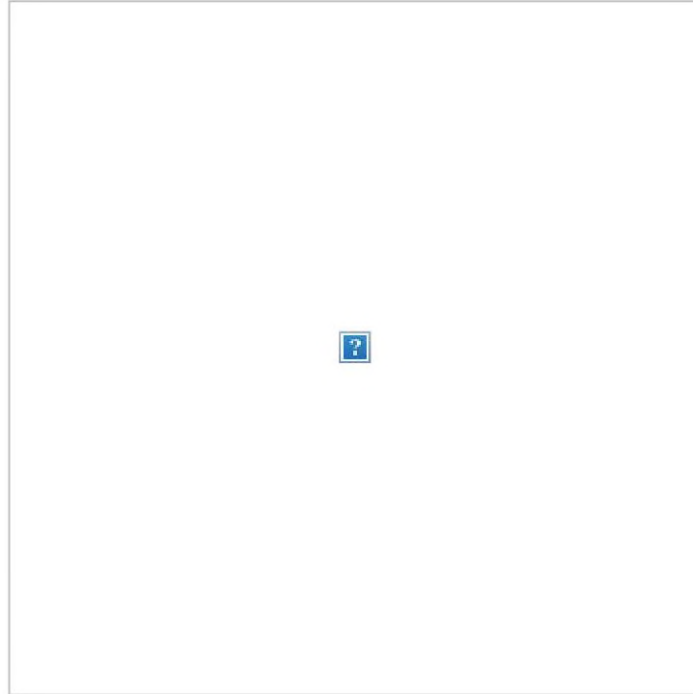
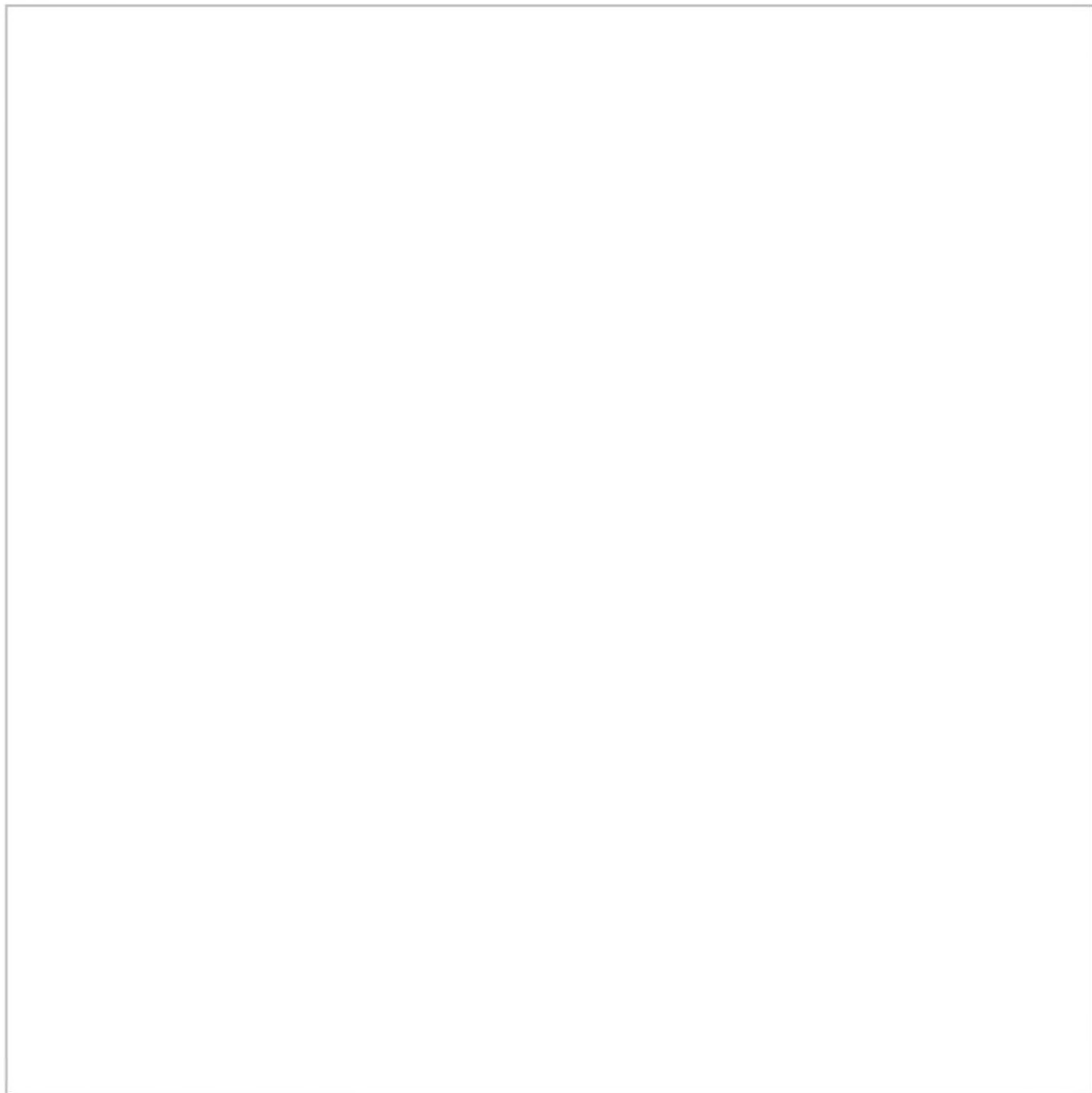


