



*Welcome to the Meteorological Training  
and Conference Center (BTZ) Langen*

# *Guest Information*



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*Dear Guests*

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the BTZ in Langen. Here is some information to find your way around.

The Meteorological Training and Conference Centre (BTZ) with the Meteorological Services sector of the Federal College for Higher Professional Training in Public Administration is situated on the grounds of the Deutsche Flugsicherung GmbH (DFS; German Air Traffic Control). The campus has been redesigned in recent years with BTZ and the Academy for Air Traffic Control integrated into the same building.

The reception desk in the entrance hall is manned day and night. Please report here at arrival to receive your electronic room card if you have booked a room in the guesthouse.

The office of the BTZ is at your disposal on Mondays to Thursdays from 7.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. and on Fridays from 7.00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For questions (arrival, guesthouse) outside the working hours please contact the reception of the guesthouse (phone: +49 6103/707-3191).

Please leave your room on the day of departure by 10 a.m. at the latest and return your key-card immediately to the reception desk. There are lockers in the entrance hall where you can leave your luggage until your actual time of departure.

Many of the installations of the extensive campus of the Training Centre are used by both the DFS and the DWD. In addition to the restaurant and cafeteria in the Air Traffic Control headquarters, there is also a cafeteria with a kiosk in the Academy. As these are cashfree areas, a "chip card" is required, which can be obtained from the vending machine (10 Euro deposit). The chip cards can be loaded with cash at the charge stations (Euro only). When you return your card to the machine, you will be reimbursed with your deposit and the remaining balance.

**Opening Times**

	Casino UZ	Cafeteria UZ	Cafeteria Academy	Library
Mo-Thu	11:00 am - 2:00 pm	08:00 am - 5:00 pm	06:30 am - midnight	
Fr	11:00 am - 2:00 pm	08:00 am - 5:00 pm	06:30 am - 3:00 pm	

(UZ=Head Office DFS    AK= Academy DFS)

The following sports facilities are available for use in your leisure time a sports field, and a gym it names "Get Fit". In the studio you can work out with a weekly ticket for 12,--€ It's opened Monday to Friday from 6.00a.m.-midnight. The surrounding forest area is ideal for walks or jogging (see map on page 18).

The cafeteria provides a possibility for get togethers in the evenings. There is also the communication area in the entrance hall.

Numerous and diverse cultural possibilities are available in the nearby cities of Frankfurt, Offenbach and Darmstadt, easily reached by S-Bahn. The S-Bahn station "Langen-Flugsicherung" is 5 minutes away on foot (see map on page 7). There are buses to the main train station in Langen and the town centre every half hour.

We wish you a pleasant and successful stay at the BTZ!

Bildungs- und Tagungszentrum  
des Deutschen Wetterdienstes  
Am DFS-Campus 4, 63225 Langen

Phone: +49 69/8062-5600  
e-Mail: [btz.langen@dwd.de](mailto:btz.langen@dwd.de)



### *Guesthouse information*

- The BTZ front office is open from Monday to Thursday 7 am – 5.30 pm and Friday from 7 am - 2 pm
- Rooms are single bedrooms with a bathroom (shower/WC) equipped with a blanket and a pillow. They will be changed once a week, bedclothes (1x), and towels (2x). Twice a week the room will be cleaned.
- All rooms have internet access. In case you need a patch cable you may ask for it at the reception. They have no WLAN.
- All rooms will have by mid 2010 equipment for internal telephone calls. In case of a problem please call reception, phone: 3191.
- There is a common room available where you have the opportunity to wash dishes. You can also use the refrigerators which have separate lockable shelves according to room numbers. They are not very big but usually sufficient.
- In the common room there are also two induction hob plates. You have the possibility to plug there your own coffee machine. This is **not** allowed in the guest rooms.
- Please bring your own tableware and dishtowels.

### *How to get to the Training Centre (BTZ)*

The Training and Conference Centre of the German Meteorological Service (BTZ) is located 20 kilometres from Frankfurt and Offenbach in the city of Langen. BTZ is a part of the campus of the Air Traffic Control Center (Deutsche Flugsicherung, DFS) northwest of the City in the district Neurott. The "Bildungs- und Tagungszentrum" (BTZ) is located in the building named "Akademie".

#### **Please note!**

The BTZ front office ("Geschäftszimmer") and all cafeterias are closed on Saturday and Sunday also the campus from 10.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m. During the week it will also be closed, from 10.00 p.m. to 5.30 a.m. If you arrive at weekend you only will be allowed to enter through the main entrance, Paul-Ehrlich-Straße. If you require any assistance, please contact the reception desks either in the "Akademie" or at the main entrance of the campus.

