Bundeseisenbahnvermögen

■ Activities

In 1994, the Bundeseisenbahnvermögen (BEV / Federal Railway Fund), a public authority of the Federal Republic of Germany, was founded as a result of restructuring German Federal Railways. Thus, the BEV has taken over those services, which the new Deutsche Bahn AG (German Railway PLC) as a competitive company is not supposed to provide any longer. In order to pave the way for a successful reform of German Railways the BEV performs the following services in particular:

- personnel management of about 14,500 civil servants assigned to German Railway PLC or other companies
- personnel management of about 250 employees assigned to privatized companies such as regional bus companies, railway cleaning companies or track construction companies
- responsibility for about 127,000 recipients of pensions
- administration and profitable use of real estate not essential to railway operations providing
- medical services („railway doctors")
- maintaining and operating social services for active and retired staff members such as:
  - the Railway Health Insurance (KVB / Krankenversorgung der Bundesbahnbeamten) caring for about 182,000 people (insured persons including their relatives)
  - the Social Services Foundation (BSW / Stiftung Bahn-Sozialwerk), which has about 197,000 members
  - providing habitation for railway staff

■ Legal basis and organisation

The BEV has been set up as a special fund without legal capacity but with an economic management of its own. It belongs to the division of the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure. The BEV operates a current annual budget of 6.3 billion Euro.

The BEV is headed by a president, since April 2024 Mr. Winfried Thubauville, located in the head office in Bonn. However, the BEV is represented with four regional offices, partly with subordinate branch offices (b. o.):

- "North" in Hanover / b. o. in Hamburg, Berlin
- "West" in Cologne / b. o. in Essen
- "Central" in Frankfurt / b. o. in Saarbrücken
- "South" in Karlsruhe / b. o. in Munich, Nuremberg, Stuttgart