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## Administrative Maps 1 : 2 500 000

### VK2500



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## 1 Overview of the dataset

<b>Product</b>	: VK2500
<b>Contents</b>	: The administrative maps represent the administrative units of the hierarchical administrative levels from the state to the Kreise (districts/counties) with their boundaries and the name of the respective administrative unit.
<b>Area</b>	: Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Federal Republic of Germany)
<b>Georeferencing</b>	: Lambert projection Ellipsoid WGS84 (here identical with GRS80), Datum WGS84 (here identical with ETRS89) Parallel of latitude 1: 48° 40' Longitude origin of coordinates (central meridian): 10° 30' Parallel of latitude 2: 53° 40' Latitude origin of coordinates: 51° 00'
<b>Topicality</b>	: 1-year revision cycle and additionally intermediate statuses for a given reason, e.g. territorial reform (without any claim to completeness and officially established geometries and attributes)
<b>Source</b>	: <i>First production:</i> Generalization of the VG1000  <i>Updating:</i> Entry templates on the basis of data from the Land Offices of Statistics, the Federal Statistical Office and other Land institutions
<b>Data formats</b>	: PDF, AI, EPS, SVG

## 2 General hints

The administrative maps represent the administrative units of the hierarchical administrative levels from the state to the Kreise with their administrative boundaries and the name of the respective administrative unit. These maps are offered in different combinations as to their content as well as in graphics-oriented formats.

These maps serve utilization as documents and the purpose of direct printing as well as further processing in graphics programs. A special software for the processing of geodata (geoinformation system) is neither required nor suited to evaluate data of this kind.

## 3 Specification VK2500 General Maps in PDF format

### 3.1 Description

The rectangular maps show the following elements of content:

- Boundaries and names of the administrative units:
  - Länder (federal states)
  - Regierungsbezirke (administrative districts)
  - Kreise (districts/counties) and kreisfreie Städte (independent cities)
- National borders with the neighbouring countries
- Map grid

The areas of the Länder and Regierungsbezirke have been edited in colour  
Maps in PDF format have been optimized for printing in DIN A3

The following maps can be selected:

- Verwaltungskarte Deutschland - Länder - for print in DIN A3 (vk2500-l)
- Verwaltungskarte Deutschland - Länder, Regierungsbezirke, Kreise - for print in DIN A3 (vk2500-lrk)

### 3.2 PDF format

PDF, Portable Document Format, open ISO Standard, to be opened with AdobeReader for free  
PDF-version: 1.4 (at least Acrobat 5)

### 3.3 Data volume

- vk2500-l.pdf: ca. 1,2 MB
- vk2500-lrk.pdf: ca. 2,2 MB

## 4 Specification VK2500 General Maps in AI, EPS and SVG format

### 4.1 Description

The boundaries and names of the administrative units are each represented in a regular map:

Staat (country)	VG2500_sta
Bundesländer	VG2500_bld
Kreise and kreisfreie Städte	VG2500_krs

This map set is available in three formats.

### 4.2 AI format

AI, Adobe Illustrator, can be used for the production of computer graphics.  
version: Illustrator CS6, PDF-compatible

### 4.3 EPS format

EPS, Encapsulated Postscript files are graphic files in the page description language Postscript.  
version: Illustrator CS6 EPS, CMYK-Postscript, Postscript Level 2, Tiff-(8-Bit-colour)-preview

### 4.4 SVG format

SVG, Scalable Vektor Graphics, specification for the description of vector graphics based on XML.  
SVG-profile: SVG 1.1, Coding Unicode UTF-8

### 4.5 Data volume

- AI format ca. 2,2 MB
- EPS format ca. 13 MB
- SVG format ca. 2,3 MB

## 5 Terms of use and references

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