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Dear DGIC Friends,

In this month's Delegation Debrief, we break down the newly released DIHK World Business Outlook survey results, including a U.S.-focused analysis of the findings. We also look at how AI is driving a surge in U.S. electricity demand, and we share highlights from recent delegation visits from Baden-Württemberg's Ministry of Economy, Labor and Tourism and Germany's Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity.

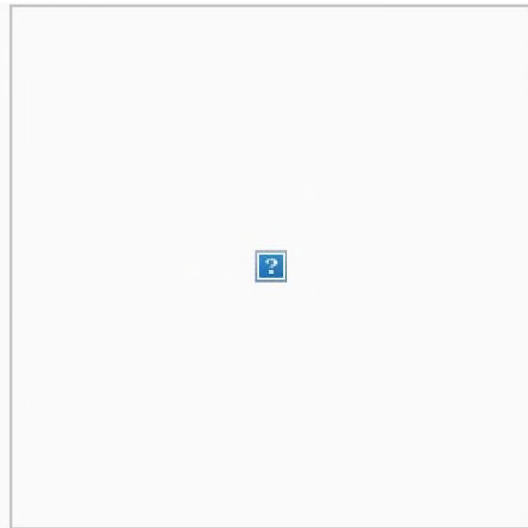
As we enter Thanksgiving week, we're especially grateful for our network of partners and colleagues whose collaboration strengthens our work and the broader transatlantic business community.

Focus on Greater Washington

Cisco expansion highlights DC

as innovation hub

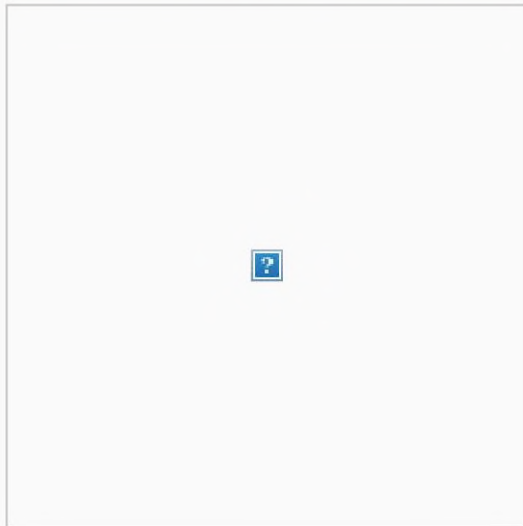
Cisco has significantly expanded its presence at The Wharf, underscoring Washington, DC's position as a premier hub for technology, innovation, and public-sector partnership. The new space anchors Cisco even more firmly in the nation's capital, where more than 2,200 employees support federal agencies, local businesses, and the region's rapidly growing tech sector. By opening a dedicated Showcase in DC, Cisco highlights the city as a place where cutting-edge workplace technologies can be tested, demonstrated, and deployed at scale



