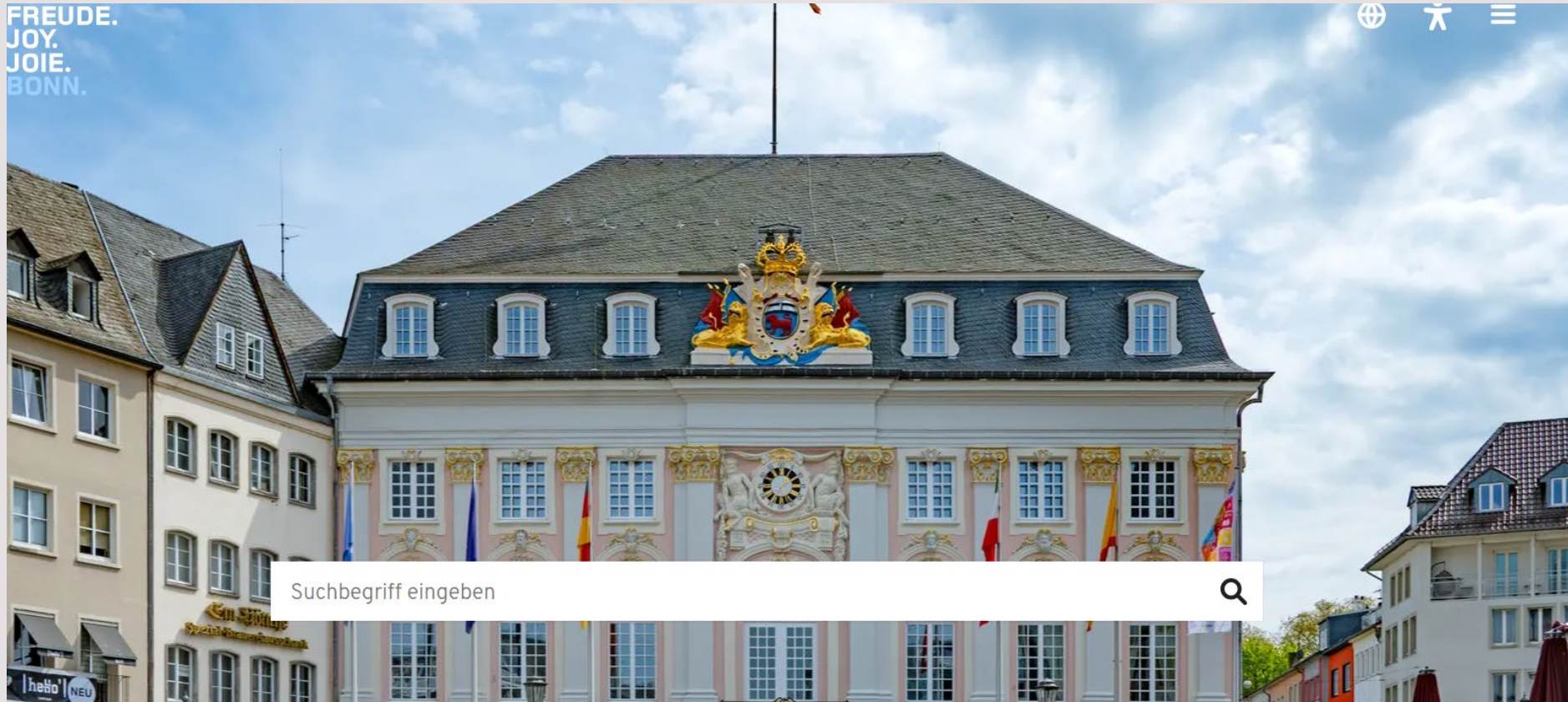
## Our UN and International Staff Services

- Comprehensive English-language information on the City of Bonn website at <https://bonn.de/> and <https://international.bonn.de>
- Login service web pages for UN staff at <https://international.bonn.de/un-welcome> (Login: UN-Welcome; Password: WelcomeToBonn)
- Service mailbox for UN staff queries around arriving and settling in Bonn at [service4un@bonn.de](mailto:service4un@bonn.de)
  
- Weekly presence on the UN Campus for further information and personal assistance as needed (Thu from 10 am to 12 noon, LEU Room 2129)



Homepage [www.bonn.de](http://www.bonn.de)

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- Web pages are available in 11 languages
- Useful chatbot

Herzlich willkommen auf den Seiten der Bundesstadt Bonn! Hier finden Sie in elf Sprachen umfangreiche Informationen über die Stadt und haben auch mobil Zugang zu sämtlichen Serviceangeboten der Stadtverwaltung.

