

# **Shared Service Center** in Germany

**Industry Snapshot** 

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# 1. General usage in the mid market segment

About 80% of SSCs in DACH are located in Germany About 60% of mid market companies use SSC's About 55% maintain 1 SSC, 25% 2-3 SSC's and 20% more than 3 SSCs

#### 2. Activities and Functions

Finance and Accounting: 69% of which:

16% General accounting, 11% accounts payable, 11% accounts receivable, 10% general ledger, 9% tax, 8% controlling

**IT**: 34%

HR: 67% of which:

19% payroll, 15% recruitment, 12% training and development, 10% compensation and benefits, 9% HR administration

**Procurement: 19%** 

**Emerging functions:** 16% and within these 16% we have 18% legal, 18% facilities, 15% marketing, 11% logistics ...



## 3. Operations of business support functions

FA: 42% SSC, 36% central division, 21% decentralized

IT: 6% outsourced, 41% SSC, 46% central division, 7% decentralized

HR: 23% SSC, 41% central division, 36% decentralized

**Controlling:** 1% outsourced, 17% SSC, 37% central division, 44% decentralized **Procurement:** 1% outsourced, 16% SSC, 61% central division, 22% decentralized

## 4. Location general

Headquarter: 68%

Own subsidiary abroad: 15%

Germany, but not at headquarters: 7%

If located outside of Germany: Poland is most popular with 38% Czech republic second with 17%

## 5. Location after cities

Berlin 7,8% Frankfurt: 2,8% Munich 7,3% Mannheim 2,3% Hamburg 4,6% Düsseldorf: 2,3% Cologne: 4,1% Hannover: 1,8%



### 6. Location after counties

Nordrhein Westfalen: 24,6%

Bavaria: 17,7%

Baden-Württemberg: 17,1%

Hessen: 8,6% Berlin: 9.7%

## 7. Industries

27% Automotive

13% Banking and finance, insurance

12% Utilities

11% Pharma and chemicals

7% Construction and engineering

5% Retail 5% Media

#### 8. Size

**10bn plus**: 56,8% of which are 35% DACH HQ and 21,8% foreign SSCs **2bn – 10bn**: 23,7% of which are 17,3% DACH HQ and 6,4% foreign SSCs **SME (mid-market)**: 18% of which are 14% DACH HQ and 4% foreign SSCs

## 9. Served markets

**Germany – domestic and DACH: 33%** 

Germany - EMEA: 8,6% Germany - global: 4,6% Germany - APAC: 1,6%



#### Sources:

KPMG - Der Shared Service Markt 2014, SSON - DACH Shared Services Centres Landscape (2017), GTAI Business Services Industry 2016, Outsourcing Verband - collected data

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