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The German County Association — Promoter of rural areas

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The German County Association (Deutscher Landkreistag)

- The leading association of the 294 German federal administrative districts (Landkreise).
- The Landkreis sector covers around 96 % of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- The association and its members represent three quarters of the local authorities, who in turn represent 56 million inhabitants or 68 % of the German population.





Tasks of the German County Association

- Promoting local self-government
- Representation of district interests (e.g. in legislative process)
- Exchange of experiences and ideas between districts
- Information of the districts
- Representation of rural interests: The association understands itself as promoter of the rural areas in Germany.





Structure of local government self-administration in Germany

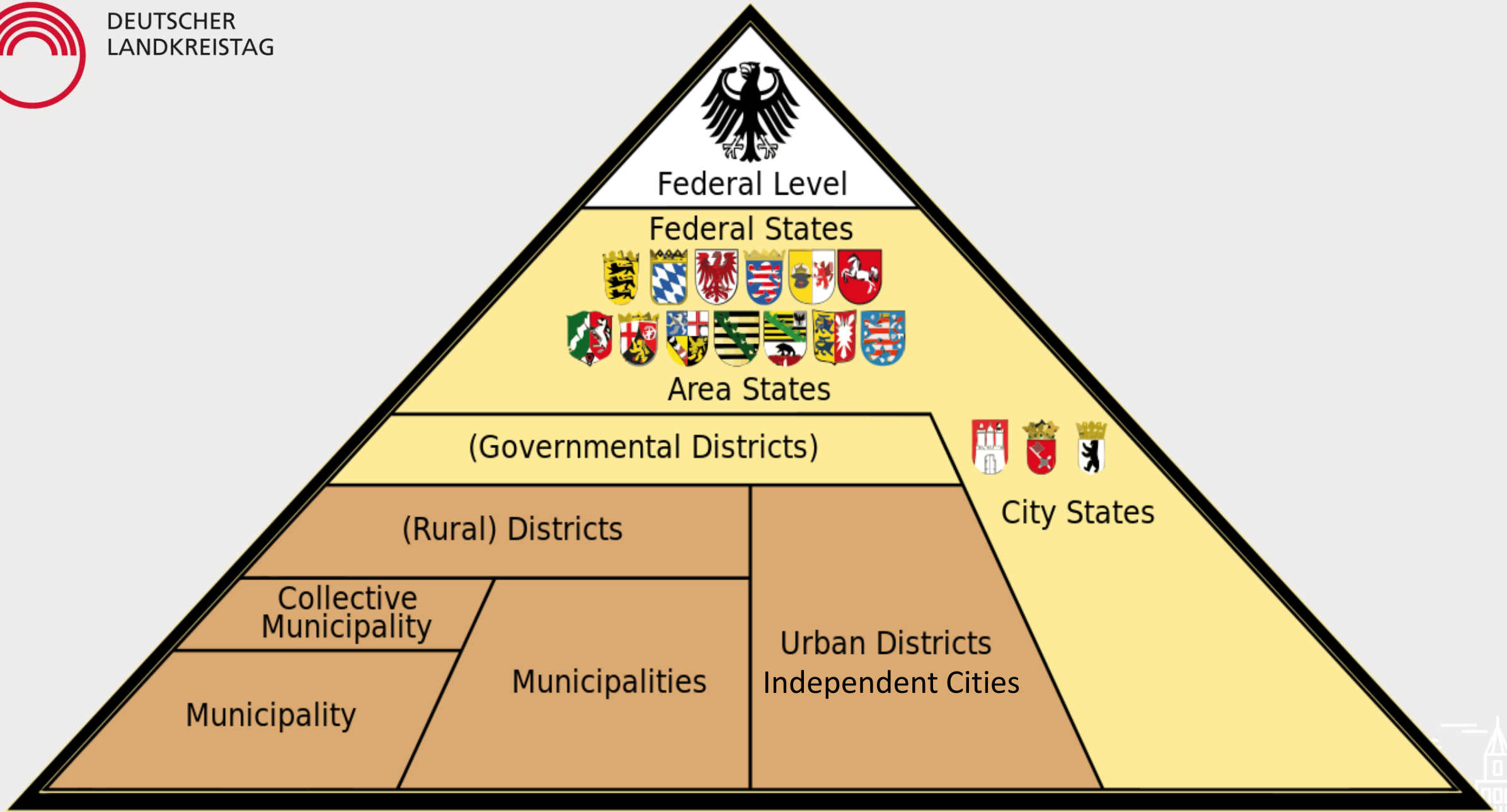
Local self-governing bodies

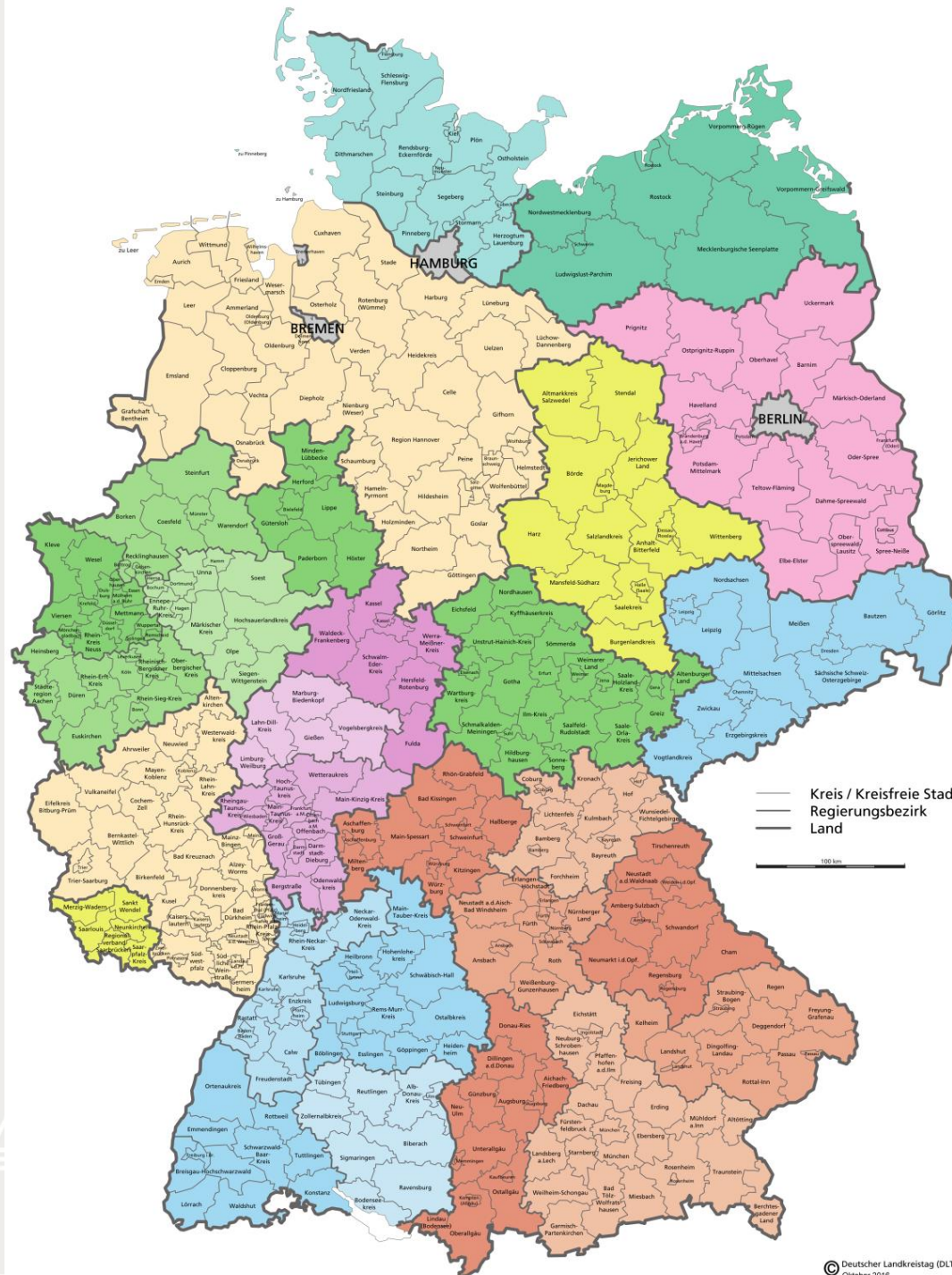
(Rural) Districts
(294)

Municipalities
(12.000)

(Independent) Cities
(107)









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(Rural) Districts

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German Cities

(Independent)
Cities

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Municipalities

Municipalities





Structure of the German County Association

- Legally registered **member organisation**
- **Federal structure:** County Associations of the 13 area states are direct members. 294 counties are indirect members.
- **Financing:** Membership fee according to inhabitants





Organs of the German County Association

- **Policy Committee:** Consists of delegates appointed by the Associations of the area states. Decides about guidelines, organisational tasks, annual budget.
- **Board:** Consists of President, Executive Director and Presidents of the Associations of the area states. Decisions on all matters which are important in local policy are taken here.
- **Committees of experts:** Constitution and Europe, Finances, Culture, Environment and Planning, Economy and Transport, Social Affairs, Health





Municipal Development Cooperation

- German districts cooperate with municipalities, towns and regions in other countries to exchange experiences and support each other.
- Projects are sponsored by the federal level in Germany.
- Topics of the projects deal with local services of general interest (e.g. waste disposal and recycling or climate protection).





Initiative „1000 schools for our world“

- Initiative founded by Deutscher Landkreistag, Deutscher Städtetag and Deutscher Städte- und Gemeindebund. Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development supports the Initiative.
- Districts, cities and municipalities in Germany collect donations to build schools in developing countries.
- In one year around 100 school building projects were initiated. 40 districts, cities and municipalities got involved. 2.6 million € were donated.





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Eine Initiative der kommunalen Spitzenverbände



Kaasya Primary School, Kenya

Picture: Welthungerhilfe





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Thank you for your attention.

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