  
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Dienstleistungen

  
Fragen Sie den Chatbot.. ➤



*Newsroom*



*Events calendar*



*Formalities*



*Emergency services*

**These pages are intended to provide an initial overview of Bonn's tourist attractions, cultural highlights, key players, international profile, and services. Enjoy browsing!**

- Highlights, tourist attractions, English events calendar
- Newsroom with Bonn International News
- Login area for UN staff

Login Area for UN Bonn staff

<https://international.bonn.de/un-welcome>

Login: UN-Welcome

Password: WelcomeToBonn

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# UN Staff: Information for newcomers

**For UN Staff only**



Please use the login for the City of Bonn's administration services

## Login:

Open the navigation bar at the top right and click on the icon on the left to enter your login details.

Then open the login area again.

Should you run into difficulties, please contact [✉ medienredaktion@bonn.de](mailto:medienredaktion@bonn.de)

# Information for Newcomers: UN staff, spouses and families

Welcome to Bonn!



Rosengarten im Freizeitpark Rheinaue



Altes Rathaus Bonn



Stadthaus



## Formalities and citizens' services.



*Information for Newcomers.*

### **Registration**

This general obligation to register is laid down in Section 17 of the Federal Registration Act (BMG). The registration deadline is two weeks after moving in.



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### **Re-registration**

To re-register your residence in Bonn, please make an appointment at the Citizens Service Center.



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### **Deregistration**

Anyone who moves out of an apartment in Germany without moving into a new one must deregister within two weeks.



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### **Registration of vehicles**

In principle, UN diplomats may choose between special registration for United Nations staff and regular registration on Bonn license plates (BN).

## Good to know.



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### **Housing**

Bonn and the surrounding Cologne/Bonn region have flats and houses for every need – from urban to rural. Be it a flat in the city or idyllic housing in a picturesque wine village in the area.



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### **International community**

Bonn's citizens are traditionally multi-cultural, open-minded and cosmopolitan: People from around 180 different countries live in the city.



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### **Jobs for partners and dependents**

The Cologne/Bonn region is one of the strongest economic centers in Europe. Many important national and international companies are based in Bonn.

Need more information as you are getting settled here in Bonn?

You will find lots of useful information on our English web pages at: <https://international.bonn.de>

For additional advice and support, you may also contact the Department of International Affairs at: [service4un@bonn.de](mailto:service4un@bonn.de)

## Side note on housing in Bonn



- Check our web pages for information on Bonn neighborhoods, neighboring towns, and on house hunting
- Sound infrastructure allows for flexibility
- Seek support and, if necessary, professional guidance
- Consider options for temporary accommodation

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

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**Your UN Staff Advisor will be happy to offer personal assistance on site**




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Login Area for UN Bonn staff

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**Learning German**



*The Bonn mobility turnaround*

**Mobility. Traffic.**



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**Schools in Bonn**



*Medical care.*

**First aid courses**



*Highlights.*

**Events calendar**

## Bonn – Further Services and Offers on Site

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- Focal points within the city administration for staff services, citizen services, immigration services
- International school and daycare, bilingual study programs
- Regular welcome events and BonnExpat events:  
<https://international.bonn.de/services/for-expats/index.php>
- International courses of the Adult Education Center:  
<http://www.vhs-bonn.de/>
- International clubs and societies, partnership associations

## Where does the City's commitment end?



- We can provide limited advice and support on matters that fall within the private sphere (e.g. banking services and international payment transactions, or disagreements with your landlord)
- We can also provide limited assistance in areas where there are general bottlenecks (e.g. temporarily reduced childcare times due to high absence rates of staff)
- **However, we do offer general assistance and support as well as a complaints management to find the best possible solution for our international staff and their families**

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Bonn – Welcome to an international location and to your new home away from home



- Green, livable city where tradition meets modernity
- Beautifully situated in the Rhine valley
- Well-connected and with short traveling distances
- International, multicultural, open-minded, educated population
- Fantastic opportunities for sports and leisure time activities

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Thank you for your attention and welcome to Bonn!