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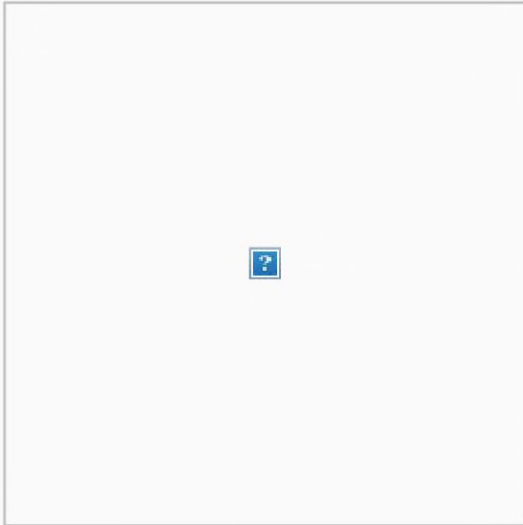
Economic Policy Highlights



World Business Outlook Results & a closer U.S. Analysis

The United States remains a cornerstone market for German businesses. As companies adapt to shifting geopolitical and economic dynamics, understanding their outlook is more essential than ever. The DIHK World Business Outlook – Fall 2025 delivers exactly this perspective. Sentiment among German firms operating in the U.S. has improved following this year's earlier disruptions, though indicators have not yet fully rebounded to their 2024 benchmarks. Overall, the business climate remains strong: while 16% of respondents view their current situation negatively, a full 84% report stable or positive performance. Despite ongoing geopolitical challenges, the U.S. continues to stand out as a strategically important location for German companies.

