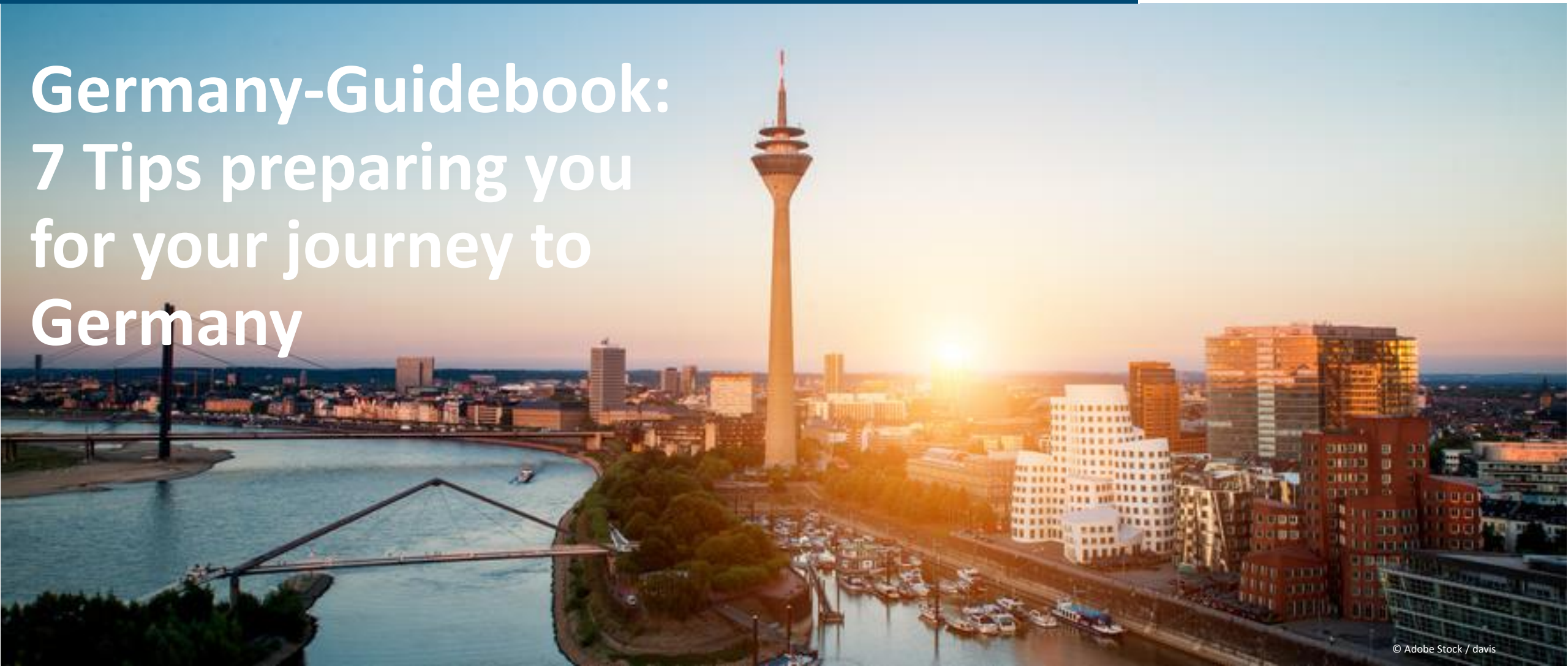


# Germany-Guidebook: 7 Tips preparing you for your journey to Germany



# 1. Check your prospects

With the Make it in Germany Quick-Check you can check your individual career prospects in Germany. As a result, you will receive a checklist and a Visa-Journey to help with further planning.

Link to Quick-Check: <https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/vi-check/>





## 2. Inform yourself about life in Germany

You would like to work and live in Germany? Get to know the country and its culture in advance to make moving to Germany a little easier.

- Which are the regional industry focal points?
- Which professions are in demand?
- How expensive is life in Germany?
- How does the health system work?

More information on life in Germany: <https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/living-in-germany/>



### 3. Have your professional qualification recognized

You have completed vocational training or studies abroad? Start your preparations now to have your qualifications recognized!

#### Initial orientation:

- Who is required to have their qualifications recognised?
- What is the difference between regulated and non-regulated professions?
- What is a "recognition procedure"?
- Who may I contact if I have any questions?

More information on the recognition procedure: <https://www.makgermany.com/en/jobs/recognition/who-needs-recognition/>





## 4. Learn German

Worldwide there are various institutions offering German courses. Start learning German now in your home country and improve your chances of a promising future in Germany. Here are some tips:

- Book an online trial class at one of the German Goethe Institutes worldwide.
- Improve your German language skills by following German media with subtitles (e.g. Deutsche Welle).
- Find out about schools offering the (DSD) language diploma in your area.

More information on learning German: <https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/living-in-germany/german/german-knowledge/>

## 5. Get a language certificate

German language skills will increase your chances on the German labour market and provide you with numerous opportunities. Because in many professions, knowledge of the German language is expected. Therefore, you may want to inform yourself in advance about the language level required for your occupation.

**You can get your language skills certified by the following institutions:**

- ✓ Goethe Institute
- ✓ Institutions issuing telc-certificates
- ✓ Society for Academic Study Preparation and Test Development (g.a.s.t.)

More advice on learning German: <https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/living-in-germany/german/online/>





## 6. Start your job search

Start looking for a job offer that fits your professional profile! We will show you various ways to find you a new job in Germany:

- Online job portals:
  - Make it in Germany job listings
  - Job board of the Federal Employment Agency
  - EURES-Portal
- Private online job boards and company websites
- Publish your business profile on business networks
- Trade fairs, through family & friends etc.

More information on job search: <https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/jobs/looking-for-a-job/>



## 7. Apply in the right way

Applications in Germany should be structured according to a certain standard. A well-structured application increases your chances of finding a job in Germany.

### An application consists of:

- Cover letter
- CV (tabular)
- Certificates/references

**Tip:** Applications can be sent by post or by email as PDF.

More information on job applications: <https://www.make-it-in-germany.com/en/jobs/applying-for-a-job/application/>