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# Liaison Office – German Federal Foreign Office

The Federal Foreign Office maintains a liaison office in Bonn as a point of contact for international organizations in Germany. The Liaison Office is responsible for coordinating the affairs of the UN Campus Bonn as well as for settlement and status issues of all international organizations in Germany.

At the moment, the contact persons for the Liaison Office of Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs are **Ms Sabine Könen**, **Mr. Michael Wächter** and **Mr. Stephan Fago**.

**Ms Könen and Mr Wächter** will be available alternately every Wednesday from 09:00h to 10:30h at Langer Eugen in room 2129 and under ext. 2345.

# Juliane Kozdras – City of Bonn

## Department for Economic Development, City of Bonn Securing academic professionals

- Part of the City of Bonn's Department of Economic Development since May 2022.
- Focuses on academic talent retention and supporting the transition of students and graduates into the regional labor market.
- Connects universities, employers and students through career formats, employer visits and cooperation projects, with a particular focus on international students and graduates.
- Before joining the City of Bonn, she worked for several years in the Career Service of a university in Cologne.





# Overview of the Local Labor Market in Bonn

A compact, international and knowledge-based labor market — with strong opportunities for academics, researchers and internationally experienced professionals.

# Bonn as a Place to Work

Bonn is a compact employment centre with an unusually diverse mix of employers. For accompanying partners and internationally experienced professionals, this means that career opportunities are not limited to one sector, but can be found across business, public institutions, academia, research, healthcare and international organisations.



## Compact Labor Market

With around 15,000 companies, many of them small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as public, academic and research institutions, Bonn offers a broad employer landscape within a relatively compact geographic area.



## Diverse Employer Landscape

Bonn combines companies, public institutions, research organisations, universities, healthcare providers and NGOs as well as global players.



## Relevant for International Profiles

The city can be especially interesting for people with academic, international or interdisciplinary backgrounds.

# Bonn's Labor Market in Numbers

The most recent available employment figure for the city of Bonn is **195,321 employees subject to social security contributions** at the workplace as of 30 June 2025. At regional level, the Bonn/Rhein-Sieg agency district recorded **366,565 employees** in June 2025. The April 2026 labor market report still shows more than 5,000 registered job vacancies — the market remains substantial and opportunity-rich, but the current environment is **more selective than in previous years**.

## 195K

**Employees in Bonn**

as of 30 June 2025

## 366K


**Regional Employees**

Bonn/Rhein-Sieg district, June 2025

## 5,063

**Job Vacancies**

as of the April 2026 labor market report.

 Bonn remains a strong employment centre within the wider Bonn/Rhein-Sieg labor market. While the environment has become more cautious and selective, the volume of opportunities remains significant for well-qualified candidates.

# A Service-Oriented and Knowledge-Based Economy

Bonn's labour market is shaped less by traditional manufacturing and more by services, knowledge work and coordination. Many roles are connected to expertise, communication, project management, analysis, research, regulation, digital processes and organisational interfaces.



## Service-Oriented

Important sectors include public administration, healthcare, education, IT, consulting, logistics and professional services.



## Knowledge-Based

Many positions require specialist expertise, analytical thinking, research skills, communication and project-based work.



## Cross-Sector Skills Matter

Transferable skills such as project coordination, data analysis, stakeholder communication and intercultural experience can be relevant across several sectors.

### ✔ What this means for candidates:

- Academic qualifications and specialist expertise are highly relevant.
- Transferable skills are crucial, especially in project management, communication, data analysis, research, and coordination.
- Opportunities are spread across various sectors, rather than being concentrated in one single industry.



# Major Employers in Bonn

One of Bonn's greatest strengths is the **diversity of its major employers**. For accompanying partners, this means that academic and international profiles may fit into very different work environments — from corporate headquarters to public administration, health, research, IT, science management or project coordination.

## PRIVATE SECTOR

**Deutsche Telekom**, global headquarters in Bonn, employing more than 12,000 people at its Bonn locations

**DHL Group**, global headquarters in Bonn with around 6,700 employees at Post Campus Bonn

## PUBLIC SECTOR & ADMINISTRATION

**City of Bonn** with more than 7,000 employees

**Federal ministries and institutions**, with around 7,000 ministry jobs in Bonn (several federal ministries still having their first office in Bonn)

## HEALTHCARE & RESEARCH

**University Hospital Bonn** employs around 9,900 people

**University of Bonn** with more than 6,000 employees

This combination of global companies, strong public-sector institutions, healthcare and research organisations makes Bonn unusually diverse for a city of its size — offering multiple pathways for internationally experienced professionals.

