

JOINING FORCES

Verband Region Stuttgart is the political entity for the Stuttgart Region. It joins the forces of the region with its 179 towns and local authorities in order to safeguard the region's diversity, high quality of life and economic strength in the long term. Its core statutory tasks include local public transport, regional planning and business development as well as regional transport management. It is also responsible for the funding and organization of the "S-Bahn" commuter railway system. Verband Region Stuttgart initiates regional funding programs to provide impetus for the Stuttgart Region Landscape Park and for sustainable mobility.

In order to hold its ground in global competition, the Stuttgart Region cooperates effectively with partners in Germany and abroad. Verband Region Stuttgart runs a European office in Brussels together with WRS – Stuttgart Region Business Development Corporation.

**Basis:** Founded in 1994 following legislation adopted by the federal state of Baden-Württemberg

**Regional area:** The rural districts of Böblingen, Esslingen, Göppingen, Ludwigsburg and Rems-Murr together with the state capital of Stuttgart

**Main body:** The Regional Assembly elected by the population of the region

**Main tasks:** Regional planning with aspects such as settlement development and protecting open spaces; regional transport planning; regional local public transport, including among others acting as the funding authority for the "S-Bahn" commuter railway system; express buses; regional transport management concept

**Landscape Park:** Concepts and co-funding of projects to enhance the way people experience nature

**Regional business development and tourism marketing**

**Other tasks:** Culture and sport, among others

**Budget:** Approx. 390 million euro (2016)

LOCAL RECREATION

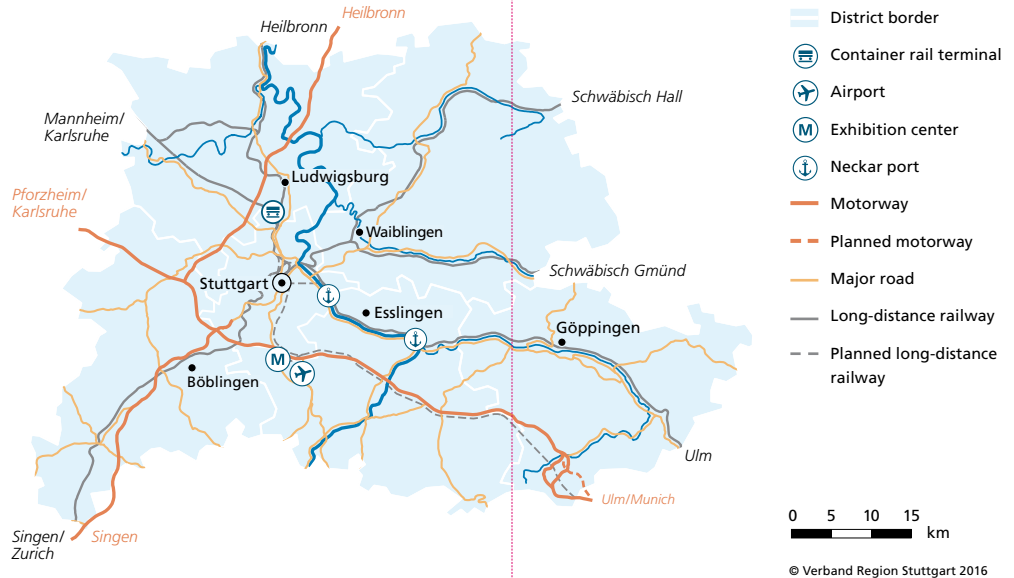
River valleys with steep vineyards, fields, fruit orchards and woodland: the Stuttgart Region has a wide range of landscapes on offer. Maintaining this countryside and making local recreation even more attractive is the idea behind the Landscape Park Stuttgart, which makes a major contribution to the quality of life in the region.



STUTTART REGION

SUPRA-REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

Easy accessibility is a key location factor in favor of the Stuttgart Region. Besides a dense network of roads and railways, Stuttgart airport and the two Neckar ports in Stuttgart and Plochingen play an important role for the export-oriented companies in the region.



FACTS & FIGURES

<b>Area</b>	3654 km <sup>2</sup> (10%)
including	
<b>Built-up area and transport</b>	830 km <sup>2</sup> (16%)
including	
Housing	272 km <sup>2</sup> (18%)
Trade/industry	79 km <sup>2</sup> (17%)
<b>Towns and local authorities</b>	179 (16%)
<b>Population (based on census)</b>	2,694,009 (25%)
including	
Non-Germans	440,353 (33%)
Non-German share	16% (13%)
Population density	737 inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> (federal state: 300 inhabitants/km <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Employees covered by social security insurance</b>	1,172,954 (27%)
including	
Manufacturing	391,557 (25%)
Services sector	777,693 (28%)
<b>Commuters across municipal borders</b>	900,509 (28%)

<b>S-Bahn commuter rail network</b>	
Number of S-Bahn lines	7
Number of S-Bahn passengers per working day	400,000
<b>Total GDP</b>	€ 124,158 m (30%)
<b>Manufacturing per capita</b>	€ 49,814 m (30%)
	€ 46,528/inhabitant
	B.-W.: € 39,583/inhabitant
<b>Purchasing power</b>	€ 24,228/inhabitant
	B.-W.: € 22,540/inhabitant
<b>Housing (based on census)</b>	
Total residential buildings	524,318 (22%)
Total housing units	1,299,049 (25%)
<b>Total number of universities</b>	
Students at universities	79,417 (22%)
<b>Tourism</b>	
Accommodation capacity	54,454 (14%)
Overnight stays	8,428,500 (17%)

THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Stuttgart Region has the only directly elected "regional parliament" in Baden-Württemberg. Every five years, an electorate of about 1.7 million people decide who will represent their interests.

