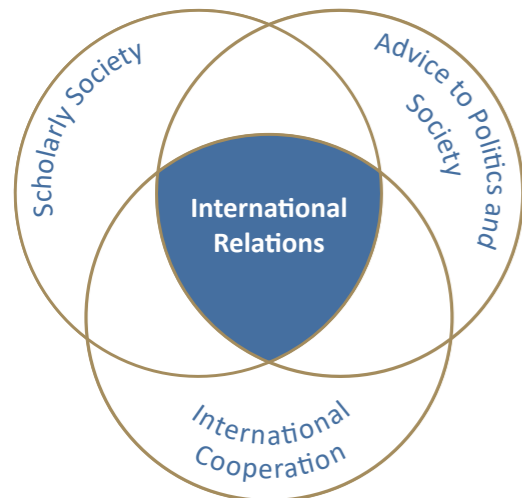


# Leopoldina's International Mandate

As the German National Academy of Sciences, the Leopoldina represents German science abroad. Its **international outreach** unites the traditional tasks of a scholarly society with the two mandates for policy advice and for international scientific cooperation.

Through **international cooperation** with scientific organisations worldwide, the Leopoldina makes an important contribution to global exchange, dialogue and international scientific relations. These partnerships are fundamental for providing independent **advice to political decision-makers and society** on questions of global relevance.

Internationalism is embedded in the structure of the Leopoldina as a **scholarly society**: Around a quarter of its 1,600 members are from more than 30 countries.



The Leopoldina originated in 1652 as a classical scholarly society and now has 1,600 members from almost all branches of science. In 2008, the Leopoldina was appointed as the German National Academy of Sciences and, in this capacity, was invested with two major objectives: representing the German scientific community internationally, and providing policymakers and the public with science-based advice. The Leopoldina champions the freedom and appreciation of science on both the national and the international level. It is her role to identify and analyse scientific issues of social importance. The Leopoldina presents its policy recommendations in a scientifically qualified, independent, transparent and prospective manner, ever mindful of the standards and consequences of science.



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## The International Voice of German Science

*“The challenges of the future require global approaches and solutions. This is why the Leopoldina works together with numerous partners from science, society and politics on all continents. As the voice of the German scientific community abroad, the Leopoldina provides evidence-based answers to questions of international relevance, addresses current research topics, advises impartially international decision-makers and society, acts as a facilitator of science diplomacy, and supports persecuted scientists.”*

**Professor (ETHZ) Dr Gerald H. Haug**  
XXVII<sup>th</sup> President of the Leopoldina



## Scientific Expertise

The Leopoldina pools global scientific expertise. The international and interdisciplinary exchange makes it possible to identify comprehensive answers to the challenges of our time.



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### Strategic Partnerships

- Chinese Academy of Engineering
- French Academy of Sciences
- Indian National Science Academy
- Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- Korean Academy of Science and Technology
- Russian Academy of Sciences
- Academy of Science of South Africa

### Cooperation Formats

Together with partner academies, universities and scientific organisations, the Leopoldina organises conferences, workshops, lectures and symposia in Germany and around the world, covering a broad thematic spectrum from basic research to applied science.

### Support for Early-Career Scientists

As a matter of principle, the Leopoldina regularly includes outstanding early-career researchers in its international activities.

## International Policy Advice

Global challenges can be addressed only through cross-border approaches. This is why the Leopoldina is engaged in providing international scientific advice to politics and society at the European and global level.



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### G7 and G20 Policy Advice

The national academies of the G7 and G20 countries provide scientific advice for the annual leaders' summits. Following the rotating G7 / G20 presidency, the national academy of the host country takes the lead in this process. So far, the Leopoldina has had this role for the G7 summit in Elmau (2015) and the G20 summit in Hamburg (2017).

### International Statements

The Leopoldina publishes international statements and reports on a regular basis.

### International Academy Networks

The Leopoldina represents German science in international academy networks.

- All European Academies (ALLEA)
- European Academies' Science Advisory Council (EASAC)
- Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM)
- InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)

Since 2010, the Leopoldina has been hosting the EASAC Executive Secretariat.

## Science Diplomacy

Science transcends borders. The Leopoldina builds upon the reputation, networks and the entire repertoire of science to improve international relations and stand up for universal human rights.



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### Human Rights Committee

The Human Rights Committee of the Leopoldina supports scientists all over the world who are subject to repression. Every year it organises the symposium "Human Rights and Science", both in Germany and abroad. The Leopoldina is also a member of the International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies.

### Berlin Process / Western Balkans Process

Since 2014, the Leopoldina has been coordinating the Berlin Process Joint Science Conference. The Berlin Process is an intergovernmental initiative of 16 countries to bring the Balkans into the European Union and foster regional cooperation in South East Europe. It focuses on strengthening cooperation in education, science and innovation, and on facilitating inter-societal dialogue.

## National Synergies

The Leopoldina brings together national and international discourses in science and science policy. Through its cooperation with international partners, the Leopoldina brings nationally relevant topics into the international debate. At the same time, it feeds international topics and issues into domestic discussions, thus stimulating national debates in Germany.



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### Sustainable Development

In different formats, the Leopoldina addresses sustainable development in the context of the 2030 Agenda of the United Nations. New research findings and scientific concepts, which are crucial for the success of the Sustainable Development Goals, are being discussed in international workshops and symposia organised by the Leopoldina.

### International Relations Coordinating Committee

The Leopoldina hosts the secretariat of the International Relations Coordinating Committee (AKA), a working body on international affairs, where all German research and funding organisations are represented.