

Administrative bodies

The bodies of the institute are:

- The general meeting of the association
- the board of curators
- the board (director)
- the scientific advisory panel

Members of the board of curators:

- Brandenburg Ministry of Science, Research and Culture; head of division Konstanze Pistor (chairwoman)
- Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Housing; head of division Dr. Oliver Weigel (deputy chairman)
- Brandenburg Ministry of Infrastructure and Agriculture; MR'in Ingrid Even-Pröpper
- Brandenburg Ministry of Infrastructure and Agriculture, Joint State Planning Department Berlin/Brandenburg; Frank Segebade
- Brandenburg State Chancellery; Thomas Seidel
- TU Berlin, Institute for Urban and Regional Planning; Prof. Dr. Dieter Frick
- Chairman of the scientific advisory council; Prof. Dr. Dietrich Henckel (adviser)
- Senate Department of Urban Planning, Berlin; Martina Pirch (adviser)
- Board of society/Director of the IRS; Prof. Dr. Heiderose Kilper (adviser)
- Member of IRS research staff; Dr. Christoph Bernhardt (adviser)

Scientific Advisers:

- Prof. Dr. Dietrich Henckel; TU Berlin (chairman)
- Prof. Dr. Arthur Benz; FernUniversität Hagen
- Prof. Dr. Werner Jann; University Potsdam
- Prof. Dr. Peter Meusbürger; University Heidelberg
- Prof. Dr. Dieter Schott; TU Darmstadt
- Prof. Dr. Simone Strambach, Philipps-Universität Marburg
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The Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (IRS)

researches social, economic and spatial urban and regional development and its governance.

With its research projects the institute devises objectives and strategies for the development and stabilisation of European sub regions. Our interdisciplinary basic research is practice-oriented and focuses on generating knowledge in four fields:

- Regionalisation and Economic Space
- Institutional Change and Regional Public Goods
- Dynamics of Communication, Knowledge and Spatial Development
- Regeneration of Cities and Towns.

The research area presently encompasses the new federal states, the Federal Republic of Germany as a whole, Eastern Central Europe and other EU countries.

The IRS co-operates at national and international levels with universities and extra-university research institutes. Co-operation agreements exist with the Brandenburg Technical University of Cottbus and Potsdam University.

The IRS currently employs a staff of 70. 15 of the 44 scientists are working on externally funded projects.



The IRS building in Flakenstraße, Erkner, can easily be reached from the centre of Berlin by regional express train.

The research departments

Department 1

Regionalisation and Economic Spaces

Head: Prof. Dr. Oliver Ibert

Department 2

Institutional Change and Regional Public Goods

Head: Dr. Timothy Moss

Department 3

Dynamics of Communication, Knowledge and Spatial Development

Head: PD Dr. Gabriela B. Christmann

Department 4

Regeneration of Cities and Towns

Head: Dr. Heike Liebmann

Scientific Collections

The IRS has compiled its own archive of papers and planning documents relating to the history of architecture and urban planning in the GDR. The archive is founded on the records of the former GDR's Institute for Urban Planning and Architecture. This material continues to be stored, catalogued and occasionally published by the institute for scientific purposes.

Legal Structure and Funding

The IRS is a registered association under private law, scientifically independent, and is one of the non-university research institutes in the Leibniz Association (WGL). As a national research institute it is jointly funded by the Federation and the State of Brandenburg in accordance with the Skeleton Agreement on Research Promotion.



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