# Germany: The 409 Billion Dollar Plan

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**Berlin, August 19, 2025** — The German Ministry of Defense has unveiled an ambitious procurement plan for the Bundeswehr, **the German armed forces, with a total investment of over 350 billion euros (409 billion dollars) until 2041**. This plan reflects Chancellor Friedrich Merz's commitment to transform the Bundeswehr into Europe's strongest conventional military force.

The federal budget proposal for 2026, submitted to parliament, outlines a multi-decade framework for acquiring new weapons, vehicles, and systems. The 2025 budget allocates 8.2 billion euros (9.6 billion dollars) for military acquisitions, a figure that rises to 22.3 billion euros (26 billion dollars) in 2026.

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**The plan also introduces "Verpflichtungsermächtigungen," or commitment authorizations, which are long-term commitments for the period 2027-2041**. Valued at approximately 325 billion euros, these authorizations allow the Ministry of Defense to sign contracts for major systems such as tanks, ships, and aircraft, with deliveries occurring in subsequent years. Combined with the 2025 and 2026 budgets, the estimated total reaches about 355 billion euros (415 billion dollars).

In addition to these commitments, the Bundeswehr's special defense fund will continue to provide funding until 2027. Projected expenditures are 24 billion euros in 2025, 25.5 billion in 2026, and 27.4 billion in 2027.

## Details of the Spending Plan

The future commitments plan breaks down investments into key categories:

- **15.9 billion euros** for communication equipment
- **20.8 billion euros** for vehicles and accessories
- **52.5 billion euros** for combat vehicles
- **70.3 billion euros** for ammunition
- **20.9 billion euros** for logistical and field equipment
- **36.6 billion euros** for ships and naval equipment
- **34.2 billion euros** for aircraft and missiles

- **13.3 billion euros** for satellite communications

The years of highest investment will be 2029 and 2030, with annual allocations exceeding 52 billion euros.

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## Strategic Objectives and Next Steps

According to defense leaders in Berlin, the plan aims to rebuild and modernize the Bundeswehr after decades of underinvestment. Chancellor Merz stated that Germany will take a leading role in European defense, focusing resources to make the armed forces fully combat-ready and technologically advanced.

Although the scope of the plan is unprecedented in modern German history, parliamentary approval remains the next hurdle. Lawmakers will need to authorize both short-term expenditures and multi-year investments extending to 2040. If approved, this plan would position Germany among the top NATO countries for military spending, reshaping the European defense landscape for the coming decades.

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