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Connective Cities study tour of LGA
representatives
from Zimbabwe and Zambia

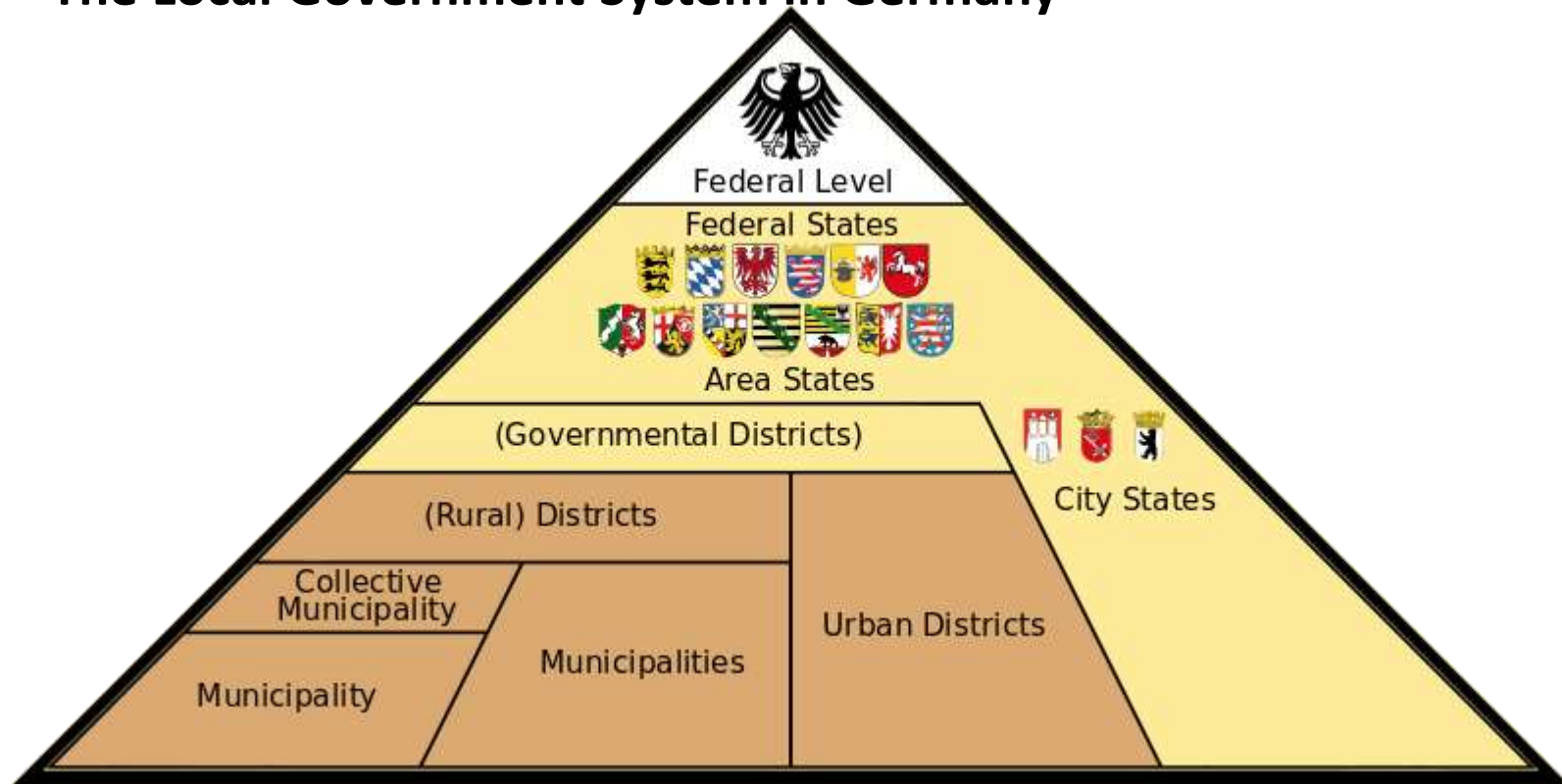
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Part 1. Background

