

Description of bvöd

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What does bvöd stand for?

bvöd (**B**undesverband **ö**ffentliche **D**ienstleistungen) is a professional association within the public economic sector and deals with services of general economic interest. It also represents the German section of the CEEP in Brussels.

bvöd's main interest lays with raising awareness about the contribution of public enterprises to maintain public infrastructure and thus strengthening the competitiveness of the industry in Germany as a whole. It sees itself as an important part of the main frame that ensures a thriving public economic environment.

bvöd's diverse membership structure covers a wide range of providers, which cater for services of general economic interest.

Members of bvöd are:

- local public enterprises and public utility companies of
 - o energy
 - o water
 - o waste and waste water management
 - o housing
 - o public transport

as well as professional bodies of

- o public employers
- o public utility companies
- o saving banks
- o head associations of cities and regions in Germany

Through its scientific advisory council, bvöd provides a strong link between scientific research and public economy. This enables member enterprises to profit from a readily available and well-connected network of interdisciplinary expertise, making them independent from external advisors.