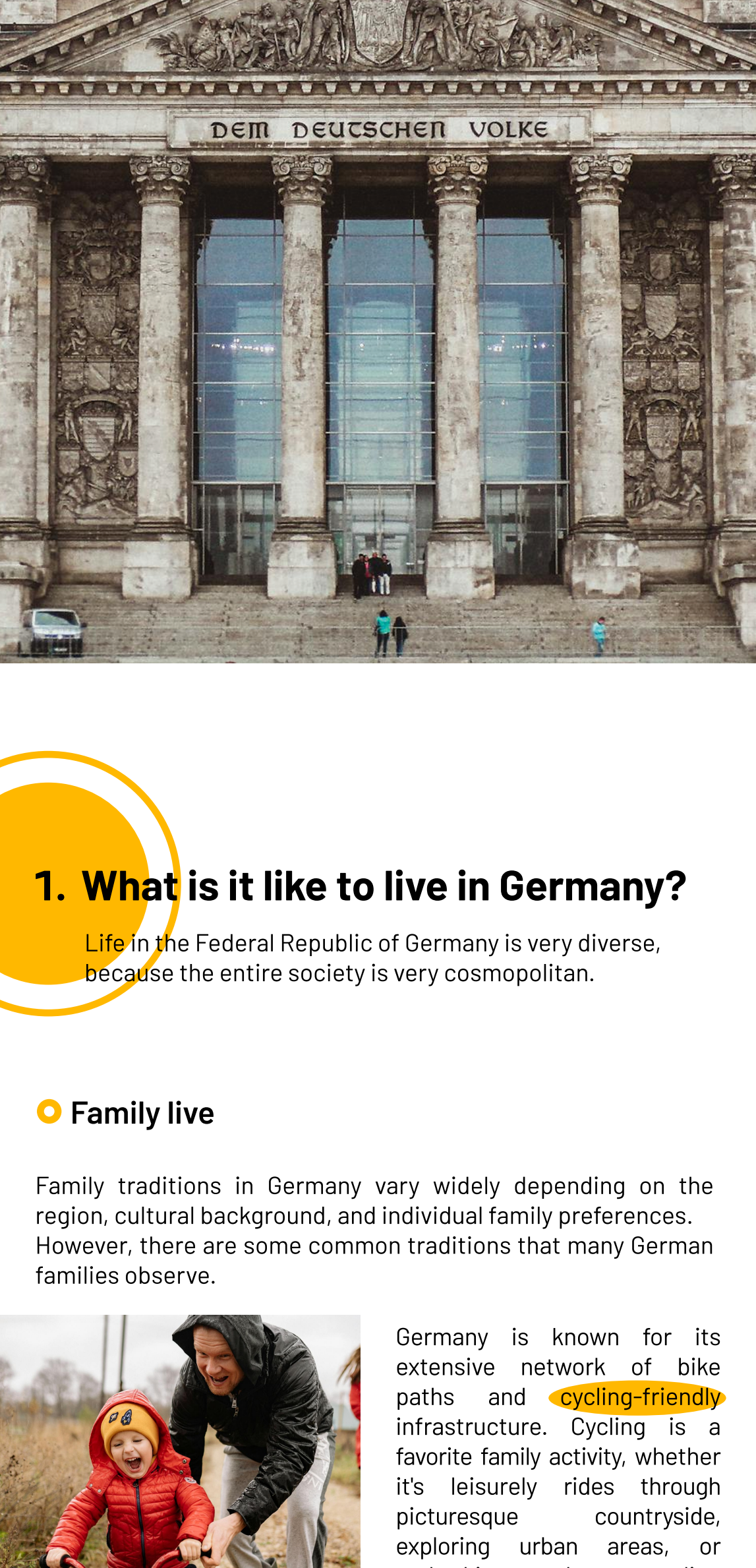


What is so special about GERMANY

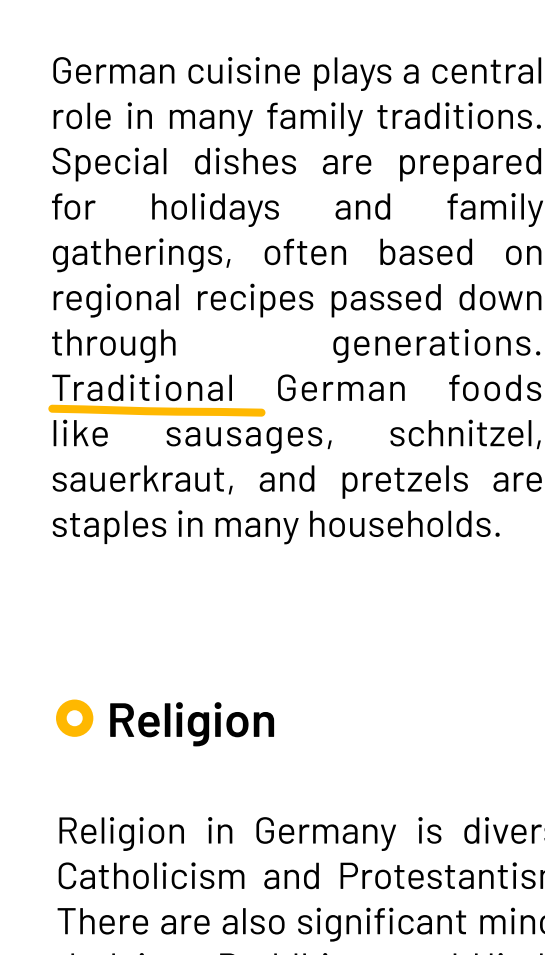


1. What is it like to live in Germany?

Life in the Federal Republic of Germany is very diverse, because the entire society is very cosmopolitan.

Family live

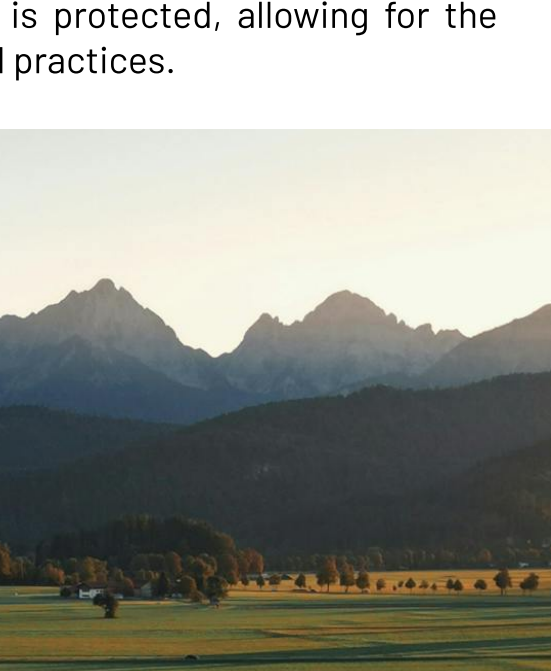
Family traditions in Germany vary widely depending on the region, cultural background, and individual family preferences. However, there are some common traditions that many German families observe.



Germany is known for its extensive network of bike paths and **cycling-friendly** infrastructure. Cycling is a favorite family activity, whether it's leisurely rides through picturesque countryside, exploring urban areas, or embarking on longer cycling tours along river valleys or through forests.