The Local Government System in Germany



Municipal Bodies

Elected Council (4-6 year terms depending on federal state law)

Directly elected mayors (chair of the board and chair of the council)









Vice mayors elected by the council (responsible for different departments)



Stadtrat Zwickau

Quelle: radiozwickau.de

Tasks of Local Authorities

Own sphere		Assigned sphere
Voluntary tasks	Tasks of local self-government	Statutory task
 Parks	 Streets	 Construction supervision
 Sports facilities	 Schools	 Registration supervision
 Culture	 Water and sewage	 Traffic supervision
Legal supervision		Legal and functional supervision
Political organizational task decision of council		Execution of governmental tasks through head of administration

Part 2. Legislative Framework

Constitutional Framework: Article 28, Section 2

Municipalities must be guaranteed the right to regulate all local affairs on their own responsibility, within the limits prescribed by the laws.

The guarantee of self-government shall extend to the bases of financial autonomy.



Legal Instruments and Rules of Procedure

Hearing Rights of Associations along §47 Rules of Procedure of Ministries

Principle of „Konnexität“ (who orders, pays) is part of the legislation of all federal states

Right of Constitutional Complaint



Legal Framework of Local Authorities

European Union



EU-Directives and Decrees



Federal Government



Federal Laws



Federal States



State Law/ Municipal Code



Local Authorities



Part 3: Association of German Cities

Voluntary association of local government and state-level local government associations for the purpose of joint representation of interests.

Founded in 1905, re- established 1945

Largest local authority association in Germany.

Independent in party-political terms and only under obligation to its members.



Quelle <http://blogs.hrhero.com>

German Local Authority Associations

Deutscher Städtetag
(Association of German Cities)
(mainly medium-sized and large cities)

Deutscher Landkreistag
(Association of German Counties)

Deutscher Städte- und Gemeindebund
(German Federation of Towns and Municipalities
(mainly municipalities and smaller towns and cities)

Grouped together in the Federation of German Local Authority Associations under the leadership of the German Association of Cities (DST) for the purpose of joint representation of overarching municipal interests.

Members

- App. 200 cities are direct members
- 16 State local government associations with about 3400 indirect member cities and towns
- Twelve special members
- In all, the DST represents about 51 million inhabitants (i.e. around 63% of the German population)

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DST Tasks

Represent local government interests vis-à-vis the Federal German Government, the Federal German Parliament (Bundestag), the Federal German Council (Bundesrat), European Union and many other organisations

No Constitutional Hearing Rights, but Hearing Rights as joint rules of procedure in ministries and parliaments

Organize exchanges of experience between members

Provide information on all processes and developments that are of relevance to local government



Quelle: <http://blogs.msdn.com>



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<http://thebigrocks.com>

Areas of Activity

- finance
- school, culture, sports equality
- work, youth, health and social affairs
- urban development, building, housing, transports
- environment and economy, energy, fire and civil protection
- law and security
- Europe and international affairs
- integrations, demographic change, digitalization, citizens
- press

Maintaining Party-Political Independence:

