



The 2025 German Federal Election

During a time of growing international headwind, Germany finds itself facing a nationwide election. Voters will elect a new parliament on 23 February, much earlier than expected. The poll was brought forward after the collapse of the governing coalition made up of the SPD, the FDP and the Greens.

Fundamental disagreements within the coalition, most recently disputes over the country's economic policies, led to its demise late last year. Since then, Germany has had to put many decisions on hold, with several of these issues now dominating the election campaign: How is the country positioning itself internationally? What about the continuing war in Ukraine? And then there is the hot topic of immigration – all issues provoking both concern and heated debate.

The rightwing populist party Alternative for Germany (AfD) is pitching in with often controversial viewpoints. Polls are predicting significant wins for the AfD, which could become the second-strongest political force after the CDU/CSU. CDU candidate Friedrich Merz and the Greens' Robert Habeck want the top job of Chancellor, while the SPD incumbent Olaf Scholtz wants to remain in office.

In the run-up to the election, DW brings you a comprehensive package of coverage on [dw.com](https://www.dw.com), [Youtube DW News](#) and on TV.

On 23 February 2025 itself, DW presents results, background and analysis as well as interviews with party representatives.



BUSINESS BEYOND

Can Europe Survive the New World Order?

With Europe's more recent economic performance lagging significantly behind the US, the return of Donald Trump to the White House raises yet more questions. And it's not just productivity that finds itself in the spotlight, but innovation as well. The EU knows it faces challenges, but are its member states capable of taking the decisive, collective action necessary to arrest decline and secure a prosperous, democratic future for their citizens? **Business Beyond** explores these questions.

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DOCFILM

When the World Stood Still

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Covid-19 to be a pandemic. The potentially fatal disease spread so quickly around the world that initially, it couldn't be contained. This was the beginning of a state of emergency lasting several years. The documentary **When the World Stood Still** tells the personal stories of several people in Europe, observing how they coped with a situation that sometimes felt like the plot of a disaster movie. The film is a hard-hitting portrayal of our universal survival instinct and our need for moments of joy in times of great adversity.

Starting Sat 8 March | 10:30 on TV



ARTS UNVEILED

Why the Weimar Republic Failed

The Weimar Republic marked the advent of democracy in Germany. The period ushered in new freedoms for arts and culture in the 1920s, as paintings by artists such as George Grosz and Otto Dix testify. Current TV series like "Babylon Berlin" celebrate the progressive lifestyle of the era. The collapse of the Weimar Republic led to the disastrous rise of the Nazis. Together with artists and historians, **Arts Unveiled** explores parallels between the Weimar Republic and the modern day – revealing just how fragile democracy can be.

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The Stasi Museum in Berlin

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Most Iconic Buildings: The Stasi Museum in Berlin

15 January 1990: In East Berlin, citizens of East Germany stormed the Ministry for State Security buildings. Their aim: To halt the destruction of personal files. Their occupation of the feared Stasi headquarters heralded the end of the East German secret police. Today, the site serves as a museum and information center. DW reporter Meggin Doody paid a visit to the

former Stasi HQ. What went on behind these doors? What spy techniques did its agents use? How were Stasi sniffer dogs able to track down purported enemies of the state? And why were Stasi cameras also hidden the walls of its Berlin complex?

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