Tasks and Processes

The Federal Office of Bundeswehr Equipment, Information Technology and In-Service Support (BAAINBw) was established on 1 October 2012 in the course of the reorientation of the Bundeswehr. The new office combines the tasks of the former Federal Office of Defense Technology and Procurement (BWB) and the former Federal Office of the Bundeswehr for Information Management and Information Technology (Bundeswehr IT Office), additionally assuming in-service support tasks which up to now have been performed by other civilian and military organizational elements of the Bundeswehr.

9,600 employees, about 1,400 of which will be soldiers, will work for the newly established office and its subordinate agencies. The BAAINBw is based at Koblenz and Lahnstein with a total of 4,500 personnel.

The main task of the BAAINBw is to provide the Bundeswehr with efficient and safe equipment. Its activities focus on the development, testing, procurement and in-service management of defense materiel. The spectrum ranges from highly complex weapon and IT systems, tanks, aircraft and ships to personal equipment of our soldiers.

The new office assumes consistent responsibility from the proposal of technical solutions through their implementation and in-service control to the disposal and recycling of defense materiel. Experienced, well-trained and motivated staff form a solid basis for the complex tasks that will have to be managed. This makes the BAAINBw the main technical service provider of the Bundeswehr and an important public customer.

The new office will be supported by nine Bundeswehr Technical Centers and Research Institutes as well as the Bundeswehr Information Technology Center. The Naval Arsenal, another agency of the BAAINBw, ensures the operational readiness of the German fleet. The liaison office in Reston/USA represents Germany's defense technology and armaments interests vis-à-vis government organizations and industry in the United States and Canada.

As a result of Bundeswehr operations as well as shorter innovation cycles, faster and more flexible procurement processes and structures are needed. The new procurement process - the Customer Product Management (amended) - and the new procurement organization are consistently geared towards fulfilling these requirements. Cooperation in newly created "integrated project teams" helps to improve intensive communication between all elements involved. The creation of the new office is therefore an essential step within the reorientation of the Bundeswehr as it further optimizes the equipment of our soldiers and the integrated performance of tasks carried out by civilian and military personnel.

Divisions

P Division - Equipment Management and Strategy
- Cross-divisional equipment management
- Assessment of the armaments/IT and service use situation
- International Cooperation

K Division - Combat
- Combat and transport vehicles, artillery weapon systems, air defense systems
- Infantry weapons, antitank systems, missiles
- Engineer munitions, detection and clearing systems, bridges and crossing equipment

L Division – Air
- Fighter jets, transport and special aircraft, helicopter systems
- Crew rescue and protection systems
- Unmanned aerial vehicles, tactical drones, space based reconnaissance systems

S Division – Sea
- Surface units
- Subsurface units
- Support units and auxiliaries, unmanned vessels

U Division – Land Support
- Operational accommodation systems (incl. field camp technology and protection)
- Soldiers' equipment (soldier system)
- Reconnaissance and electronic warfare systems, training and simulation systems

I Division – Information Technology
- Operational IT systems (communication systems, command and control systems)
- Specialist IT tasks (IT security, cyber defense technology, IT standards and IT conformity)

G Division – IT Support
- Software maintenance and modernisation of existing technical information systems
- Implementation of the SANSIP (Standard Application Software Product Families) project including in-service and product management
- Transfer of existing systems in use to SANSIP

Special Organization – HERKULES
- Basic operation of the Bundeswehr IT System
- Customer control of the HERKULES IT project
- Special software competence center

E Division – Purchasing
- Purchasing of spare parts for weapon systems
- Procurement of common COTS goods and services
- Disposal of defense material

Q Division – Quality/Logistics
- Quality assurance
- Logistics
- Support services for project management

Z Division – Central Affairs
- Organization, security, internal services and finance
- Legal affairs, price auditing, IT competence center
- IT coordination
- Scientific Collection of Defense Engineering Specimens (WTS)