



Ship ahoy! Land of Maritime Industry

Specialised Seaports

With its nine seaports Niedersachsen guarantees perfect connections with international commodity flows. Each port has its specialties; together, all kinds of handling are possible:

- containers and vehicles
- agricultural and forestry products
- steel and steel products
- solid and liquid raw materials
- project loads such as wind turbines and aircraft parts.

Container Terminal Wilhelmshaven is Germany's only deepwater port, capable of handling the latest generation of cargo ships whatever the tide and with a short approach channel.

Made-to-measure sites and property close to the terminal offer more than adequate space for commercial development.

Fine Fleets

Niedersachsen is currently home to 120, mostly medium-sized, shipping companies, specializing in various type of freight:

- cargo ships
- bulk carrier
- tankers
- multipurpose and heavy cargo carriers
- specialist ships such as dredgers, research-, supply- and installation ships
- passenger vessels and ferries.

With a merchant fleet of around 1,000 ships Niedersachsen is second only to Hamburg as a base for shipping companies – one reason why our vocational training and technical higher education institutions provide excellent and comprehensive initial and further training and education, from nautical science to ship engineering; among many facilities is a ship command simulator with a 270° visibility system in Leer.

Shipbuilders in Demand

Niedersachsen is Germany's most important shipbuilding location, whose yards specialise in high-tech, sophisticated vessels; Niedersachsen leads above all in the construction of cruise liner, rescue vessels and yachts.

Our 29 ship- and boatbuilding companies employ around 5,000 people, with a further 7,000 at about 150 suppliers of systems and components, materials and finishing and fitting services.

Offshore Megawatts

Electricity from offshore wind farms in the German Bight has passed the 3,800-Megawatt mark – power for more than four million households. 2,000 MW come ashore in Niedersachsen.

Along the coast, in recent years a diverse offshore power industry has evolved to cover the sector's entire value added chain; the latest addition is Siemens' offshore wind turbine manufacturing facility at the German Offshore Industry Centre Cuxhaven.

Maritime networking

Our maritime networks and research facilities look into the future: green shipping, smart shipping and ocean energy are some of the issues we are working on.

Seaports of Niedersachsen · www.seaports.de
 Niedersachsen Ports · www.niedersachsenports.de
 Container Terminal Wilhelmshaven · www.jadeweserport.de
 North German Maritime Cluster · www.maritimes-cluster.de
 Competence Centre Green Shipping Niedersachsen · www.greenshipping-niedersachsen.de
 Maritime Competence Centre, Leer · www.mariko-leer.de
 WAB wind power agency · www.wab.net
 ForWind centre for wind power research · www.forwind.de

Contact

We are the first call and contact on all aspects of entering the market and establishing your company in Niedersachsen, advising and supporting you with:

- information
- location search
- investment realisation
- networking with public sector agencies, companies, research and technology facilities.

Moving pictures:

watch our film 'Welcome to the port of Niedersachsen'.
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Welcome to Niedersachsen!



When it comes to water, Niedersachsen is in its element – our 300 kilometres of North Sea coast between the Ems, Weser and Elbe estuaries are a strong shaping force of the state economy here in northwest Germany. Our location, and the systematic development of our transport infrastructure, have attracted the entire spectrum of maritime industries to Niedersachsen, built around our nine

