



■ 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 44,000 civil servants assigned to German Railway PLC or other companies
- personnel management of about 1,500 employees assigned to privatized companies such as regional bus companies, railway cleaning companies or track construction companies
- responsibility for about 181,000 recipients of pensions
- administration und 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 350,000 people (insured persons including their relatives)
 - the Social Services Foundation (BSW / Stiftung Bahn-Sozialwerk), which has about 307,000 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, Building and Urban Affairs. The BEV operates a current annual budget of 7.3 billion Euro.

The BEV is headed by a president, since August 2009 Mrs. Marie-Theres Nonn, located in the head office in Bonn. However, the BEV is represented with five regional offices, partly with subordinate branch offices (b. o.):

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