

Region Hannover

- An innovative approach to regional governance in Germany -



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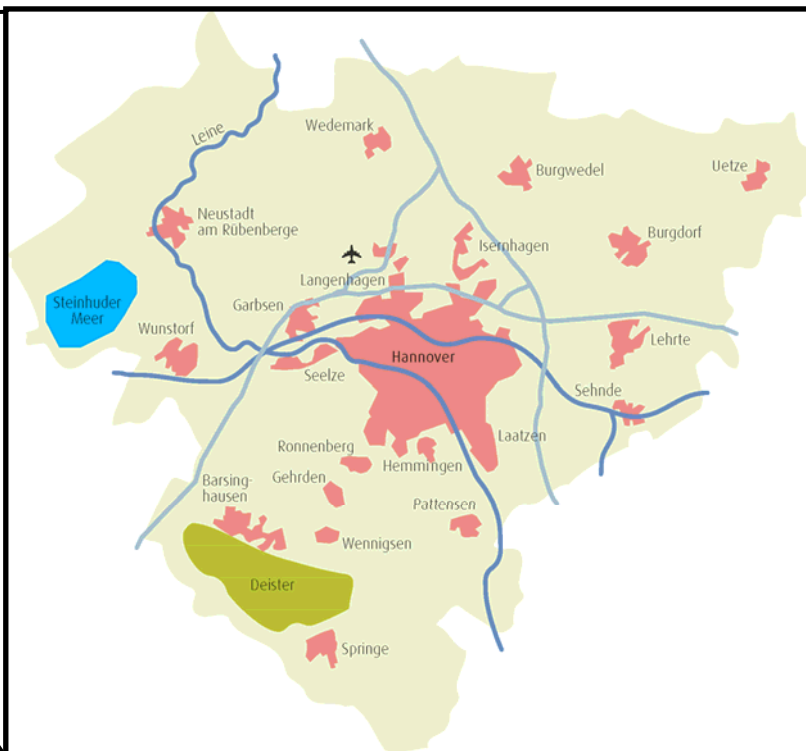
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Region Hannover (is) on the map!



- Area: 2.300 square kilometres
- Communities: 21 (+ state capital Hannover)
- Population: 1.1 million
- Population forecast 2004 - 2020: -0,8%





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- Region Hannover was founded in 2001 by statute of the state Lower Saxony
- The intention of founding the region was:
 - that the services needed by the citizens should be delivered on the local level (in the 21 communities of the Region Hannover),
 - that the services / tasks of regional importance should be delivered on the regional level
- Before 2001 various competencies and tasks of regional importance were administered by four different institutions