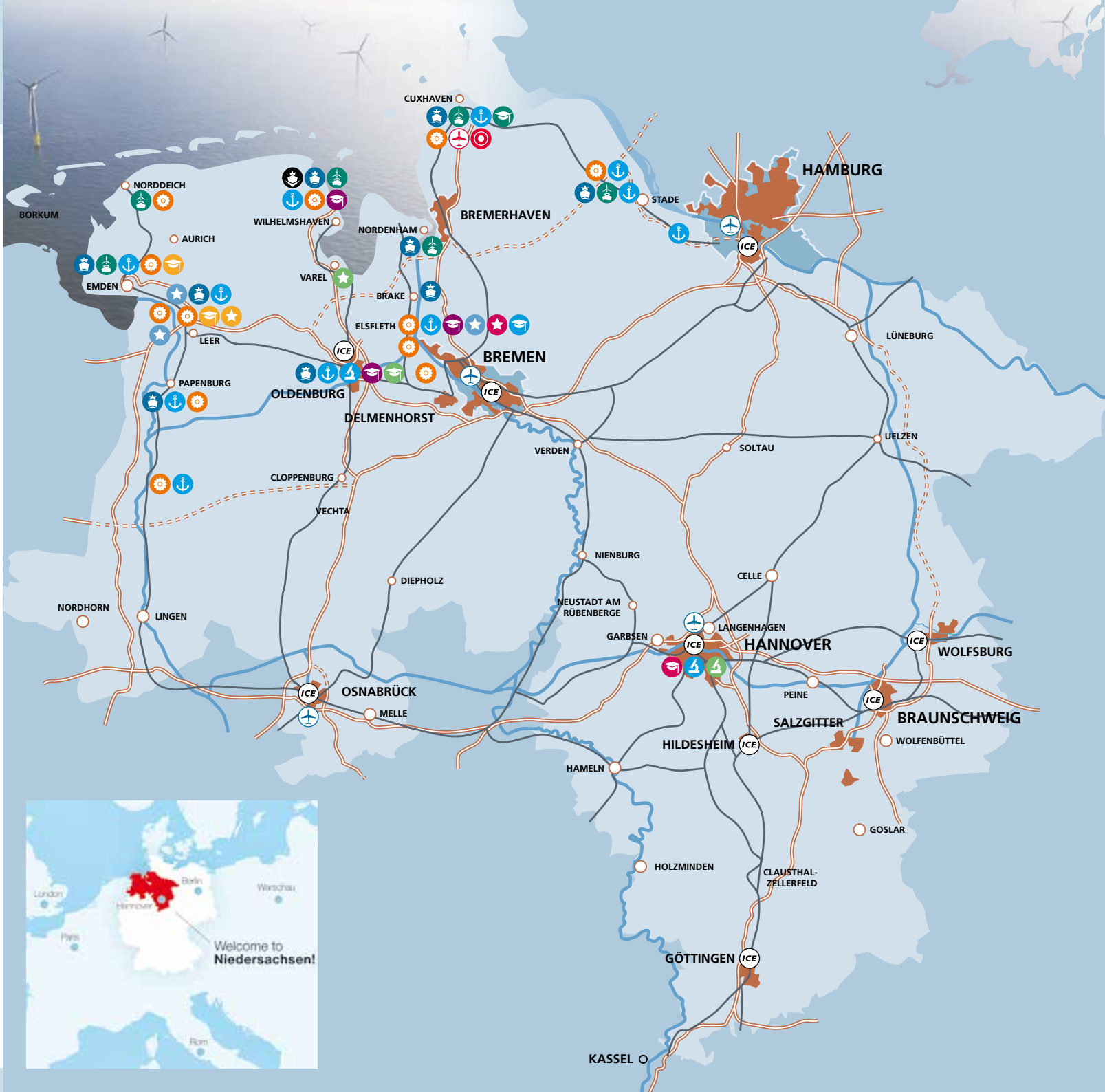
seaports and the Container Terminal Wilhelmshaven, excellent rail, road and waterway connections into the European hinterland.

Over 40,000 people are directly employed in Niedersachsen’s maritime sector; companies and institutions specialising in shipbuilding, shipping and harbour services, marine technologies and research, education and training are up with the world leaders. And as offshore wind power has expanded in the North Sea, a further specialised industrial sector has docked in Niedersachsen between the Rivers Elbe and Ems.

Discover for yourself the multifarious maritime potential of Niedersachsen! Our location team at the state’s Ministry for Economics, Labour and Transport will be happy to advise and support you in planning and implementing your projects.

Yours,

Olaf Lies
Minister for Economics,
Labour and Transport of Niedersachsen



Legend

Maritim infrastructure and companies

- Seaport
- Deepwater port
- German Offshore Industry Centre Cuxhaven
- Offshore port
- Shipping companies
- Shipyards
- Sea-Airport Cuxhaven/Nordholz

Competence Centres and Clusters

- North German maritime cluster
- GreenShipping Niedersachsen
- Maritime competence centre, Leer
- Offshore wind energy foundation

Maritime Training and Research Facilities

- Carl-von-Ossietzky University, Oldenburg
- Leibniz University, Hannover
- Jade University
- Emden/Leer University
- Staatliche Seefahrtsschule Cuxhaven
- MARIKOM competence centre, Elsfleth
- Forwind centre for wind power research
- Franzius-Institute for Hydraulic, Estuarine and Coastal Engineering

Infrastructure in general

- Airport
- ICE railway station
- Railway
- Motorway
- Planned motorway/European highway