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The Bavarian State Parliament's Committees



Many citizens associate the term “Bavarian State Parliament“ with the image of a plenary session in a plenary chamber. However, the standing committees that are appointed for the duration of the electoral term are just as important to the parliamentary work. Each of the currently 14 standing committees is responsible for one area of politics that its members specialise in. They advise on bills and motions and submit recommendations for a resolution. As a result, the committees prepare the content for the plenary session's meetings and decisions.

The committees can request the presence of any member of the state government at their meetings. State government members and their officers have access to committee meetings and must be heard at any time. The committees also deal with petitions and complaints from citizens and take a final vote on these.

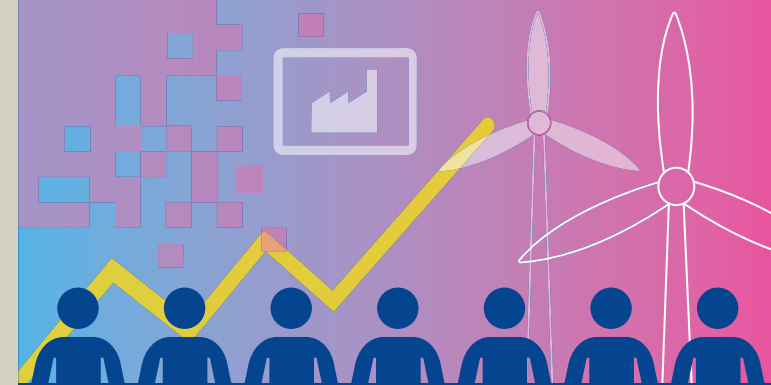
All of the Bavarian State Parliament's parliamentary groups are represented on the committees, which have 14, 18 or 21 members depending on their field. At the same time, the political majorities on the committee must correspond to those in the Bavarian State Parliament's plenary. The committee chairmanships are also distributed across the parliamentary groups based on relative strength. The parliamentary groups then decide internally which member of Parliament they delegate to a committee and who should take over the chairmanship or vice chairmanship, as necessary. The committees generally hold public meetings.

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Committee on Economic Affairs, Regional Development, Energy, Media and Digitalisation



**Bayerischer
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The Committee on Economic Affairs, Regional Development, Energy, Media and Digitalisation



Chairwoman: Stephanie Schuhknecht (GRU) (right)
Vice Chairwoman: Kerstin Schreyer (CSU)

Duties

21 members of Parliament in total belong to the Committee on Economic Affairs, Regional Development, Energy, Media and Digitalisation: nine CSU members, four members from the FREIE WÄHLER (FW), three members each from the AfD and ALLIANCE 90/THE GREENS (GRU) and two SPD members.

The remit of the committee essentially corresponds to the areas of responsibility of the State Ministry for Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy and the State Ministry for Digital Affairs. With regard to the policy area of media, the committee also touches on the remit of the State Chancellery.

It addresses topics that are of particular importance to the State of Bavaria. In addition to basic economic and industrial policy issues, these include regional structural policy, technology, innovation and non-university research.

With the regional development programme, the committee advises an essential instrument to create and maintain equal living and working conditions. In addition, there is the future-oriented topic of digitisation, which affects all spheres of life. Last but not least, the question of the future energy policy is absolutely key to a secure, environmentally compatible and economically successful future.

The committee thus makes a major contribution to the further development of Bavaria's attractiveness as a business location, to a competitive and future-oriented economic structure in industry, trades and crafts, commerce and the service sector, and to the preservation and creation of jobs.

The committee supports the Bavarian State Parliament's plenary with the preliminary consultation of motions and bills as well as with the preparation of appropriate resolutions.

In special cases, the committee may also hold expert hearings to prepare for decisions. In addition, it advises and decides on citizens' petitions and complaints that fall within its area of responsibility.

Meetings

The meetings always take place on Thursdays during sitting weeks. They are convened and chaired by the chairman. Besides the committee members and head of the committee office, state government representatives responsible for the specific agenda items also attend.

With important political issues, responsible members of the government are also present. The Bavarian State Parliament's shorthand writers' service documents the meetings.