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# Members, constituent bodies, committees

## Members

The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft has 1,199 members, comprising 44 legal entity members, 63 natural person members, 95 former executive board members and institute directors, 989 ex officio members and 8 honorary members. Some members have multiple functions.

### Honorary members

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Senior Advisor

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German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK)

Undersecretary Alexander Schott

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State of North Rhine-Westphalia

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Prof. Albert Heuberger  
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Stefan Schmidt  
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Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow  
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Prof. Andreas Tünnermann  
Chair of the STC, Director of the  
Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Optics  
and Precision Engineering IOF

**Honorary senator**

Prof. Ekkehard D. Schulz

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Research, Equality and Districts

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Saxon State Ministry for Science, Culture  
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Central Works Council, Fraunhofer  
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Gesellschaft Central Works Council,  
Fraunhofer Institute for Open  
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Ministry of Science, Energy,  
Climate Protection and Environment  
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**Advisory boards**

In total, the advisory boards of the insti-  
tutes consist of 864 members, some of  
whom hold seats on the advisory boards  
of more than one institute.

**Scientific and Technical  
Council (STC)**

The STC has 220 members, 107 of  
whom are delegated institute directors  
or senior managers, while 113 are elect-  
ed representatives of the scientific and  
technical staff of each institute.

**Chair of the STC:**

Prof. Andreas Tünnermann  
Director of the Fraunhofer Institute for  
Applied Optics and Precision  
Engineering IOF

**Presidential council**

The presidential council of the  
Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft is made up of  
the members of the executive board and  
the chairs of the nine Fraunhofer groups,  
named below:

Prof. Karsten Buse  
Fraunhofer Group for Light & Surfaces

Prof. Welf-Guntram Drossel  
Fraunhofer Group for Production

Prof. Jakob Edler  
Fraunhofer Group for Innovation  
Research

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Fraunhofer Group for Health

Prof. Peter Gumbsch  
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Components

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Prof. Albert Heuberger  
Fraunhofer Group for Microelectronics

Prof. Boris Otto  
Fraunhofer ICT Group

Dr. Markus Wolperdinger  
Fraunhofer Group for Resource  
Technologies and Bioeconomy

**Presidential council member  
acting in an advisory capacity**

Prof. Jürgen Beyerer  
Fraunhofer Segment for Defense and  
Security VVS

**Permanent guest**

Prof. Andreas Tünnermann  
Chair of the STC, Director of the  
Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Optics  
and Precision Engineering IOF

**Executive board**

Prof. Holger Hanselka  
(President)

Elisabeth Ewen

Dr. Sandra Krey

Prof. Axel Müller-Groeling

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# Structure of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft

## Constituent bodies and their duties

The executive board consists of the president and several other full-time members. Its duties include managing the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft and representing its interests both within and outside of the organization. It formulates the basic principles of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft science and research policy, plans its growth and its finances, acquires its base funding, organizes the distribution of funds among the individual institutes and appoints the institute directors and senior managers.

Although the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft is basically a decentralized organization, its structure also allows for strategy and effective management to be implemented centrally. Various constituent bodies and committees are responsible for coordination, consultation and leadership across the organization as a whole.

A total of **76 institutes and research units** at locations across Germany operate under the umbrella of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft. Each cultivates its own market presence and manages its own budget. They are organized into nine **Fraunhofer groups**, each with a dedicated research focus, and tasked with coordinating this research within the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft and harmonizing the market presence of the respective group members. The chairs of the Fraunhofer groups, together with the members of the executive board, make up the presidential council of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft. The presidential council participates in executive board decision-making processes and, as such, is entitled to make proposals and recommendations to and has the right to be heard by the board.