[Read the full U.S. analysis from AHK USA](#)
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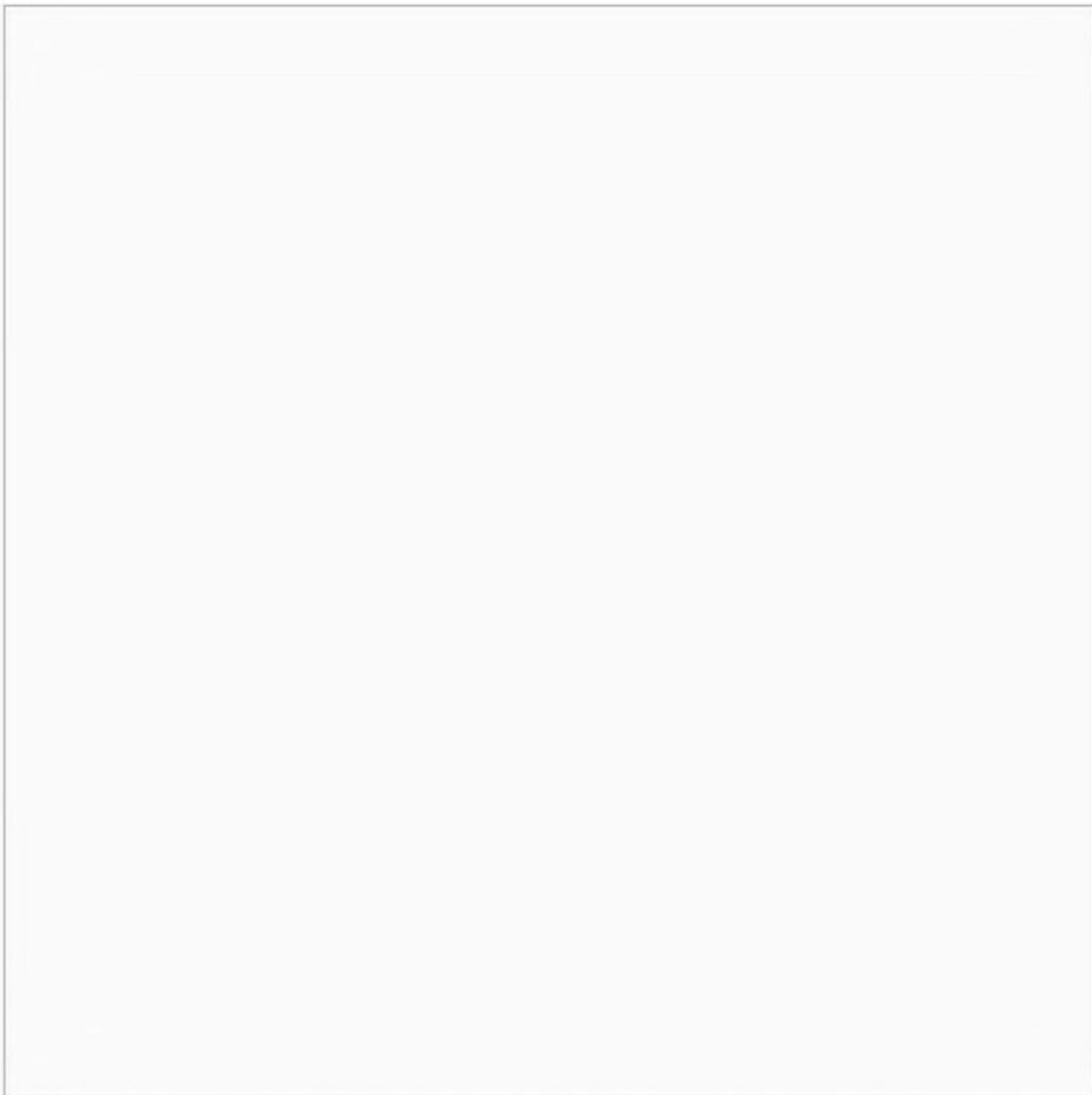
AI increasing US electricity demand

Data centers in the U.S. are expanding rapidly, creating significant strain on energy supply systems. Major tech companies are building massive new AI hubs with a combined 7 gigawatts of capacity, comparable to four large gas power plants. Electricity providers in several regions are already unable to support new data center projects. Studies also show U.S. data center electricity demand could rise by 80% by 2030, potentially reaching up to 9% of national consumption in extreme scenarios. The Department of Energy similarly estimates data center usage could grow from 100 terawatt-hours in 2023 to as much as 400 terawatt-hours by 2028.

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Delegation Visit from Baden-Württemberg's Ministry of Economy, Labor, and Tourism

