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## The Donau-Iller region

A region where borders  
meet at the heart of Europe



Many global enterprises have located themselves in the region. The main areas of industry are mechanical engineering, vehicle construction, biotechnology, logistics, aviation and pharma/health. Trade and craft are traditionally strong and have formed the basis for the steady growth of the service sector during the last few years. Agriculture also still plays a big role in the region, even though it is being affected by general restructuring.



The high volume of apprenticeship training positions is making the region attractive for families with children of school-leaving age. The university towns of Ulm, Neu-Ulm and Biberach offer diverse study courses for young people. There is also the subject area "lifelong learning", which offers a choice of innovative learning opportunities for senior citizens.



A special strength of the region lies in the interaction of politics, economy, administration and higher education. The close proximity of university and colleges to the DaimlerChrysler research centre, Science Park, and the associated institutes facilitates the immediate transfer of technology to the economy. It activates innovative potentials, boosts young enterprises and generally strengthens the Donau-Iller region as a business location.



Flights from the regional airport "Allgäu Airport" near Memmingen, as well as from the nearby airports of Stuttgart and Munich, connect with national and international destinations.



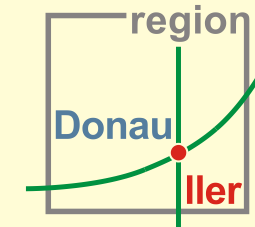
The region is outstandingly connected with the European road, railway and airline network. The "Magistrale for Europe", a high-speed east-west axis of the railway, runs through the region. The transfer of freight traffic onto the rails also plays a growing role in improving the region's international links. The crossroads of the A8 and A7 motorways lead to international destinations.

By train with the TGV  
in only 5 hours from  
Ulm to Paris.

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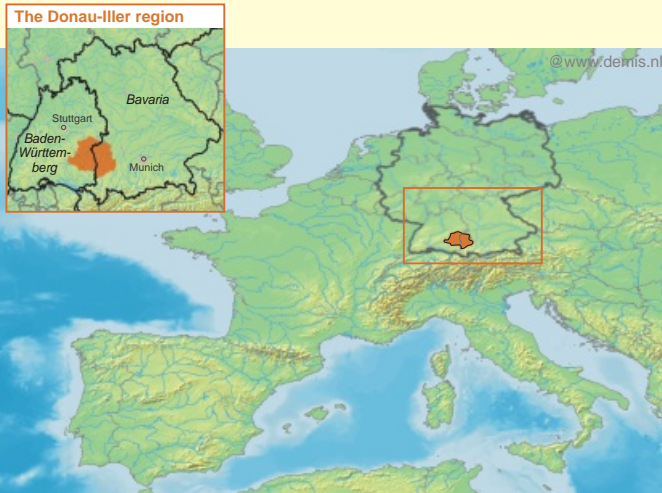


We overcome boundaries, both large and small.

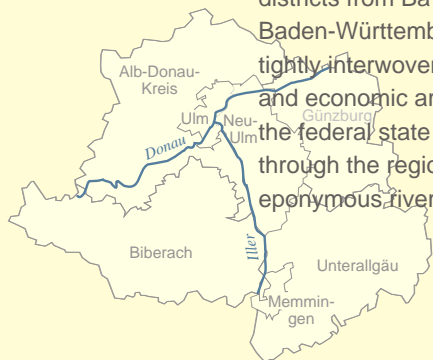
Attractive towns, varied landscapes, well worth seeing.

The Donau-Iller region, a feelgood region.

The Donau-Iller region is situated in the heart of Europe, in Southwest Germany, and covers an area of 5464 km<sup>2</sup>. Approximately 962100 people live here.



In the border region where the federal states of Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg meet, 4 administrative and urban districts from Bavaria and 3 from Baden-Württemberg are forming a tightly interwoven living environment and economic area. For the most part, the federal state border which runs through the region is marked by the eponymous rivers Donau and Iller.



In the region, varied nature areas meet river valleys and hilly landscapes. The beauty of Upper Swabia in the Lower Allgau, and the karst-rich landscapes and caves of the Swabian Mountains are well-known nationwide.



An extensive network of cycle paths and hiking trails offers many possibilities for anyone seeking recreation. The most well-known routes are the cycle path along the Donau, and a section of the pilgrims' path known as "The Road to Santiago".



The Donau-Iller region has been amongst the best-rated places in various recent surveys of towns and regions in Germany with the best quality of life. The positive economic future, the wealth of the urban and administrative districts and the attractiveness of the location for investors, as well as the varied landscapes, add fundamentally to the fact that the region offers a pleasant living environment and career opportunities for the population.



### Spatial planning

The densely populated area around the centre Ulm/Neu-Ulm is countered by more rural administrative districts. The task of the Regionalverband is to strengthen the development of these areas as well as carrying out town, traffic and environmental planning on a regional basis.

### Sightseeing

The cathedral of Ulm is a world-famous landmark in the heart of the region. Many other towns in the region are also attractive destinations. Picturesque mediaeval town centres, baroque churches along the "Baroque Street of Upper Swabia", theatres and museums, theme parks as well as traditional festivals and processions attract many visitors from far and wide every year.