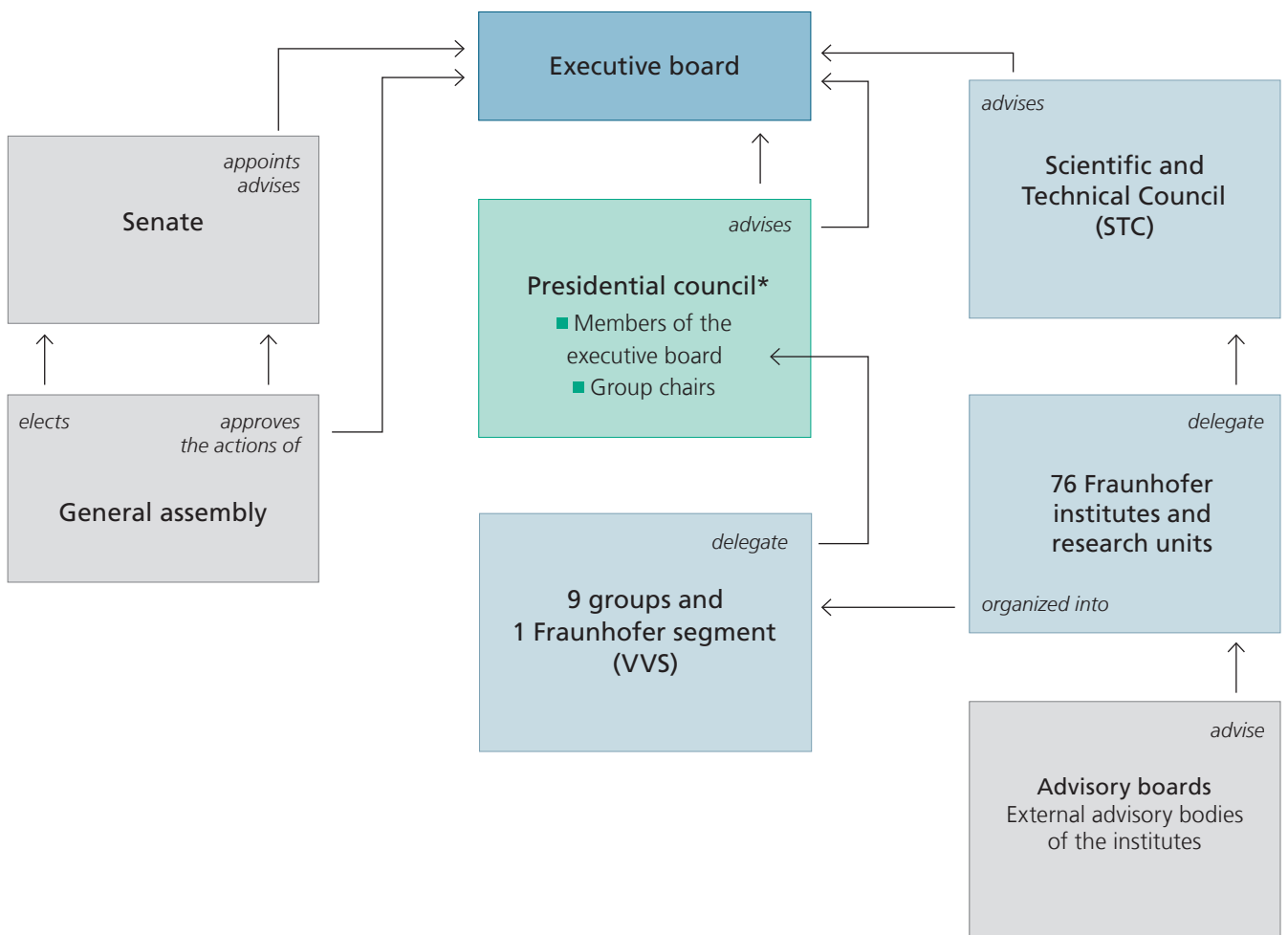
The **senate** comprises a total of 26 voting members from the worlds of industry, science and public life, representatives of the federal and state governments, and members of the Scientific and Technical Council (STC). The senate's duties include appointing members of the executive board, defining the basic principles of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft science and research policy, and formulating decisions concerning the establishment, transformation or dissolution of research units belonging to the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft.

The **general meeting** is made up of the members of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft. Ex officio membership is open to members of the senate and the executive board, institute directors and senior managers, and members of the advisory boards. Ordinary membership is open to individuals and legal entities who wish to support the work of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft. Honorary members may be elected from among the research staff and patrons of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft in recognition of outstanding services to the organization. The general meeting elects the members of the senate, discharges the executive board of its functions and formulates decisions concerning amendments to the Statute.

The **STC** is the organization's internal advisory body. It consists of the directors and senior managers of the institutes and an elected representative of the scientific and technical staff of each institute. The STC provides advice to the executive board and other constituent bodies in matters of fundamental importance. It makes recommendations concerning research and HR policy, expresses its opinions regarding the establishment of new institutes or the closure of existing institutes, and participates in the appointment of new institute directors and senior managers.

