

Welcome to Bavaria.

Europe's innovation Hub For Security & Defense



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Meet top-quality talent and industry partners.

Bavaria is the leading force in Germany's security and defense industry (SDI), generating an estimated €9.5 billion in annual value added, accounting for one-third of the sector's national total. With 50,000 direct jobs and 90,000 across the value chain, the region is emerging as a rapidly growing global hub for defense innovation.

Governmental Support

Bavaria is the only German federal state with a statutory cooperation requirement for universities. The 10-Point Action Plan Security & Defence Industry by the Ministry of Economic Affairs also highlights governmental SDI support.

Business Environment

Germany leads military spending in Central and Western Europe, fueled by a €100 billion special fund established in 2022. The aerospace and defense sector is projected to grow annually by 5% until 2029, also supported by the European Defence Fund's focus on increased research and interoperability.

Funding

With targeted technology funding programs like BayVP and BayTP+, the state boosts the industry's innovation power, driving cutting-edge technology development and growth in Bavaria's security and defense sector.

Industrial Strength

Bavaria is home to a high density of companies in the SDI with a strong base of SMEs and innovative startups that complement the major players.

Networks & Startup Support

Bavaria hosts a diverse landscape of networks and clusters, not only in the SDI but also in numerous other sectors, which offer a great opportunity for cross-industry-innovation. Startups from NATO states can also apply for the Palladion Defense Accelerator located in Munich.

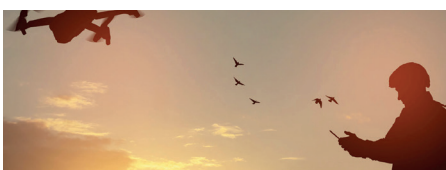
Research Landscape & Workforce

Bavaria offers a strong R&D infrastructure with access to leading research institutes and top technical universities producing a steady stream of skilled graduates. It is uniquely home to three Bundeswehr (German Armed Forces) Technical Centers, the Bundeswehr Research Institute, and the University of the German Armed Forces.



Businesses, universities, research facilities and institutions work hand in hand to drive innovation forward and set new impulses in the SDI.

Support for companies & startups (selection):



The **TechHUB SVI** is the central cooperation platform for the SDI in Bavaria. It connects companies in the Bavarian SDI sector with research institutions, startups, and stakeholders from various economic sectors.



BASED as part of the de:hub initiative supports startups and innovation in defence technologies through networking, funding, and collaboration opportunities.



brigkAIR is specializing in 3D-mobility for startups that are developing vertical mobility solutions and services. A special highlight is the test field with available airspace and one of the longest runways in Europe.

We help you benefit from the strong bavarian ecosystem.



Big Players

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| 1 RENK | 7 HENSOLDT |
| 2 AIRBUS
DEFENCE & SPACE | 8 MBDA |
| 3 GE Aerospace | 9 RHEINMETALL |
| 4 KNDS | 10 iABG |
| 5 DIEHL
Defence | 11 OHB |
| 6 MTU
Aircraft Engines | and many more |

Startups

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| 1 H
HAWKING | 5 space
SPACE |
| 2 ARX
ARX | 6 REFLEX
AEROSPACE |
| 3 QUANTUM
SYSTEMS | 7 AVILUS |
| 4 TYTAN
TECHNOLOGIES | and many more |

Universities / Research Institutions

- ◆ Universities (of applied Sciences)
- ◆ Research institutes (Fraunhofer, DLR, ifm Hof, New Materials Bayreuth)
- ◆ Bundeswehr institutions (University, WTD's (technical centers) WiWeB, dtec.bw)
- ◆ Ludwig-Bölkow Campus

Networks & Associations

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| 1 TechHUB SVI | 5 Carl-Cranz-Gesellschaft |
| 2 BavAIRia | 6 BASED |
| 3 PALLADION | 7 BrigkAIR |
| 4 TUM Venture Labs | |

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