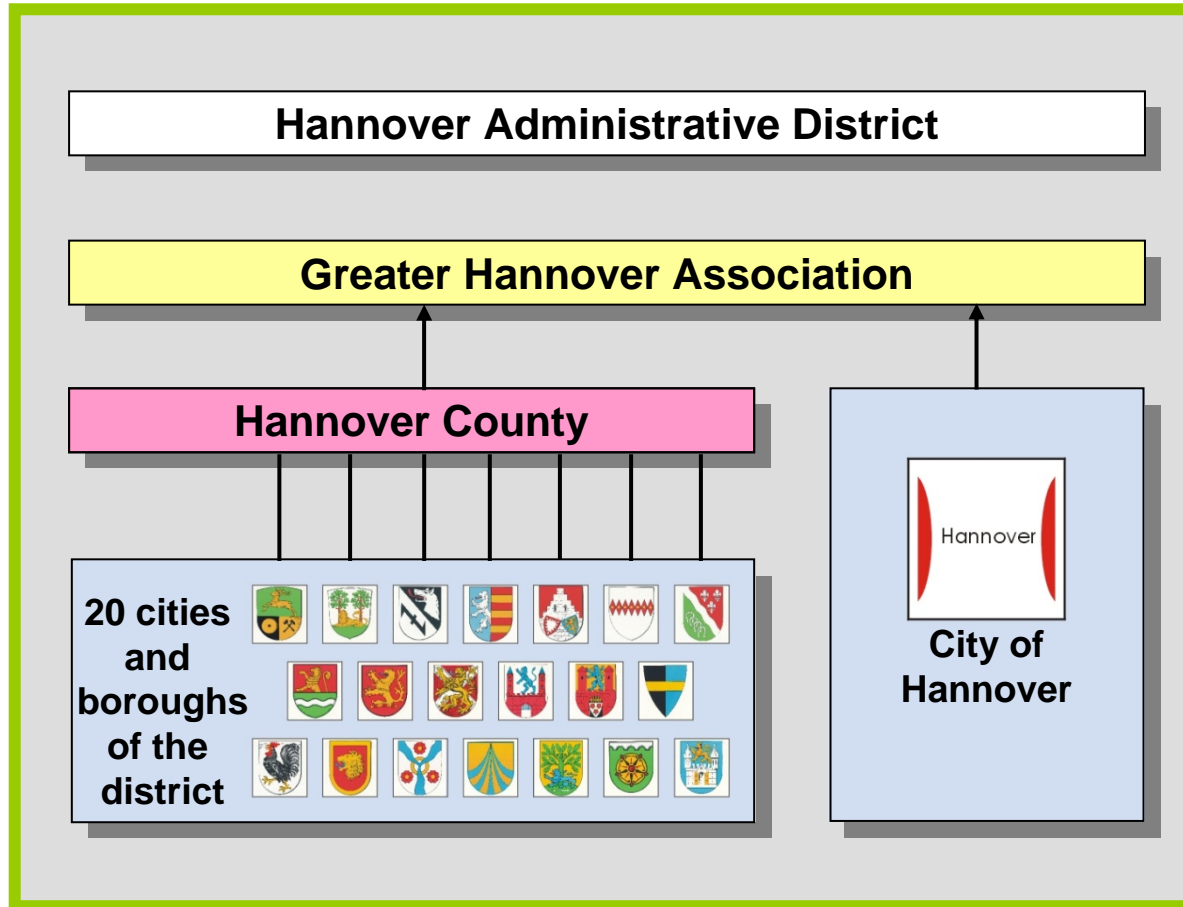


<i>Authority</i>	<i>Competence/Task (Examples)</i>
City of Hannover	Environmental protection, Hospitals, Waste Management, Health Services, Schools
Greater Hannover Association (Kommunalverband Grossraum Hannover)	Regional planning, Regional recreation, Public transport & Economic development
Hannover District Authority	Building inspection, Hospitals, Waste Management, Health & Social Services, Schools
Hannover Administrative District	Development control, Environmental protection

- Nearly all competencies and tasks of these public authorities amalgamated in the new public authority [REGION HANNOVER](#)



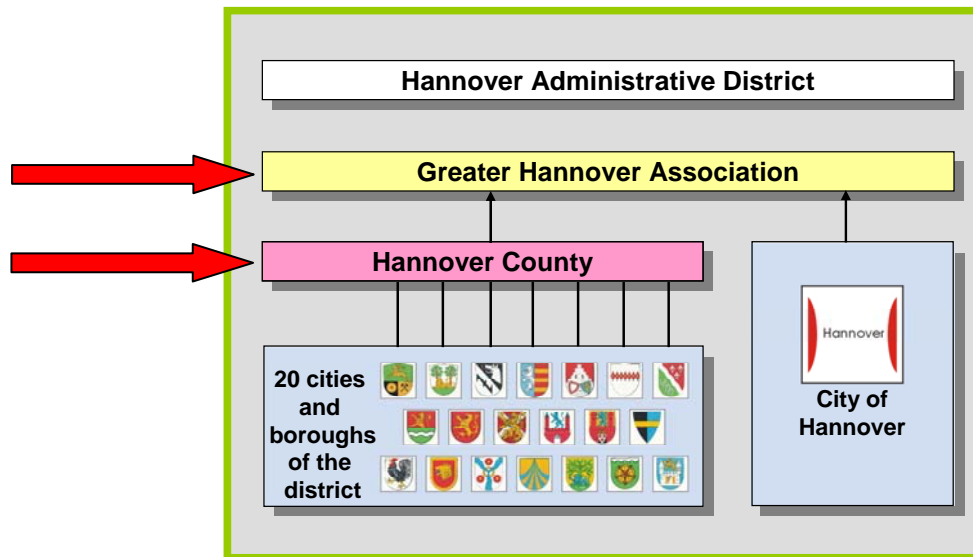
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The Formation of the Region Hannover (4)

To create the Region Hannover 2 public authorities were suspended:

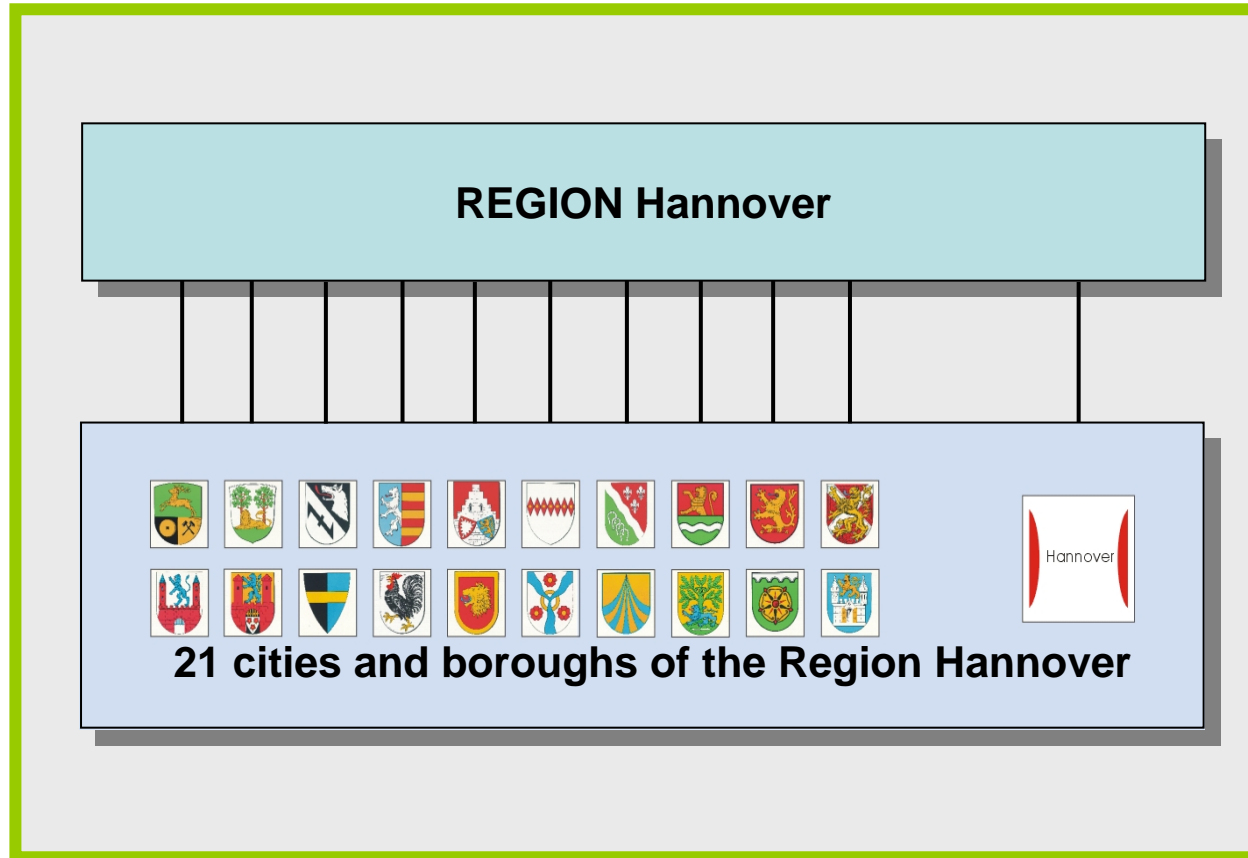
- Greater Hannover Association and
- Hannover County



The other 2 public authorities (City of Hannover and the Hannover Administrative District) assigned competences and tasks



Structure **today**





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The competencies of the Region Hannover are much more far-reaching than those of other regional authorities in Germany!

Region Hannover is authority for (examples):

- Public transport, Regional planning, Land use planning control, Building control,
- Social welfare, Youth welfare service
- Economic development and Marketing
- Nature preservation, Water and Soil protection, Waste management
- Hospitals, Local health authority
- Planning and financing of social housing
- Recreation (+ Zoo Hannover)
- Vocational schools, Special schools
- ...



