

Germany, June 15th 2020

Country	Gov measures for Swiss subsidiaries in Germany	Economic Outlook 2020	Movement of goods	Movement of people
Germany	✓			

Red = critical situation / expected GDP decline bigger than 5% compared to previous year

Yellow = difficult situation / expected GDP decline up to 5% compared to previous year

Green = normal or almost normal situation / remaining GDP growth compared to previous year

1. General Situation

DESCRIPTION OF THE CURRENT SITUATION

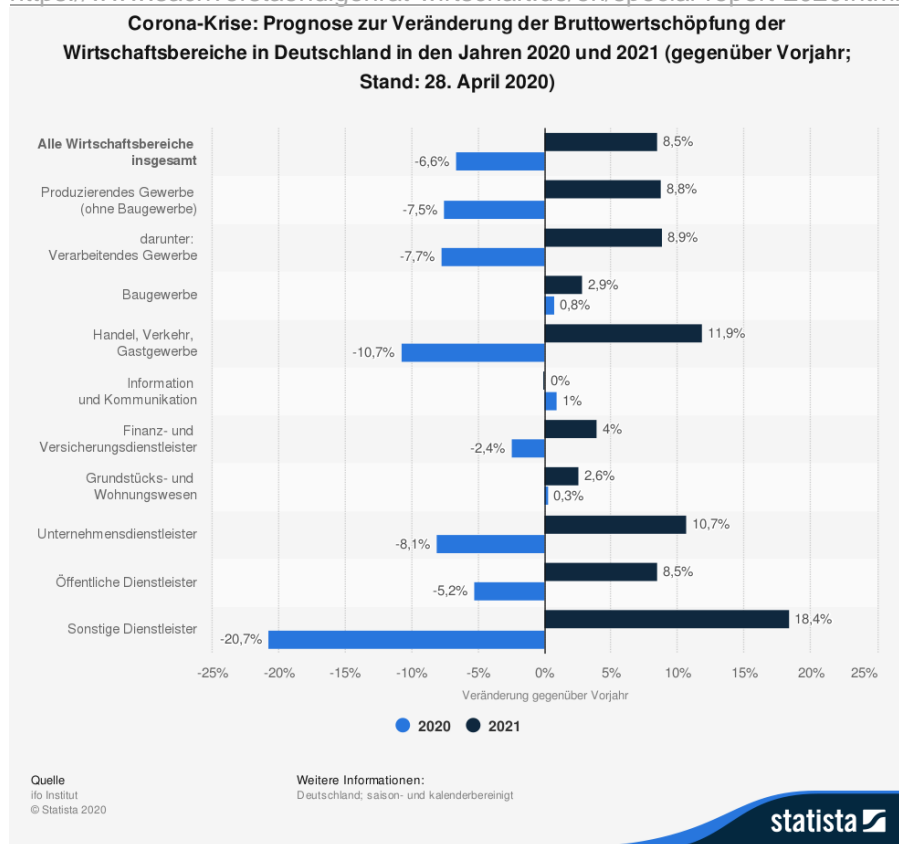
- <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/coronavirus/coronavirus-aktuelle-informationen>
- <https://www.bundesregierung.de/resource/blob/975226/1751456/c197062365f7e60780e9039dc4e336ee/2020-05-06-beschluss-bund-laender-eng-data.pdf?download=1>
- June, 4th 2020: New stimolous package: The coalition of CDU and SPD has agreed on a comprehensive economic stimulus and future package with a volume of 130 billion euros. The aim is to secure jobs and get the economy back on track.
- June, 17th 2020: <https://www.deutschland.de/en/corona-virus-germany-overview>

GOVERNMENT MEASURES

- for Start-Ups and SMEs: <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Coronavirus/coronahilfe.html>
- <https://www.whitecase.com/publications/alert/covid-19-german-government-financial-assistance-measures>
- Reduction of VAT: From 1 July to 31 December 2020, the VAT rate is to be reduced from 19 percent to 16 percent and for the reduced rate from 7 percent to 5 percent.
- Child bonus for families: Parents will receive a one-time bonus of 300 euros per child. For single parents the allowances will be doubled.
- Strengthening of the municipalities: The federal government increases its share of the costs for the accommodation of needy persons, compensates half of the loss of trade tax revenue for the municipalities and strengthens the local public transport and the health sector.
- Reducing electricity costs: The EEG levy is to be reduced from 2021 onwards through subsidies from the federal budget.
- Package for the future: Around 50 billion euros will flow into future areas such as the hydrogen economy, quantum technologies and artificial intelligence.
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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EFFECTS ON INDUSTRIES)

- Predicted loss in GDP for 2020 -6,3%
- 2 813 000 people unemployed in May 2020 (+577 000 people in April 2020)
- <https://www.sachverstaendigenrat-wirtschaft.de/en/special-report-2020.html>



2. Movement of goods

- Movement of goods is generally permitted
- Foreigners transporting goods are allowed to enter or transit Switzerland
- Border controls are conducted at the Swiss-German border
 - Waiting times are not a result of border controls but occur due to regular customs clearance. Goods imported into or exported from Switzerland, as well as all those in transit through the country may also be declared online in advance which speeds up the process at the border. - Further information: <https://www.ezv.admin.ch/ezv/en/home/customs-declaration/declaration-companies.html>
- Green Lanes may be used to transport priority goods

(Source: https://ec.europa.eu/transport/sites/transport/files/switzerland_covid19.pdf)

3. Movement of people

RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRY FROM SWITZERLAND

- Travel from Switzerland now allowed

RESTRICTIONS ON MOBILITY WITHIN THE COUNTRY

- No restrictions on mobility within Germany if safety measures are to be considered.