The economic activities listed below are presented in line with the sectoral classification used in external sector statistics. They serve as a reference point when entering the economic activity on the reporting forms. The specific nature of the economic activity of the company being reported on should always be given (e.g., "Manufacture of plastic parts", "Sale of electrical appliances", "Hotel management"). More detailed information on the classification of economic activities can be found at


Economic activities

A. Agriculture, forestry and fishing
   - Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities
   - Forestry and logging
   - Fishing and aquaculture

B. Mining and quarrying
   - Mining of coal and lignite
   - Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas
   - Mining of metal ores
   - Other mining and quarrying
   - Mining support service activities

C. Manufacturing
   - Manufacture of food products
   - Manufacture of beverages
   - Manufacture of tobacco products
   - Manufacture of textiles
   - Manufacture of wearing apparel
   - Manufacture of leather and related products
   - Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials
   - Manufacture of paper and paper products
   - Printing and reproduction of recorded media
   - Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products
   - Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products
   - Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations
   - Manufacture of rubber and plastic products
   - Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products
   - Manufacture of basic metals
   - Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment
   - Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products
Economic activities

Manufacture of electrical equipment
Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.
Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
Building of ships and boats
Manufacture of railway locomotives and rolling stock
Manufacture of air and spacecraft and related machinery
Manufacture of military fighting vehicles
Manufacture of transport equipment n.e.c.
Manufacture of furniture
Other manufacturing
Repair and installation of machinery and equipment

D. Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
   Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

E. Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities
   Water collection, treatment and supply
   Sewerage
   Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; materials recovery
   Remediation activities and other waste management services

F. Construction
   Construction of buildings
   Civil engineering
   Specialized construction activities

G. Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
   Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
   Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
   Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles

H. Transportation and storage
   Land transport and transport via pipelines
   Water transport
   Air transport
   Warehousing and support activities for transportation
   Postal and courier activities
I. Accommodation and food service activities
   Accommodation
   Food and beverage service activities

J. Information and communication
   Publishing activities
   Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities
   Programming and broadcasting activities
   Telecommunications
   Computer programming and consultancy
   Information services

K. Financial and insurance activities
   Deutsche Bundesbank
   Other monetary intermediation
   Money market funds
   Activities of holding companies
   Funds
   Trusts, funds and similar financial entities
   Other financial intermediation
   Insurance and reinsurance
   Pension funding
   Activities auxiliary to financial services and insurance activities, Investment companies and funds operating companies

L. Real estate activities
   Housing companies
   Other real estate activities

M. Professional, scientific and technical activities
   Legal activities
   Accounting, bookkeeping and auditing activities; tax consultancy
   Activities of head offices
   Management consultancy activities
   Architectural and engineering activities and related technical consultancy
   Technical testing and analysis
   Scientific research and development
   Advertising
   Market research and public opinion polling
Economic activities

Other professional, scientific and technical activities
Veterinary activities

N. Administrative and support service activities
   Rental and leasing activities
   Employment activities
   Travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities
   Security and investigation activities
   Combined facilities support activities
   Cleaning activities
   Landscape service activities
   Office administrative, office support and other business support activities

O. Public administration and defence, compulsory social security
   Compulsory social security activities
   Public administration and defence

P. Education
   Education

Q. Human health and social work activities
   Human health activities
   Residential care activities
   Social work activities without accommodation

R. Arts, entertainment and recreation
   Creative, arts and entertainment activities
   Libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities
   Gambling and betting activities
   Sports activities
   Other amusement and recreation activities

S. Other service activities
   Activities of membership organizations
   Repair of computers and personal and household goods
   Other personal service activities
Economic activities

T. Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods- and service-producing activities of households for own use

Activities of households as employers of domestic personnel

Undifferentiated goods- and service-producing activities of private households for own use