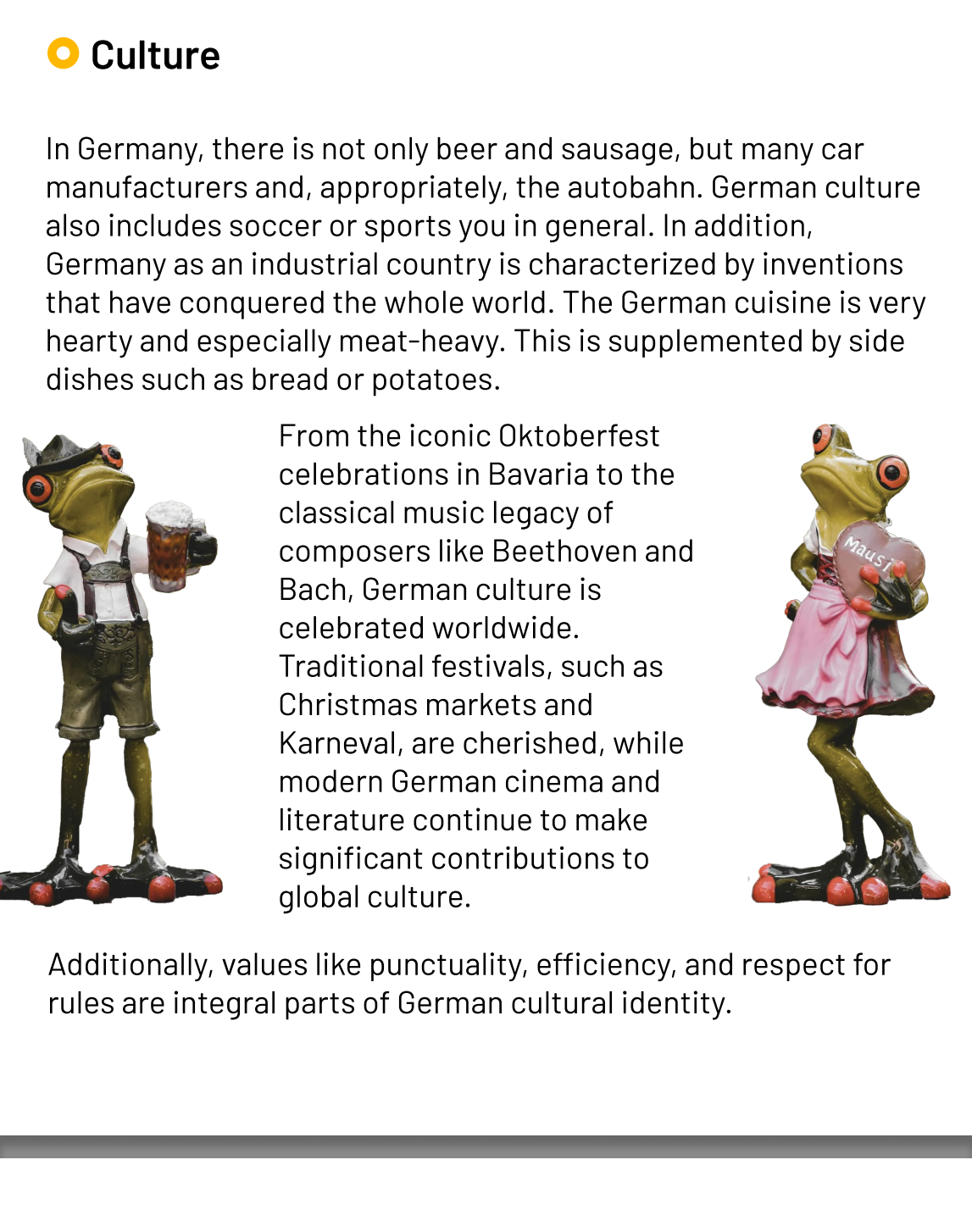
German cuisine plays a central role in many family traditions. Special dishes are prepared for holidays and family gatherings, often based on regional recipes passed down through generations.

Traditional German foods like sausages, schnitzel, sauerkraut, and pretzels are staples in many households.



Religion

Religion in Germany is diverse, with Christianity, particularly Catholicism and Protestantism, being the predominant faiths. There are also significant minority communities including Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, and Hinduism. Increasing secularization is observed, but religious freedom is protected, allowing for the coexistence of various beliefs and practices.



St Colomans Church, Schwangau, Bavaria, Germany

Culture

In Germany, there is not only beer and sausage, but many car manufacturers and, appropriately, the autobahn. German culture also includes soccer or sports you in general. In addition, Germany as an industrial country is characterized by inventions that have conquered the whole world. The German cuisine is very hearty and especially meat-heavy. This is supplemented by side dishes such as bread or potatoes.



From the iconic Oktoberfest celebrations in Bavaria to the classical music legacy of composers like Beethoven and Bach, German culture is celebrated worldwide. Traditional festivals, such as Christmas markets and Karneval, are cherished, while modern German cinema and literature continue to make significant contributions to global culture.