The **advisory boards** are external advisory bodies of the institutes. They consist of representatives from science, business and public life. For each institute, approximately twelve members are appointed to the advisory board by the executive board with the approval of institute management. The advisory boards act as advisors to institute management and the executive board on matters concerning the research focus and any structural changes to the institute.

Structure as per the statutes and legal entity

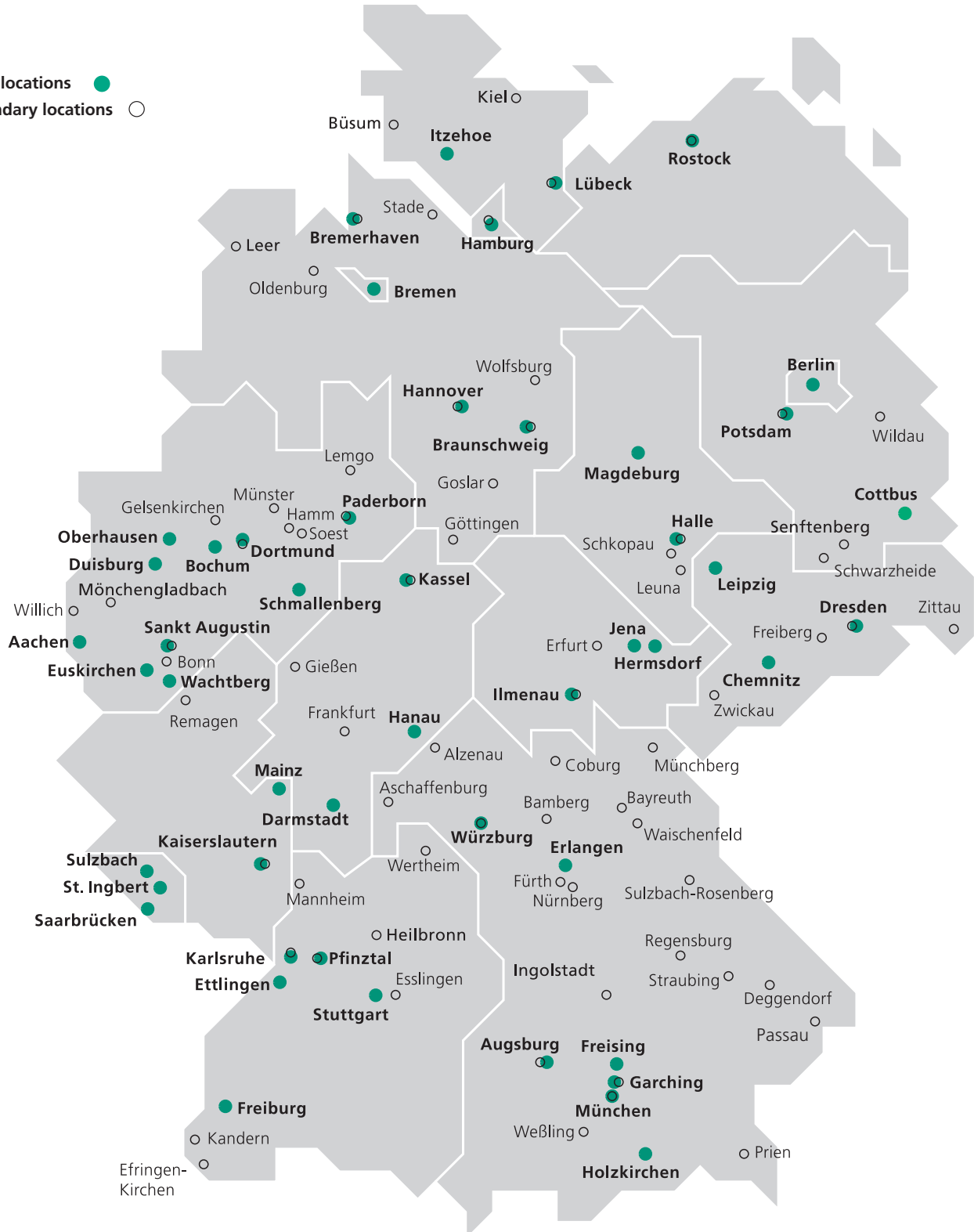


- The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft is organized as one legal entity, which means all institutes are legally dependent.
- Legal form: association registered under German law (e.V.)
- Tax status: non-profit status

\* Advisory committee, not an extended executive board

# Fraunhofer Germany

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