

# Germany

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**10 Financial Institutions  
made an estimated USD\$ 10,368 million  
available to 20 nuclear weapon producing companies since January 2014.**

## Introduction

This document contains country specific information from the 2018 Don't Bank on the Bomb update.

Hall of Fame and Runners-up include financial institutions with headquarters in the country that have published policies banning or limiting investment in nuclear weapons producers.

Hall of Shame are the financial institutions that have significant financing relationships with one or more of the nuclear weapons producers identified in the report.

Nuclear weapon producers this document includes a brief summary of the nuclear weapons related work of each of the identified producers. For more detail go to the [www.DontBankOnTheBomb.com](http://www.DontBankOnTheBomb.com) website.

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## Hall of Fame

There are no financial institutions from Germany in the Hall of Fame.

## Runners-Up

Financial Institution	Excludes all producers	Excludes all activities	Applies policy to all financial products	No investments found
Commerzbank		✓		

Commerzbank 

Commerzbank is an international commercial bank with branches in almost 50 countries. Its core markets are Germany and Poland. Commerzbank offers banking and capital market services to nearly 18 million private customers and over 60,000 million business and corporate clients.<sup>1</sup> As of 30 September 2017, Commerzbank held €490 billion in total assets.<sup>2</sup>

According to Commerzbank's policy on the armaments sector, the bank *"does not in any circumstances involve itself in transactions related to controversial weapons."*<sup>3</sup> For a definition of controversial weapons, Commerzbank refers to the German War Weapons Control Act<sup>4</sup>, which provides an elaborate definition of nuclear weapons based on the revised Brussels Treaty of 1954.<sup>5</sup>

In principle, this means that Commerzbank excludes all companies that are involved in controversial weapons. However, if the involvement constitutes only a small part of the company's businesses, Commerzbank allows investment as long as the bilateral contract specifically states that funds will not be used for any activity that is related to controversial weapons.<sup>6</sup>

The exclusion policy applies to the bank's commercial banking and investment banking activities, as well as to the investments made on its own account and its actively managed funds. However, the policy is not applied to passively managed funds and in addition, clients can request the execution of a buying-order of a specific investment that may contain a nuclear weapon producer. The same applies to orders of such investments through Online-Banking.<sup>7</sup>

Commerzbank does not publish its exclusion list, which is based on the findings of data provider Sustainalytics.<sup>8</sup>

Commerzbank was also found to have several investments in nuclear weapon producing companies identified by this report, more information can be found in the Hall of Shame.

<sup>1</sup> Commerzbank, "Commerzbank at a glance", *Commerzbank* website ([www.commerzbank.de/en/hauptnavigation/konzern/commerzbank\\_im\\_berblick/commerzbank\\_ueberblick.html](http://www.commerzbank.de/en/hauptnavigation/konzern/commerzbank_im_berblick/commerzbank_ueberblick.html)), viewed 23 January 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Commerzbank, "Interim Report as at 30 September 2017", page 2, available at: [https://www.commerzbank.de/media/aktionaere/service/archive/konzern/2017/q3\\_2017/Interim\\_Report\\_Q3\\_2017.pdf](https://www.commerzbank.de/media/aktionaere/service/archive/konzern/2017/q3_2017/Interim_Report_Q3_2017.pdf), viewed 23 January 2018.

<sup>3</sup> Commerzbank, "Positions and Directives", *website Commerzbank* ([https://www.commerzbank.de/en/nachhaltigkeit/nachhaltigkeitsstandards/positionen\\_und\\_richtlinien/positionen\\_und\\_richtlinie\\_n.html](https://www.commerzbank.de/en/nachhaltigkeit/nachhaltigkeitsstandards/positionen_und_richtlinien/positionen_und_richtlinie_n.html)), viewed 23 January 2018.

<sup>4</sup> Commerzbank, "Positions and Directives", *website Commerzbank* ([https://www.commerzbank.de/en/nachhaltigkeit/nachhaltigkeitsstandards/positionen\\_und\\_richtlinien/positionen\\_und\\_richtlinie\\_n.html](https://www.commerzbank.de/en/nachhaltigkeit/nachhaltigkeitsstandards/positionen_und_richtlinien/positionen_und_richtlinie_n.html)), viewed 23 January 2018.

<sup>5</sup> IUSCOMP, "War Weapons Control Act (Kriegswaffenkontrollgesetz, KrWaffKontrG)", *website IUSCOMP* (<http://germanlawarchive.iuscomp.org/?p=741>), viewed 23 January 2018.