Additionally, values like punctuality, efficiency, and respect for rules are integral parts of German cultural identity.

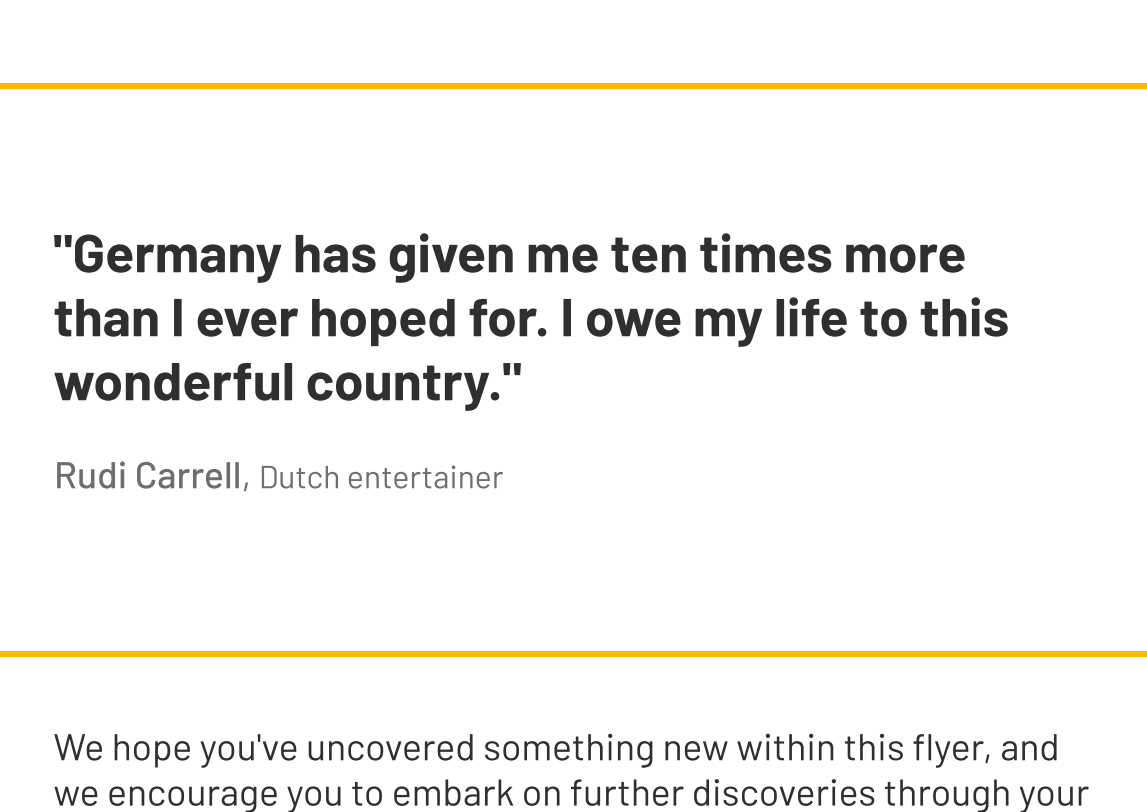
1. What is it like to work in Germany?

Every EU citizen has the right to live, work and reside in another Member State, according to the European citizenship right of "free movement". Free movement is an essential component of "European citizenship" and arguably the most important right that individual citizens can derive from EU law.

EU citizens are treated in the same way as domestic workers in terms of access to the labor market, working conditions, taxes and social benefits. After entering the country, it is sufficient to simply report to the relevant authorities by presenting your identity card or passport. A residence permit is not required.

Employed

Anyone who is an employee and has already lived in Germany for an uninterrupted period of five years acquires a right of permanent residence. Upon request, the national authorities must issue a document confirming permanent residence. The right of permanent residence can only be lost by someone who leaves Germany for a continuous period of more than two years.