# Bonn as a Science and Research Hub

Bonn's science ecosystem is one of the strongest assets of the local labor market. The University of Bonn is a University of Excellence and has been highly successful in the Excellence Strategy, a major research funding programme by the German federal and state governments. Since January 2026, it has eight Clusters of Excellence, more than any other German university. This creates opportunities not only in research, but also in science management, communication, project coordination, science and technology transfer, administration and international cooperation.



## University of Bonn

University of Excellence with 8 Clusters of Excellence from 2026. Strong fields include economics, mathematics, immunology, quantum technologies, sustainable agriculture, astrophysics and humanities.



## Fraunhofer Institutes

Applied research expertise in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, scientific computing and radar technologies — bridging academic research and industry application.



## Max Planck Institutes

Bonn hosts Max Planck institutes focusing on behavioural economics, mathematics, neuroscience and radio astronomy.



## Further Research Employers

Including the German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases, the German Aerospace Center (DLR) or the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS).

# Healthcare, IT and Digital Transformation

Healthcare in Bonn is not only relevant for medical professions. It also offers opportunities in research coordination, clinical studies, data management, public health, administration, communication and project work. At the same time, **digital skills are needed across almost all sectors** — from research institutions and healthcare to public agencies, corporations and specialised service providers.

## Healthcare & Life Sciences

**University Hospital Bonn** employs around **9,900 people** and is one of the city's largest single employers. Beyond clinical roles, relevant profiles include:

- Clinical research and study management
- Quality management
- Communication and project coordination
- Public health and administration

## IT & Digital Transformation

Digital transformation is reshaping companies, research institutions, healthcare and public bodies alike. High-demand profiles include:

- Data and digital project management
- Cybersecurity (Cyber Security Cluster Bonn)
- IT consulting
- Science and research data management
- Digital communication and content

Candidates with hybrid profiles — combining domain expertise with digital skills — are particularly well-positioned in Bonn's labor market.

# What This Means for Accompanying Partners

Bonn offers many opportunities for qualified and internationally experienced professionals.

A good strategy combines targeted job search with networking and sector-specific orientation. German language skills often make a significant difference, especially in client-facing roles, public administration and smaller companies.

## Promising Fields

- Research and higher education
- Science management
- IT, data and cybersecurity
- Healthcare and life sciences
- Consulting and professional services
- Sustainability, climate and development-related fields
- Public-sector-related project work

## Language & Networking

**English-speaking roles** are more likely in research, international companies and globally oriented functions.

**German language skills** significantly broaden opportunities across the full labor market.

**Networking** is especially important in Bonn's compact labor market — personal connections and sector-specific orientation can open doors that online job searches alone cannot.

📍 Bonn is small enough to connect — and large enough to offer diverse academic career paths. The strongest opportunities often arise where expertise, international experience and networks meet.

# Useful Links & Starting Points

## City of Bonn

[Economic Development and Science](#)

[Annual Economic Report 2025](#)

[Working in the Science Region Bonn](#)

[Cyber Security Cluster Bonn](#)

## Job Search Platforms

[Federal Employment Agency: Job Search](#)

[Make it in Germany: Working in Germany](#)

## Employers & Business

[University of Bonn: Job Opportunities](#)

[Bonn University Hospital Job Opportunities](#)

[Deutsche Telekom Group](#)

- ❏ University and research institutions frequently post positions directly on their own websites. Make sure to check employer career pages regularly alongside national job portals.

# Heike Röding - Federal Employment Agency

**Advisor Federal Employment Agency**

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Job search & access to local  
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Employment Agency



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## Working in Germany

Are you interested in finding employment in Germany? We explain the requirements and what you need to do – step by step.

<https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/int/en/working-in-germany>

# ONLINE JOB SEARCH ON *WWW.ARBEITSAAGENTUR.DE*

[Startseite](#) > [Jobsuche](#)

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## Jobsuche

Job title and/or key words

Was suchen Sie?