The statutory tasks are carried out by the Regional Assembly, the honorary Chairman and the full-time Regional Director.



## SHAREHOLDINGS

### Wirtschaftsförderung

**Region Stuttgart GmbH** (51%)

(Business Development Corporation Region Stuttgart)



» [www.wrs.region-stuttgart.de](http://www.wrs.region-stuttgart.de)

Contact point for entrepreneurs and investors

### Verkehrs- und Tarifverbund

**Stuttgart GmbH** (20%)

(Integrated transport association Stuttgart)



» [www.vvs.de](http://www.vvs.de)

Prices and timetables of buses and trains

**Regio Stuttgart Marketing und Tourismus GmbH** (32,35%)



» [www.stuttgart-tourist.de](http://www.stuttgart-tourist.de)

Ideas and tips for excursions, events and accommodation possibilities

( ) percentage stake of Verband Region Stuttgart

## FURTHER INFORMATION

» [www.region-stuttgart.de](http://www.region-stuttgart.de)

Internet portal of the Stuttgart Region

» [www.region-stuttgart.org](http://www.region-stuttgart.org)

Website of the Verband Region Stuttgart  
Tasks, members of the Regional Assembly, meeting documents, downloads of publications, links to parliamentary parties and groups

**Interesting information about the rail project Stuttgart–Ulm/Stuttgart 21**

» [www.bahnprojekt-stuttgart-ulm.de](http://www.bahnprojekt-stuttgart-ulm.de)

## REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### CULTURE, SPORTS AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

#### Dialogforum der Kirchen in der Region Stuttgart

(Dialogue forum of the churches in the Stuttgart Region)

Protestant and Catholic churches advocate the social, cultural and ecological concerns of the people in the Stuttgart Region

» [www.dialogforum.de](http://www.dialogforum.de)

#### Hochschul- und Wissenschaftsregion Stuttgart e. V.

(University and Science Region Stuttgart)

The aim is to establish the Stuttgart Region in an even better position as a place for academic study and science and to cultivate contacts between higher education institutes and companies in the region.

» [www.campus.region-stuttgart.de](http://www.campus.region-stuttgart.de)

#### JugendRegion Stuttgart e. V. (Youth Region Stuttgart)

The association develops projects and services, and deals with future topics for the youth.

» [www.region.sjr-stuttgart.de](http://www.region.sjr-stuttgart.de)

#### KulturRegion Stuttgart e. V. (Cultural Region Stuttgart)

Merger of towns and cultural associations on the regional level.

» [www.kulturregion-stuttgart.de](http://www.kulturregion-stuttgart.de)

#### SportRegion Stuttgart e. V.

Regional sport development and location marketing are the focus of this network.

» [www.sportregion-stuttgart.de](http://www.sportregion-stuttgart.de)

## STUTTGART REGION AT A GLANCE



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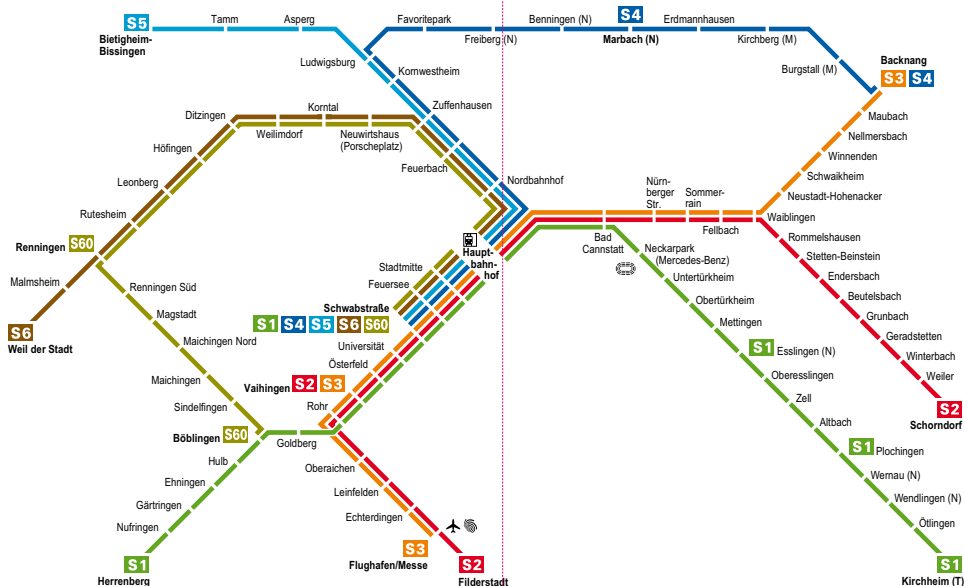
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## THE S-BAHN COMMUTER RAIL NETWORK



The S-Bahn is the backbone of local public transport in the Stuttgart Region. Every day, around 720 trains on seven S-Bahn lines serve more than 80 stops and bring nearly 400,000 passengers comfortably to their destinations in an environmentally friendly fashion.

The network continues to grow. There are plans to extend the network to Neuhausen a. d. F; Stuttgart 21 includes a new mobility hub at the airport, and a new S-Bahn station called Mitternachtstraße is to be built in Stuttgart city center between the central station and Bad Cannstatt. All S-Bahn trains will stop at this station so that passengers coming from Feuerbach can change here for Bad Cannstatt and vice versa.

Verband Region Stuttgart has been the authority responsible for the S-Bahn since 1996, with a continuous improvement in services over this period.