$\frac{3}{4}$ -majority in voting by main committees

CEO is part of Governing bodies, president's declaration co-signed by CEO

President is selected alternately from one of the two large national parties

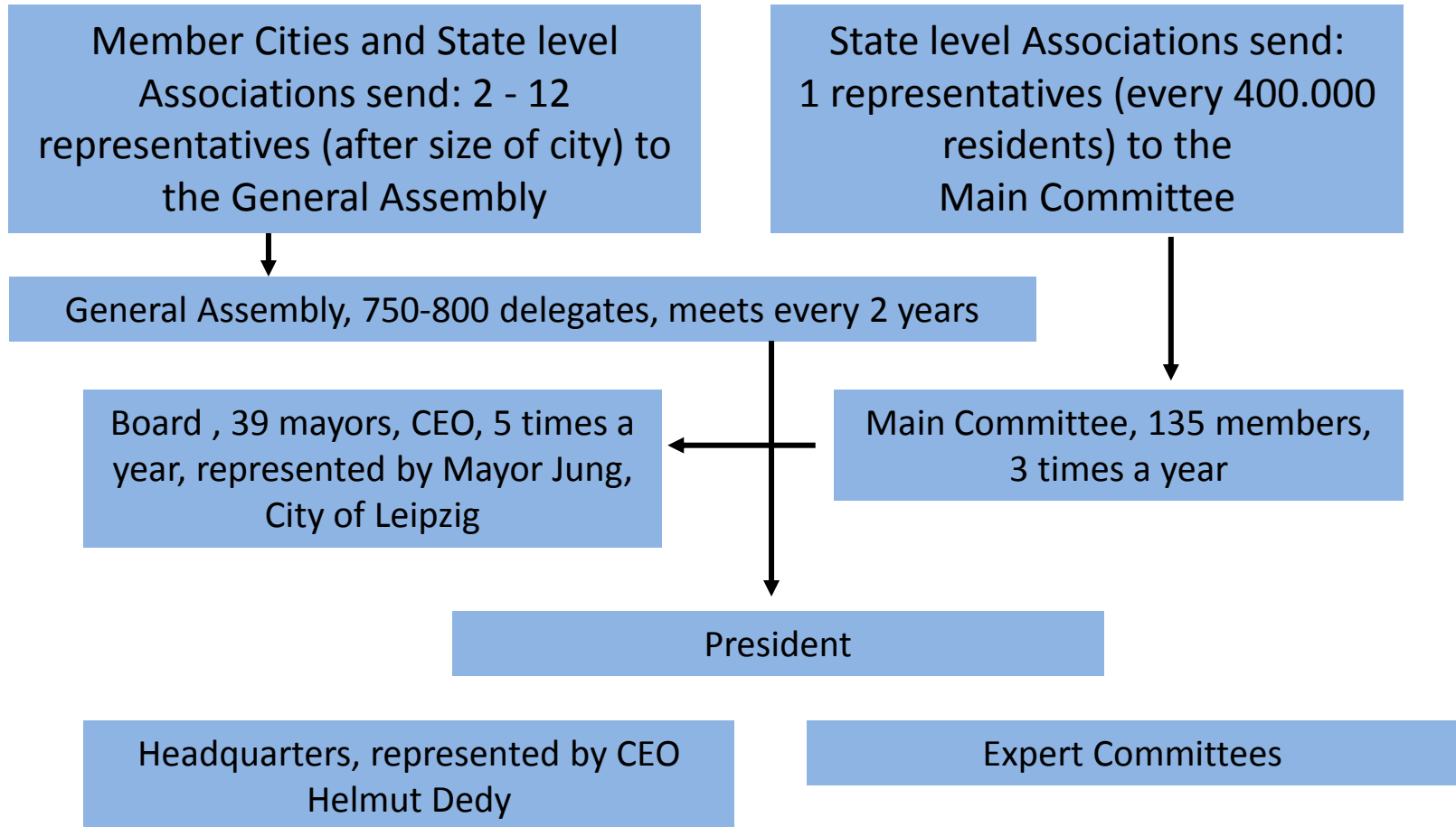
Principles governing action by local DST representatives are based less on party-political grounds but are motivated more by issues relevant to the municipality

☐ CDU

☐ SPD

☒ **Independent**

Structure of DST



Head Office (HO)

HO executes tasks as directed by the decision-taking committees and manages ongoing operations.

Around 120 staff members are employed at Head Office (Cologne / Berlin / Brussels) under the Managing Director Helmut Dedy

The HO is organised in eight departments

14 specialist committees, consisting of municipal technical leaders/Board members, delegated by federal state associations



HO Köln

HO Berlin

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Thank you very much for your attention!

SAVE THE DATE

**Connective Cities dialogue event for
Local Government Associations**
7-9 April 2020 in Cologne, Germany

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