<sup>6</sup> Commerzbank, written response to Profundo dated 3 June 2014.

<sup>7</sup> Commerzbank, written response to Profundo dated 9 October 2013; Commerzbank, written response to Profundo dated 3 June 2014.

<sup>8</sup> Commerzbank, written response to Profundo dated 3 June 2014.

*We commend Commerzbank for adopting a public policy on nuclear weapons. We recommend Commerzbank apply its policy to all nuclear weapon producers, including companies whose involvement in controversial weapons constitutes only a small part of their activities. Furthermore, Commerzbank's should apply its exclusion policy to all financial products it offers, including assets managed, and requests from clients that explicitly ask for or choose funds that contain controversial weapons producers should be refused. We look forward to engaging with Commerzbank, so a strong and comprehensively applied policy may be listed in the Hall of Fame in a future update of this report.*

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## Policy research methodology

To identify financial institutions with a policy on nuclear weapons, we research a variety of sources: NGO reports, screening-agency information, financial institutions' reports and websites, information from campaigners and other public sources. For practical reasons, the scope of this report is limited to those financial institutions that have an investment policy or a summary of that policy in English. The list of institutions in the Hall of Fame is therefore not exhaustive. We welcome additions from those able to provide them.

The financial institutions for which a nuclear weapons policy was actually found, were grouped in two categories. Financial institutions with a clear and comprehensive nuclear weapons exclusion policy are included in the "Hall of Fame", while financial institutions whose nuclear weapons policy is less strict or clear are included in the "Runners-up" category. This is not a comprehensive list, and others may exist in the country. To be included in the Hall of Fame, the nuclear weapons policy of the financial institution must meet the following criteria:

- The financial institution has published its policy and/or a summary of it;
- The policy excludes investments in nuclear weapon companies (withdrawing past investments and avoiding future investments)
- The policy has an 'all-in' comprehensive scope:
  - no exceptions for any types of nuclear weapon companies
  - no exceptions for any types of activities by nuclear weapon companies
  - no exceptions for any type of financing or investment by the financial institution

Financial institutions whose nuclear weapon policy does not meet all of the above criteria are included in the "Runners-up" category. [For more on the report methodology, see the website.](#)

The Don't Bank on the Bomb project seeks to recognise all financial institutions with investment policies that explicitly mention nuclear weapons, even if some of these policies are not comprehensive. By naming investment in nuclear weapon producing companies as an issue of concern, even less effective policies recognise the stigma associated with these weapons of mass destruction, however, because of loopholes in some policies, some financial institutions may appear in both the Runners-up and Hall of Shame categories.

## Hall of Shame

This section contains the results of our research into which financial institutions are financially involved with the nuclear weapon producing companies identified in the report. The financial institutions identified include banks, pension funds, insurance companies and asset managers. They have provided various types of financial services to nuclear weapon companies including loans, investment banking and asset management. For more detail on what types of financial services, please contact [info@dontbankonthebomb.com](mailto:info@dontbankonthebomb.com).

All sources of financing provided since 1 January 2014 to the companies listed were analysed from annual reports, financial databases and other sources. The financial institutions which are most significantly involved<sup>9</sup> in the financing of one or more nuclear weapon companies are shown here.

Figures presented are rounded up/down to the nearest dollar at the filing date. Commas (,) indicate thousands separators while periods (.) used as decimal points. All figures are in USD millions

		Financial Institutions								
		Allianz	BayernLB	Commerzbank	Deutsche Bank	DZ Bank	Helaba	KfW	LBBW)	Munich Re
Nuclear weapon producing companies	<b>Aecom</b>	16		203					148	
	<b>Aerojet Rocketdyne</b>				8					
	<b>Airbus Group</b>		66	198	1,029	66	66	66	66	
	<b>BAE Systems</b>	137		131	878					
	<b>Bechtel</b>									
	<b>Boeing</b>	157	300	299	816					
	<b>BWX Technologies</b>				28					
	<b>CH2M Hill</b>									
	<b>Fluor</b>	60								
	<b>General Dynamics</b>				68					
	<b>Honeywell International</b>	151	88		2,435					
	<b>Huntington Ingalls Industries</b>	91			45					134
	<b>Jacobs Engineering</b>									
	<b>Larsen &amp; Toubro</b>				5					
	<b>Lockheed Martin</b>	152								
	<b>Northrop Grumman</b>	108			216	404				
	<b>Orbital ATK</b>	60								
	<b>Safran</b>	103		183	1,079					
	<b>Serco</b>			45			45			
	<b>Thales</b>			206	12					
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>6,620</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>134</b>

<sup>9</sup> Don't Bank on the Bomb defines significant involvement as providing loans, investment banking or holdings above a threshold of 0.5% of all outstanding shares or bonds.