Unemployed

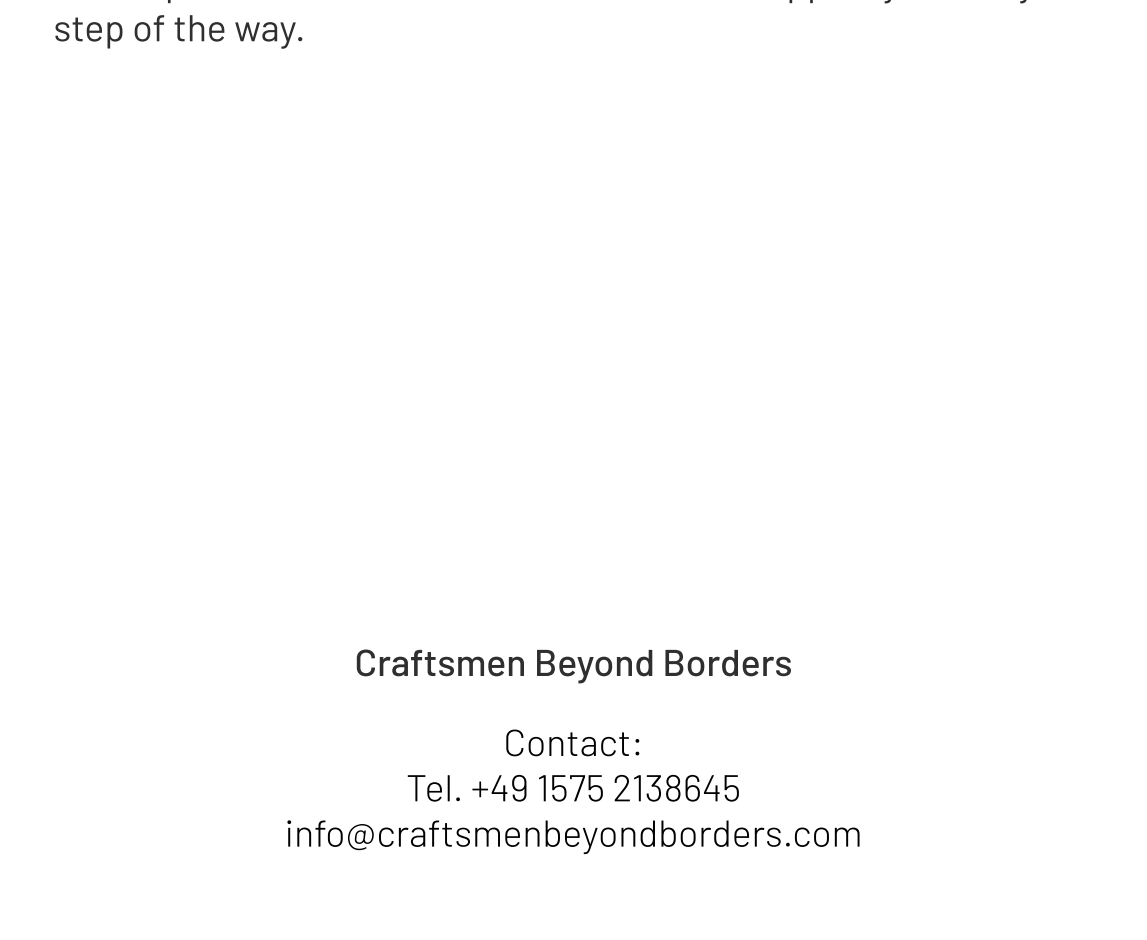
Anyone who has worked in Germany for more than one year retains employee status in the event of involuntary unemployment. This means that he may continue to reside in Germany, but must make himself available to the employment office. If an EU citizen has worked in Germany for less than a year, he or she retains his or her status as an employee and the corresponding properties for six months.

Housing

If you have a permanent residence, it must be registered with the local authorities.

Family

If an EU citizen works in Germany, his family members, regardless of their nationality, also have the right to reside and work in Germany. The children have the right to go to school.



You will feel at home in Germany: The high quality of life and comparatively low cost of living make Germany one of the most attractive host countries in the world. And Germany is international: More than every fourth inhabitant is an immigrant himself or comes from a family with an immigration history.

"Germany has given me ten times more than I ever hoped for. I owe my life to this wonderful country."

Rudi Carrell, Dutch entertainer

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