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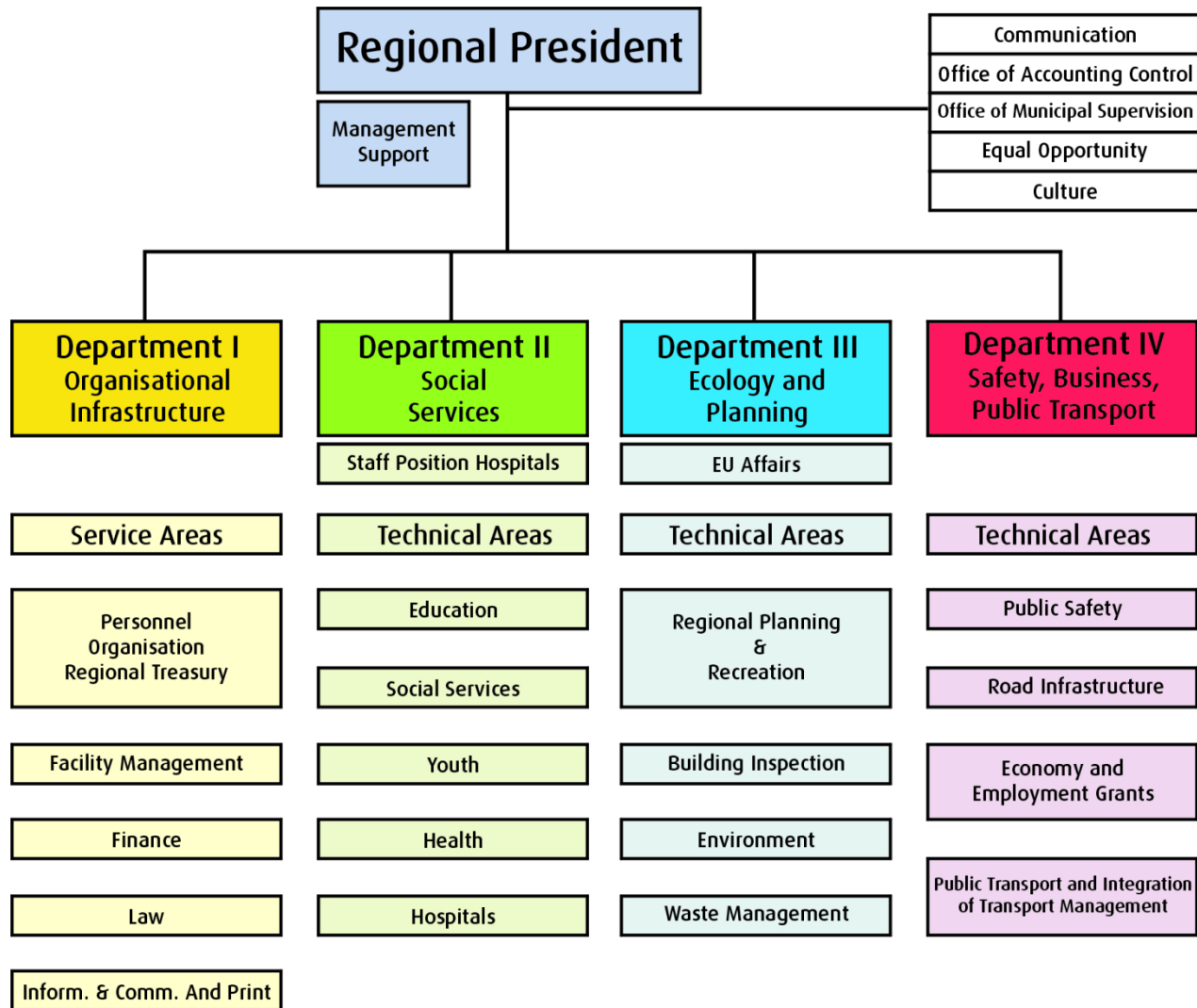
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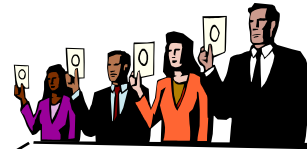
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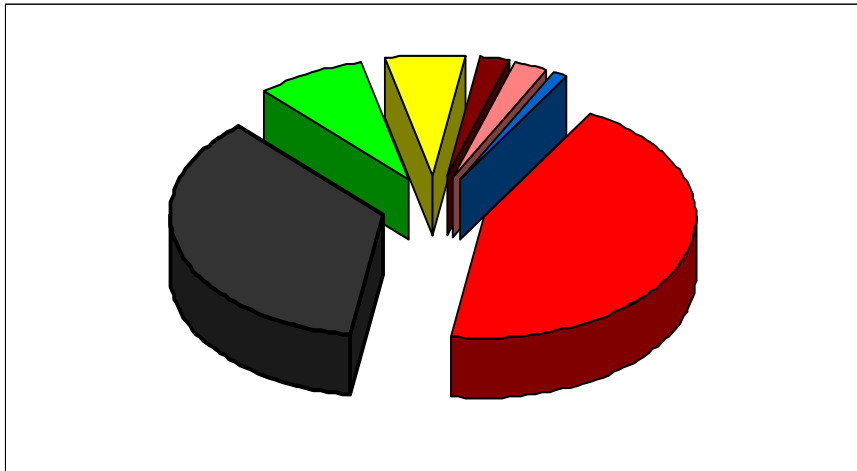
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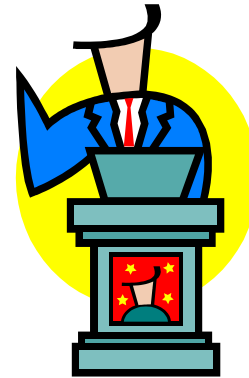
The Region Hannover is not only a public authority!



People living in the region elect directly:



Regional parliament with 84 politicians



Regional President



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Last but not least: Financial aspects

How is the region financed? Our budget has largely the following sources of revenues:

1. Costs are split which means that each of the 21 municipalities has to pay a certain sum (the amount is set by the region itself)

2. Federal Government, State of Lower Saxony, Miscellaneous (for example: proceeds of companies)

Annual budget approximately 1.200.000.000 € (2008)





**Thank you very much
for your
attention!**



If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me!

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