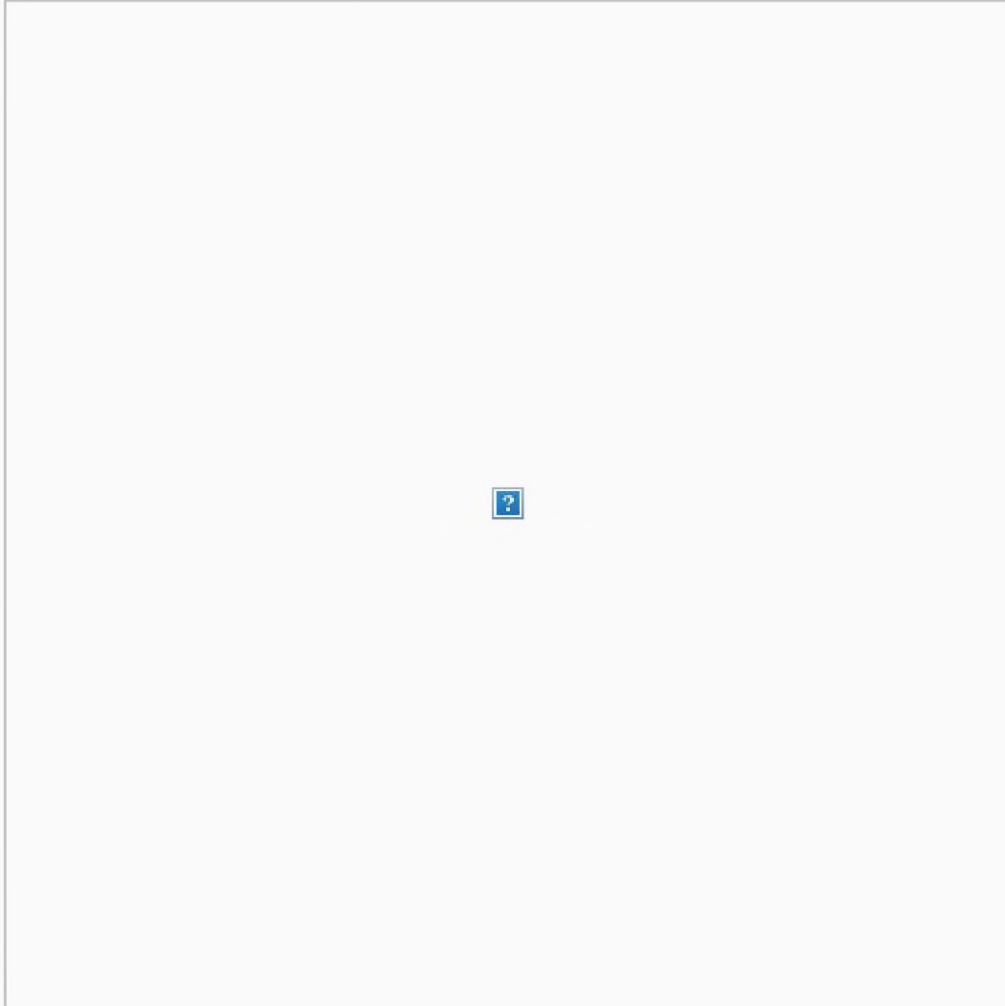
This week, we had the honor of hosting a 57-member delegation of political and industry leaders from Baden-Württemberg's aerospace and mobility sectors, led by Minister for Economy, Labor, and Tourism Dr. Nicole Hoffmeister-Kraut. As one of Europe's most innovative and export-driven regions, Baden-Württemberg remains a key driver of transatlantic competitiveness, sustainable industry, and technological leadership.

The visit included a comprehensive political and economic briefing from DGIC President & CEO Christoph Schemionek, Jean P. Froehly, Head of Economy, Trade & Finance at the German Embassy, and Stephanie Harwood, Trade Policy Expert at the Representative of German Industry and Trade.

Throughout the day, delegates engaged in site visits across the Greater Washington region with The Aerospace Corporation, IBM, Northrop Grumman, Forterra, and the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab. These exchanges underscored shared priorities in aerospace, mobility, digitalization, advanced research, and the future of resilient

infrastructure.

The programming concluded with a networking reception at the German Embassy. We extend our sincere thanks to Baden-Württemberg International for their collaboration in bringing this impactful visit to life.



Roundtable & Panel Discussion with Germany's Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity

