



The private security industry: an important component of the German security architecture

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BDSW – Association of Private Security Industry

The BDSW represents the interests of its members towards politics and authorities, science and business.

960 member companies – all sectors of the security industry:

- main focus and competence: security services
- security technology, security consulting
- recognized and certified security schools (19 members)

Security and safety in Germany – needs, threats, organisation

Overall: increasing security needs - state, economy, private citizens
(objective vs. subjective sense of security)

Security and safety threats:

- terrorism
- cyber crime
- „everyday” crime

Organisation of security and safety:

- police: concentration on “core business”
- individual responsibility of the municipalities/economy/private citizens
- security industry: security, safety and service (PPP models)

Regulation in Germany

No specific legislation for security services so far:

- Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
- security services are regulated by § 34a Industrial Code since 1926
 - 40 hours: course of instruction
 - background checks

Specific laws and regulations:

- aviation security (approx.: 23,000 employees) Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community
- guarding of military properties (approx.: 7,000 employees) Federal Ministry of Defence
- guarding of nuclear power plants (approx.: 3,000 employees) Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- maritime security: armed guards on ships

Cooperation agreements between police and BDSW

- The State is responsible for ensuring public security.
- „Observe, recognize and report.“
- nine federal states and a few police headquarters
- synergies to strengthen internal security by the cooperation of police and PSCs
- increase of the subjective sense of security
- increase of detection risks for criminals
- cooperation in practice
- advanced training courses
- association membership in the BDSW
- commitment against all forms of political extremism and any kinds of discrimination
- continuously manned alarm monitoring centres
- central information and contact points
 - alarm monitoring centres according to DIN EN 50518
 - qualification of intervention forces according to insurance regulations
- compliance with data privacy regulations
- badge with external effect: „Partner of the police“

BDSW position paper – parliamentary elections 2017

Making Germany more secure:

Strengthening of the private security industry
and promotion of the economy's self-provision

„Industrial law regulations are insufficient
to reflect the actual significance of PSCs
for the internal security in Germany.

Therefore, the BDSW requests all political
parties to create a new legal framework
for PSCs after the 2017 federal election.“



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Coalition agreement (Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union and Social Democrats) (3/2018)

„PSCs provide an important contribution to security. By creating a new legal framework, a separate law for the private security industry we will improve the safety standards in this branch of industry and thus create more security and reliability.“

BDSW WC PSC regulation (April 2019)

PSC legislation must contain mandatory requirements for all companies concerning capability, organisation, qualification (contractors and employees) as well as equipment. Regulations for special tasks of PSCs, which require a close cooperation with the police:

- protection of critical infrastructure
- protection of public transport
- protection of refugee homes
- protection of events with particular risk potential
- security services for municipal security and order
- security services for municipal traffic
- security services on maritime vessels
- cash-in-transit

Aim of the BDSW – security industry as an important component of the German security architecture

Transfer of responsibilities to the ministry of the interior concerning PSC legislation, because the security industry has been a component of the German security architecture for a long time.

BDSW will continue to be the innovation driver of the German security industry!

Thank you for your attention!