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The Responsibilities for Procurement and Maintenance of Defence Material in the Federal Republic of Germany

Supervised by the Federal Ministry of Defence (FMoD), two agencies are involved in planning and procuring new defence material for the German Armed Forces: the **Bundeswehr Office for Defence Planning** during the analysis phase and the **Federal Office of Bundeswehr Equipment, Information Technology and In-Service Support (BAAINBw)** during the realisation and operational phase.

Based on the **Integrated Planning Process (IPP)**¹, the Bundeswehr Office for Defence Planning (PlgABw) prepares proposals for the **prioritisation of Bundeswehr capability development** and supports **medium-term defence resources planning** while considering the priorities set by NATO and the EU. Additionally, the PlgABw **identifies capability gaps**, prepares the so-called „Capability Gap and Functional Requirement“ documents which define functional requirements without predetermining a specific technological solution, and **develops options** to close these capability gaps. For this purpose, the Bundeswehr Office for Defence Planning establishes and manages integrated project teams (IPT). Taking into account the available financial resources, the PlgABw finally assesses these options and **prepares the selection decisions** by the FMoD.²

Once a decision for a particular approach has been taken by the FMoD, the accountability for the procurement process lies with the **BAAINBw**. In accordance with the Bundeswehr-specific procurement procedure „Customer Product Management (amended)“³, its task is **to ensure that the**

¹ *Bundeswehr Office for Defence Planning (Ed.): Integrated Planning Process*. Retrievable under http://www.planungsamt.bundeswehr.de/resource/resource/UlRvcjZYSW1RcEVHaUd4cklzQU4yMzFYNnl6UGxhbm1vNGx0VVVuZllvZ1AvRGZ0SFdrUUdMVXpOOE0wMW1xUEgvcGt5MzBoZTg0WFIBaDc5NVl3T29XTWhH-VEIQNkoxb2ZSVFIzWTVxUG89/Flyer_IPP_engl_072016_Web.pdf. Retrieved April 4, 2017.

² See *Bundeswehr Office for Defence Planning (Ed.): The Four Divisions*. Retrievable under http://www.planungsamt.bundeswehr.de/portal/a/plgabw/start/abteilungen!/ut/p/z1/hU7NCsIwGHujpXR057E7WIVRhA21vcjHHN2ktkPK8PGteB7mlD9CYHGFDbrRMjtUA_msjd3e6qrpGr7jvDvWjEmleSnEoVSK44zLv4rNMVuBZGiHAJM3xPqGQAsL6x1MLmf2oIXexRxfyQ-poP77FmakcPfdKfbyZ8zPfaX1xn0AVPQ29A!!/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#Z7_B8LTL2922TIB00AGN2377H3GG7. Retrieved April 4, 2017.

³ *Federal Ministry of Defence / AIN I 1 (Ed.): Customer Product Management (nov.)*. Retrievable only in German under [http://www.baainbw.de/resource/resource/UlRvcjZYSW1RcEVHaUd4cklzQU4yMzFYNnl6UGxhbm1vNGx0VVVuZllvampHVE51RVRxKzZjWHlmQXZwc2V3Z2V0enNONm04Z00wQ0R6Y08yOCswR2tLTFhQZGx2RGdDTEI4d1A2UEUrV2c9/CPM_\(nov.\).pdf](http://www.baainbw.de/resource/resource/UlRvcjZYSW1RcEVHaUd4cklzQU4yMzFYNnl6UGxhbm1vNGx0VVVuZllvampHVE51RVRxKzZjWHlmQXZwc2V3Z2V0enNONm04Z00wQ0R6Y08yOCswR2tLTFhQZGx2RGdDTEI4d1A2UEUrV2c9/CPM_(nov.).pdf). Retrieved April 4, 2017.

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Bundeswehr demand is met by supplying state-of-the-art technology and modern equipment at cost efficient conditions. Thus, some of the BAAINBw's core tasks are the **development, testing and procurement of defence material.** The product range of defence material covers sophisticated weapon systems, tanks, aircraft and ships as well as soldiers' personal equipment. On the other hand, „**Research and Technology Projects**“ are processed and **logistic support is provided for defence material during its in-service phase.** These tasks are partly processed by awarding corresponding contracts to trade and industry and partly by the BAAINBw organization itself. As a central „purchasing agent“ for the Bundeswehr, the BAAINBw thus constitutes an important public customer. Depending on the type of project, contracts are concluded for research, development, procurement or maintenance activities.⁴

In conclusion, both PlgABw and BAAINBw bear responsibilities for providing defence material to the Bundeswehr – PlgABw during the analysis phase and the BAAINBw during the realization and operational phase. As the BAAINBw is in charge during the operational phase, it is responsible for **planning and organizing maintenance and upkeep of existing defence material.** It is also responsible for the **conduct** of all maintenance actions **above troop maintenance level,** either by contracting or by own agencies as the Naval Arsenal. This task of above troop level maintenance includes both servicing malfunctioning products and the storage of defence material for high level maintenance. The BAAINBw is also in charge of purchasing all products needed for maintenance and upkeep of existing defence material with the exception of spare parts for off-the-shelf equipment which are procured in a decentralised manner.

⁴ *Federal Office of Bundeswehr Equipment, Information Technology and In-Service Support (Ed.): The Tasks of the Federal Office of Bundeswehr Equipment, Information Technology and In-Service Support (BAAINBw).* Retrievable under http://www.baainbw.de/portal/a/baain/start/ueberun/aufgabe/!ut/p/z1/04_Sj9CPykssy0xPLM-nMz0vMAfljo8zinSx8QnyMLI2MXAJcjQw8jT3CTIOc_A1MfEz1wwkpiAJKG-AAjgb6wal5-pFAM8xxmuFioh-sH6UflZVYllihV5BfVJKTWqKXmAxvoX5kRmJeSk5qQH6yI0SgIDei3KDcUREArF8lYA!!/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#Z7_B8LTL2922DPE20I3HV5RBO04D4. Retrieved April 4, 2017.