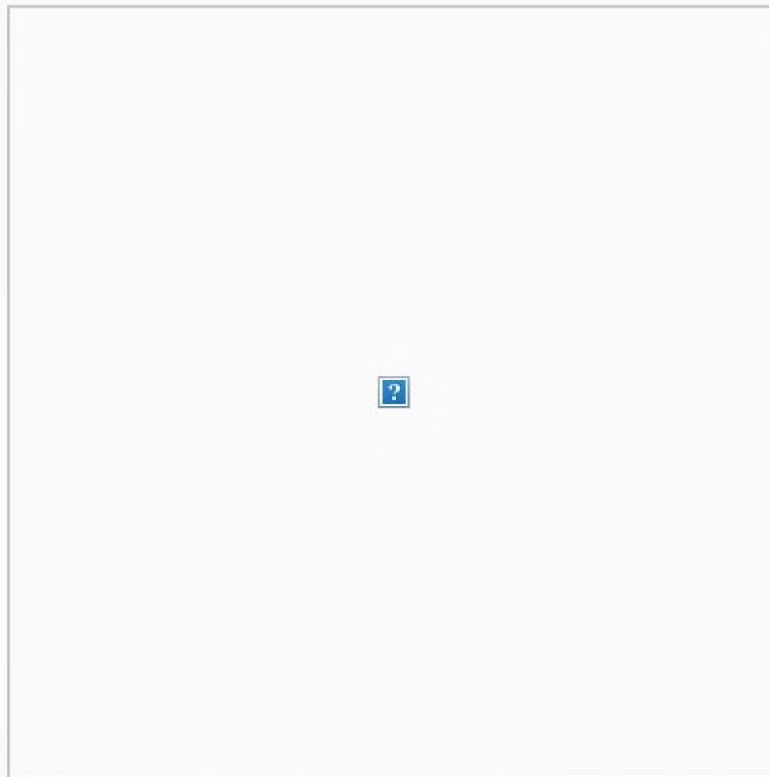
We were delighted to welcome the German Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identity (BMLEH) for the Washington, DC portion of their U.S. visit, following a series of site visits and political meetings in Nebraska. Their multi-state program provided a comprehensive look at the opportunities and challenges shaping today's agriculture and food sectors.

Led by Federal Minister Alois Rainer, the delegation included 14 representatives from BMLEH as well as 12 German companies and associations. Together, they explored key areas of transatlantic cooperation, emerging market developments, and shared priorities across the full agricultural value chain.

The visit began with a lively roundtable discussion at DGIC, bringing together Washington-based think tanks and agricultural policy experts for an exchange on U.S.-German engagement in food systems, innovation, and sustainability. The following day, the Embassy of Germany in Washington convened a panel discussion with German companies operating in the U.S. agrifood market.

We were pleased to support this program and strengthen connections within a sector that remains vital to both countries' economic and strategic interests.

Looking Ahead...



Webinar: Tax Tips for German Expats (in German) December 5 | 12PM ET (18:00 MEZ) | Online

Tax Season 2026 is just around the corner! For Germans living in the United States, navigating taxes can be especially complex. Which types of income are taxed where—and up to what amount? How do inheritance, gift, and wealth taxes come into play?

Our U.S. tax advisor, Carolin Hock, together with Julian Thalmeir from Munich, will explain the key principles of tax law in both countries and highlight what expats should pay special attention to. Following their presentation, they'll also be available to answer individual questions.

Registration



**Transatlantic AI Forum | December 10 | 9:00AM -
1:00PM EST**

On December 10, we will host the Transatlantic AI Forum, bringing together experts from hyperscalers, policy, and research to discuss one of the most pressing issues in the AI ecosystem: the growing demand for data center capacity. As AI adoption accelerates on both sides of the Atlantic, data centers have become a critical backbone for innovation — raising important questions around energy use, permitting, infrastructure planning, and transatlantic cooperation. The forum will highlight U.S.–European perspectives, identify shared challenges, and explore opportunities for collaboration to support a secure, sustainable, and resilient data center landscape.

Register



2026 German-American Executive Summit March 5-6 | New Orleans, LA

Join us for the German-American Executive Summit! This flagship event brings together the German-American business community from across the United States, offering a unique platform to grow your network, strengthen partnerships, and engage in meaningful transatlantic collaboration.

As a joint initiative of all five German American Chambers of Commerce (GACCs), the summit creates unique opportunities to connect with leaders across industries and foster lasting cross-cultural partnerships.

What to Expect:

- A dynamic meeting point for high-value business connections—spanning industries and borders
- Fresh insights and strategic perspectives for sustainable growth and long-term success
 - Engaging discussions with top entrepreneurs, innovators, and decision-makers

- Exclusive market analyses and actionable strategies for immediate impact
- Opportunities to deepen your German-American business relationships and help shape the transatlantic future

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