



**DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT
FÜR WEHRTECHNIK e. V. (DWT)**
(GERMAN ASSOCIATION FOR DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY)

DWT: Defence Technology in Dialogue

Self-image and overall Objective

The German Association for Defence Technology (DWT) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to matters dealing with German national security.

It was founded in Bad Godesberg in 1957 on the initiative of the German MoD's Armaments Directorate and today has approximately 280 sustaining member firms and some 880 individual members.

In accordance with its Statute, the DWT acts as a neutral platform for dialogue and information exchange, and as such is firmly anchored in the German defence and security community. It is now also well established in Brussels, the seat of both the EU and NATO.

The DWT's aim is to promote awareness of the principal issues relating to security and defence policy, defence and security technology as well as defence industry.

The DWT's executive bodies, i.e. the presidency - with an advisory role - and the executive board of directors, consists of high-ranking decision makers from all the sectors mentioned above. Their commitment is a tangible sign of the importance attached to the DWT throughout the security, defence technology and defence industry communities.

Information - Communication – Publications

The DWT and its subsidiary, the Centre for Studies and Conferences Ltd. (SGW), organize numerous events for representatives from the DWT's target groups, i.e. from politics, business, industry, the service sector, the German Armed Forces and the German Defence Administration, from other security agencies and organisations, science and research, defence-oriented associations as well as interested individuals from the general public and provide a forum for the exchange of information, ideas and opinions.

The wide range of events organised by the DWT and SGW in Bonn, Berlin and Brussels includes presentations, panel and floor discussions - with or without exhibitions - as well as workshops, discussion rounds and parliamentary discussion events, which all provide an opportunity for face-to-face communication and for developing and maintaining professional contacts.

In close coordination with the DWT, the SGW focuses mainly on organising large-scale events, most of which are held in Bonn, with some also taking place in Berlin and other cities.

Furthermore, the SGW also organises activities and events on its own initiative.

Once a year, the SGW organises the DWT's nationwide maritime workshop, which brings together all those interested in naval developments and provides a forum for professional exchange of ideas and opinions.

Scientists, enterprises, engineers - both civilian and military - meet in other nationwide organised special defence technology orientated study groups (Acoustics, Optics and Optronics, Power Engineering) to exchange their views, ideas and experience.

The SME Study Group (AKM) and the Initiative Circle “Future Developments” (IKZ) also conduct nationwide activities.

The SME Study Group’s objective is to showcase the innovativeness and performance of small and medium enterprises, to include their cooperation with system houses, in providing equipment and services for the Bundeswehr and other security agencies and organizations, and to make SMEs an integral part of our association's activities.

Once a year, the SGW and the SME Study Group jointly organise the DWT’s Information Event “In Dialog with the Military Attachés”. This unique setting, where future and assigned German Military Attachés as well as their foreign colleagues accredited in Berlin get together to share and expand their expertise on issues of defence industry together with industry representatives. This helps them in their role as information intermediaries.

The Initiative Circle “Future Developments” provides a forum - through the DWT - for emerging leaders and decision makers to promote critical and creative thinking.

Through its numerous regional sections, the DWT organizes a host of information sessions and panel discussions across Germany and beyond. International ties are currently being developed with neighbouring Austria and Switzerland. The sections act as liaison with regional representatives of the target groups relevant to the DWT.

The activities organised by the DWT and SGW as well as those staged by the various study groups and sections are listed and described on the DWT/SGW website (www.dwt-sgw.de). Pertinent reports can also be found in periodical and non-periodical DWT publications.

Partnerships and Cooperation

The DWT works together with German and foreign associations pursuing similar goals in order to promote integrative and international dialogue.

Special cooperation agreements exist with the Gesellschaft für Sicherheitspolitik e. V. (Association for Security Policy / GSP), the Carl-Cranz-Gesellschaft (Carl-Cranz-Society / CCG), the German Bundeswehr Association and the Bundeswehr Reservist Association.

Operational and Administrative Management

All DWT activities, both in Germany and abroad, and all events organised by the SGW are coordinated and controlled by a joined administrative office, which is based in Bonn.

A Berlin-based DWT representative supports the DWT in making and maintaining contact with important individuals and institutions in the German Capital. The Brussels-based DWT representative plays a similar role in the capital of Belgium, NATO and the EU. With the assistance of a specially assigned advisory group, he also engages in dialogue with representatives of international institutions and agencies in the Belgian capital and helps the DWT to stay abreast of international developments.

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