## Nuclear weapon producing companies

This report identifies 20 companies operating in France, India, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States that are significantly involved in maintaining and modernising the nuclear arsenals of France, India, the United Kingdom and the United States. **This is not an exhaustive list.** These companies are providing necessary components and infrastructure to develop, test, maintain and modernise nuclear weapons. The contracts these companies have with nuclear armed countries are for materials and services to keep nuclear weapons in their arsenals. In other nuclear-armed countries –Russia, China, Pakistan and North Korea – the maintenance and modernization of nuclear forces is carried out primarily or exclusively by government agencies. References and additional information is on the website, [www.dontbankonthebomb.com](http://www.dontbankonthebomb.com)

### Aecom (USA)

Aecom is part of the group of companies managing US nuclear weapons laboratories and testing facilities, including those responsible for design and fabrication of electronic, mechanical and structural systems for nuclear weapons. Without Aecom, modernisations plans for the US nuclear arsenal would come to a halt. Aecom and its partners have been cited for substandard performance in recent years, and the US government cut the fees in recent years, citing "significant or 'First Degree' performance failure".

### Aerojet Rocketdyne (USA)

Aerojet Rocketdyne, formerly known as GenCorp is involved in the design, development and production of land- and sea-based nuclear ballistic missile systems for the United States. It is currently producing propulsion systems for the Minuteman III and Trident II (D5) nuclear missile systems.

### Airbus (The Netherlands)

Airbus is a Dutch company that produces and maintains submarine-launched nuclear missiles for the French navy (the M51.2), it is also developing the next generation submarine launched missiles, the M51.3. Airbus is a key member of the joint venture MBDA-Systems, which has contracts to extend the life of French ASMPA missiles through 2035. MBDA also has contracts for the new French missiles, the ASN4G.

### BAE Systems (United Kingdom)

BAE Systems is involved in the nuclear weapons programmes of France, the UK and the US. It produces key components for Trident II (D5) missiles for the US and UK nuclear arsenals. It also produces US Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) systems. BAE Systems is also part of the MBDA joint venture and provides nuclear armed air-to-surface missiles for France.

### Bechtel (USA)

Bechtel manages the Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore national laboratories in the US, which play an important role in the research, design, development and production of nuclear weapons. The US National Nuclear Security Administration has been repeatedly criticized for renewing these contracts despite significant performance issues. Bechtel is also involved in the production and refurbishment of US nuclear weapons at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Tennessee and the life extension programme for the W76 warheads deployed on Trident II (D5) ballistic missiles at the Pantex Plant in Texas.

### Boeing (USA)

Boeing is contracted to help keep the Minuteman III nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles operational in the US nuclear arsenal until 2030. Boeing will also be producing the new Ground Based Strategic Deterrent system for the US, designed to replace the Minuteman III system. Boeing is also producing the guided tail kit for the new B61-12 US nuclear gravity bomb (the ones meant to be deployed to Europe). In addition, Boeing also has contracts for key components for US and UK Trident II (D5) nuclear weapons.

### BWX Technologies (USA)

BWX Technologies ("BWXT") formerly known as Babcock & Wilcox Company operates several US nuclear weapons facilities through joint ventures. These facilities including the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), previously known as the Nevada Test Site, each of which are engaged in aspects of nuclear warhead modernisation for the US arsenal and have also provided data to UK nuclear labs. Along with other partners, BWXT was cited for substandard performance in recent years, and

relevant US government agencies were criticized for renewing their contracts.

#### [CH2M Hill \(USA\)](#)

CH2M Hill is one of the joint venture partners operating the former nuclear weapons test site in the US (now called the Nevada National Security Site). The site continues to conduct nuclear weapons related experiments, sending data to both US and UK nuclear weapons laboratories. CH2M Hill was acquired by Jacobs Engineering in December 2017, information about CH2M Hill is included here for reference purposes.