Arbeit


Wo suchen Sie?

z.B. Ort, PLZ, Bundesland, Land

Umkreis

[Stellen finden](#)

City or region



# Where to find more information

For skilled workers For employers DE EN ES FR MENU

## Working and living in Germany: your guide to settling in

**Check your options**

Which visa allows you to take up employment in Germany? And how do you ensure that your foreign qualification will be recognised? Start here to explore your options.

**Get started with your job search**

Are you interested in a job in Germany? Click the button down below to find advice on job searching, learn where to find support and discover what's important when applying for jobs in Germany.

<https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/learn-german/language-classes-BAMF-Courses.html>

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## WebTutorials for people from abroad

Our online events for all your questions about working and living in Germany

The International Services (ZAV) is a service within the Federal Employment Agency (BA). The BA works with many high-ranking domestic and international cooperation partners and labor market services. The focus is on the immigration of skilled workers from abroad and the placement of special professional groups.

The ZAV is the central point of contact for all questions about working and living in Germany. With its information and advisory services, the ZAV supports foreign employees - both before and after entry - to quickly find their way around Germany and to feel welcome.

**You live outside of Germany?**

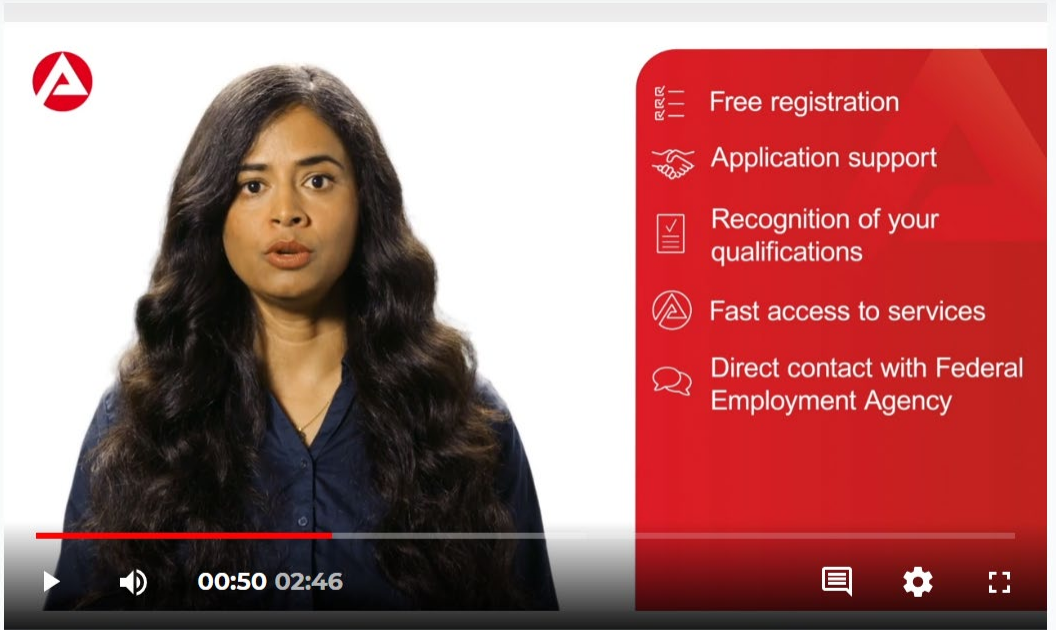
You would like to find a job or undergo vocational training in Germany? We are here to help!

Take advantage of our support

<https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/vor-ort/zav/events/webtutorials>

<https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/int/en/for-people-from-abroad>

# How to get in touch for further help ...



The video player shows a woman with long dark hair on the left. On the right, a red overlay lists services: Free registration, Application support, Recognition of your qualifications, Fast access to services, and Direct contact with Federal Employment Agency. The video progress bar shows 00:50 / 02:46.

The Federal Employment Agency is a **government agency**. It is responsible for the labour market in Germany. It supports **people who are looking for a job**.

- Service Center for Professional Recognition /ZSBA (Link: [zsba](#) )
- Contact our Customer Center  
**Hotline: +49 228 713 1313**  
**Email: [zav@arbeitsagentur.de](mailto:zav@arbeitsagentur.de)**

## Link to register for our support

<https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/int/en/advice-and-support>

# We are happy to support you !

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## Thanks for your participation!



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