

Bund Heimat und Umwelt in Deutschland



English version

Who we are

The *Bund Heimat und Umwelt in Deutschland* (BHU, Association for Heimat and Environment in Germany) is an umbrella organisation of civil society associations in Germany.

The regional associations represented by the BHU have more than half a million members. This makes the BHU the biggest cultural civil movement of its kind in Germany.

Since its foundation in 1904 the BHU has advocated for cultural landscapes and the people who live within them.

people + nature + culture = *Heimat*



Support us

With a donation you support our work in Germany. It is also an important contribution to preserving cultural landscapes and your environment. Donations are welcome and tax-deductible.

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You will find one of our regional associations in your state, too. Become a member and get involved locally!

We are happy to take your contact details and add you to our German newsletter to keep you up-to-date on current activities, events and new publications.
Email us at newsletter@bhu.de

Questions or suggestions? Don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Our Areas

The focus of our work is the conservation and management of cultural landscapes and the elements within them that are worthy of protection.

These goals require interdisciplinary and practical work. Consequently we are involved in the following areas:

- community commitment
- cultural landscape
- nature and environment
- regional and everyday history
- the built environment and monuments
- immaterial cultural heritage
- languages and dialects
- international collaboration
- Heimat

Our Mandate

• Conserving and Shaping

The BHU is dedicated to the conservation and shaping of our natural and cultural heritage.

The BHU acts as a partner and source of inspiration, representing citizens' interests. We want to explore and preserve our cultural landscapes together and develop them in a way that keeps them liveable.

• Mediating

The BHU takes the role of mediator between the people of the different regions, politicians, authorities and experts from a wide range of disciplines. Our engagement with the public is a focal point of our work.

• Strengthening civil participation

The BHU wants to enable people to take an active role in shaping their environment.

• Creating networks

The BHU is actively involved in creating networks with institutions on a national and international level. The BHU founded, among others, the German Forum for Cultural Landscapes (Deutsches Forum Kulturlandschaft). This is an information network of more than 60 organisations from all over Germany engaged with cultural landscapes.

• Active on a European level

The BHU is in contact with equivalent associations in Europe and is actively involved in European umbrella organisations.

What we offer

The BHU hosts conferences and workshops and organises competitions. Our publications give an insight into the wide range of topics we cover. Further information is available on our website.

- bhu.de
- deutsches-forum.bhu.de
- bundeskongress-heimat.bhu.de

Our regional member associations

Our regional associations are members of the BHU:

- Landesverein Badische Heimat
- Schwäbischer Heimatbund
- Bayerischer Landesverein für Heimatpflege
- Verein für die Geschichte Berlins
- Brandenburg 21 – Verein zur nachhaltigen Lokal- und Regionalentwicklung im Land Brandenburg
- Bremer Heimatbund – Verein für Niedersächsisches Volkstum
- Zentralausschuß Hamburgischer Bürgervereine von 1886
- Gesellschaft für Kultur und Denkmalpflege – Hessischer Heimatbund
- Landesheimatverband Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- Niedersächsischer Heimatbund
- Lippischer Heimatbund
- Rheinischer Verein für Denkmalpflege und Landschaftsschutz
- Westfälischer Heimatbund
- Institut für Landeskunde im Saarland
- Landesverein Sächsischer Heimatschutz
- Landesheimatbund Sachsen-Anhalt
- Schleswig-Holsteinischer Heimatbund
- Heimatbund Thüringen