#### [Fluor \(USA\)](#)

Fluor is the lead partner responsible for the management and operation of the US nuclear weapons facilities at Savannah River South Carolina. Fluor is responsible for managing the nuclear arsenal at the sites (Savannah River Site and Savannah River National Laboratory) among other tasks.

#### [General Dynamics \(USA\)](#)

General Dynamics holds numerous contracts related to the Trident II (D5) missile systems for the UK and US. It provides a range of engineering, development, and production activities to support to US and UK Trident II Strategic Weapons Systems. It is also involved in the guidance systems of the Trident II (D5) nuclear missiles of the US Navy.

#### [Honeywell International \(USA\)](#)

Honeywell International manages and operates the National Security Campus (formerly Kansas City Plant), which produces about 85% of the non-nuclear components for US nuclear weapons including electronic, mechanical and hardware components. Honeywell is also involved in managing other US nuclear weapon facilities including Savannah River, the National Nuclear Security Site (former test site), and the Sandia Lab. The work at Sandia includes the systems integration work connecting nuclear weapons to their delivery vehicles. Honeywell is also involved in producing key components for the Trident II (D5) nuclear missiles which comprise part of the UK and US arsenals.

#### [Huntington Ingalls Industries \(USA\)](#)

Huntington Ingalls Industries is involved in management of the US nuclear arsenal and related facilities, including tritium production at the Savannah River Site, the only source of new tritium for the US nuclear arsenal.

#### [Jacobs Engineering \(USA\)](#)

Jacobs Engineering Group is involved in the joint venture AWE-ML. They are The AWE is responsible for warhead maintenance for the UK's Trident II-nuclear arsenal. According to reports, the AWE facility is also developing a new warhead, the Mark 4A or Mk4A. The company is also part of the consortium responsible for the US nuclear weapons test site- Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) near Las Vegas.

#### [Larsen & Toubro \(India\)](#)

Larsen & Toubro is responsible for developing the launcher system for the nuclear-capable short-range surface-to-air Akash missile system for the Indian nuclear arsenal.

#### [Lockheed Martin \(USA\)](#)

Lockheed Martin is responsible for the construction of the Trident II (D5) nuclear missiles for the US and the UK. It is also involved in the production and maintenance of the Minuteman III nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles for the US, and will now be developing the new Long Range Stand-Off (LRSO) missile. It is part of the team that manages the UK Atomic Weapons Establishment, that designs, manufactures and maintains nuclear warheads for the UK. It is also engaged in US nuclear weapons modernisation at the Pantex, Savannah River and Y-12 facilities.

#### [Northrop Grumman \(USA\)](#)

Northrop Grumman makes Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBM) for the US nuclear arsenal. It is currently involved the Minuteman III missiles, and will now be producing the new "Ground Based Strategic Deterrent" (GBSD) nuclear missiles. It also produces Trident II (D5) launcher subsystem components for the US and the UK. It is also partly responsible for the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), previously known as the Nevada Test Site, which is engaged in aspects of nuclear warhead modernisation for the US arsenal and has also provided data to UK nuclear labs.

#### [Orbital ATK \(USA\)](#)

Orbital ATK (formerly known as ATK or Alliant Techsystems) produces rocket propulsion systems for Trident II (D5) submarine launched ballistic missiles for the US and UK nuclear arsenals. Orbital ATK is also responsible for the solid propellant stages of the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic

Missile (ICBM) for the US and has a contract to produce components for the new "Ground Based Strategic Deterrent" (GBSD) nuclear missiles". It is also involved in the nuclear weapons facilities Y-12 and Pantex which are refurbishing nuclear weapons for the US arsenals. Northrop Grumman announced it will acquire Orbital ATK in the first half of 2018.

#### [Safran \(France\)](#)

Safran and Airbus together form ArianeGroup which is in charge of producing the solid rocket motors on the M51, the strategic ballistic missile in France's nuclear arsenal. The M51 carries multiple warheads and is replacing the M45.

#### [Serco \(United Kingdom\)](#)

Serco is part of the joint venture AWE-ML, which runs the UK Atomic Weapons Establishment. It is responsible for manufacturing and maintaining the nuclear warheads for UK arsenal. It is also involved in the development of an entirely new warhead, the Mark 4A or Mk4A which reportedly commenced without formally notifying the UK parliament.

#### [Thales \(France\)](#)

Thales is working alongside the French government to modernise the M51.3 nuclear ballistic missiles and keep the ability to launch them from submarines. It has also been directly involved in production of the French M51 nuclear missile.