

## About

RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research is a leading centre for economic research and evidence-based policy advice in Germany. Through its research work RWI provides information on economic developments and their underlying catalysts, assists economic policy decision-making and fosters economic literacy among the wider public.

The research work of RWI – based on latest theoretical concepts and advanced empirical methods – ranges from the individual to the world economy and is structured along five “competence areas”: “Labor Markets, Education, Population”, “Health Economics”, “Climate Change and Development”, “Environment and Resources”, and “Macroeconomics and Public Finance”.

The Institute’s claim “research with impact” illustrates its high scientific demand and is to be understood in a threefold sense: virtually all projects at RWI are of practical relevance and, thus, possess a high degree of potential policy impact. Second, the applied research at RWI fulfills highest academic standards and results are regularly published in renowned academic journals (i.e. with a high “impact factor”). Third, “impact evaluation” is a trans-divisional core competency of RWI and, therefore, often the central challenge in a large number of studies, evaluations and policy projects.

The Institute was founded in 1926. Since 1943 it is an independent research institute. RWI is a registered, non-profit institution and is committed to serving the common good.



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## RWI Publications

- Ruhr Economic Papers**, joint publication series of Ruhr University Bochum, the Universities of Dortmund and Duisburg-Essen, RWI and RGS Econ.
- RWI Positionen
- RWI Impact Notes
- RWI Konjunkturberichte
- RWI Materialien

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## RGS Econ

In 2004, RWI founded the **Ruhr Graduate School in Economics** (RGS Econ, [www.rgs-econ.org](http://www.rgs-econ.org)) in cooperation with the Ruhr University Bochum, the University of Dortmund and the University of Duisburg-Essen. Each year, RGS Econ enables eight graduates to undertake a three year program leading to a PhD degree in Economics.





## Organization

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Currently, RWI employs around 130 people, including 80 researchers. The Institute is funded by public money, membership fees and commissioned work. The average annual budget is approximately 13 million euros. RWI is supported by the Federal Government and by the Bundesland North Rhine-Westphalia.

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### Berlin Office

The Berlin office of RWI was founded in 2007, in particular, to strengthen the Institute's expertise in the field of economic policy advice and to promote academic links between RWI and the universities in Berlin.

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### Communication

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### Research Data Centre Ruhr at RWI

The Research Data Centre Ruhr (FDZ Ruhr) is a service unit for internal and external data users. Its tasks include counseling, the provision of data and their documentation.

### Research Departments

- Labor Markets, Education, Population**
- Health Economics**
- Climate Change and Development**
- Environment and Resources**
- Macroeconomics and Public Finance**

### Research Groups

- Prosocial Behaviour**
- Migration and Integration**
- Sustainability and Governance**

### Service Departments

- Finance and Controlling**
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- Technical Services (IT)**