*- by car*

#### **Via Autobahn A5**

- Follow A5 and take exit 24 "Langen/Mörfelden"
- Follow the signs for "Langen" on the B486
- In approx. 3 kilometres take exit "Bundesbehörden, Fachhochschule"
- Follow the road until the next crossroad and turn left onto "Pittlerstraße"
- Drive straight over the bridge to the first circle and keep right
- Continue straight through the second circle to "Robert-Bosch-Straße" until the very end
- You pass Hotel Achat on your left
- Approx. 50 metres past the hotel you will find the parking area (Parkhaus 3) on your left
- Please ring security to gain access

#### **Via Autobahn A661**

- Take A661 direction "Egelsbach" past "Offenbacher Kreuz"
- After approx. 16 kilometres take exit "Langen/Dieburg/Dreieich-Offenthal"
- At exit keep right, then move to left lane. You will be travelling on B486
- Take exit "Bundesbehörden, Fachhochschule"
- Keep right and continue straight through two traffic circles to "Robert-Bosch-Straße"
- Follow "Robert-Bosch-Straße" to the very end
- You pass Hotel Achat on the your left
- Approx. 50 metres past the hotel you will find parking area (Parkhaus 3) on your left
- Please ring security to gain access

#### **Walk from parking area to the reception desk**

- Leave parking deck and turn left, walk along the measuring field for approx. 50 metres
- Look for the building with the white observation tower on the top
- Go around this building and you will see the main entrance of the "Akademie"
- Check in at reception and get your guest room key
- Turn right and you will see the entrance to the "Bildungs- und Tagungszentrum" (BTZ)

- If you need additional information you can contact our front office (“Geschäftszimmer”) Monday to Friday during business hours

*- by S-Bahn*

**from Frankfurt International Airport**

- Take the S-Bahn (line 8) in direction “Hanau” until the stop “Frankfurt-Hauptbahnhof”
- There you will need to change trains

**from main station Frankfurt-Hauptbahnhof**

- Take S-Bahn S3 or S4 direction “Langen” or “Darmstadt”
- Get off at station “Langen-Flugsicherung” and leave station
- Cross „Robert-Bosch-Straße“ and walk along the „Heinrich-Hertz-Straße“
- After 60 metres you will find the entrance to the area of the “Deutsche Flugsicherung” (DFS)
- Pass the gate and walk around the glass building (DFS headquarters) on the right-hand side
- Look for the building with the white observation tower
- Go around this building clockwise and take the stairs to the main entrance of the “Akademie”
- Check in at reception (you will get your guest room key)
- Turn right and you will see the entrance of the “Bildungs- und Tagungszentrum” (BTZ)
- From Monday to Friday during business hours you can get additional information at our front office (“Geschäftszimmer”)

*- by regional train*

If you plan to travel to Langen via main railway station (“Langen-Bahnhof”) you will find the timetable at [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)

Arriving at the station, you will find all bus connections in front of the station.

**You can either walk (approx. 25 min):**

- Turn left onto “Liebigstraße”
- Go straight ahead approx. 500 metres through the railway underpass and continue on the street until you reach a traffic circle
- Go straight through the circle and follow “Paul-Ehrlich-Straße”
- Turn right onto the second cross street “Am DFS-Campus”
- Go straight ahead to the main entrance of the “Akademie” and take the stairs to the reception area
- Check in at the reception of the DFS (you will receive your guest room key)
- Keep to the right and you will see the entrance of the BTZ
- Additional information is available at our front office (“Geschäftszimmer”) from Monday to Friday during business hours.

**or take the bus “Neurott OF72” (see timetable page 13):**

- The bus departs every 30 minutes Monday - Friday
- Get off at “Bundesbauten”

- Now it is approx. 5 min. to walk:
- Turn right onto the street named “Am DFS-Campus”
- Follow it for approx. 30 metres and pass the gate to get inside the campus
- Go straight ahead to the main entrance of the “Akademie”
- Check in at the reception and get your guest room key
- Turn right and you will see the entrance of the BTZ
- Additional information is available at our front office (“Geschäftszimmer”) from Monday to Friday during business hours

*- by taxi*

With a Taxi Service is available from the Frankfurt Airport, it will take 20 minutes and costs approx. 30 €. The taxi should bring you to the main entrance of the DFS area.

If the driver is unsure about the location in Langen give him the address of the ACHAT hotel which reads:

ACHAT hotel  
Robert-Bosch-Str. 58  
63225 Langen

You are then close to the parking area (Parkhaus 3). Please follow information on page 3.

*- by hotel bus*

You can book the hotel bus to the Steigenberger hotel and Achat hotel (12 EUR - free for hotel guests).

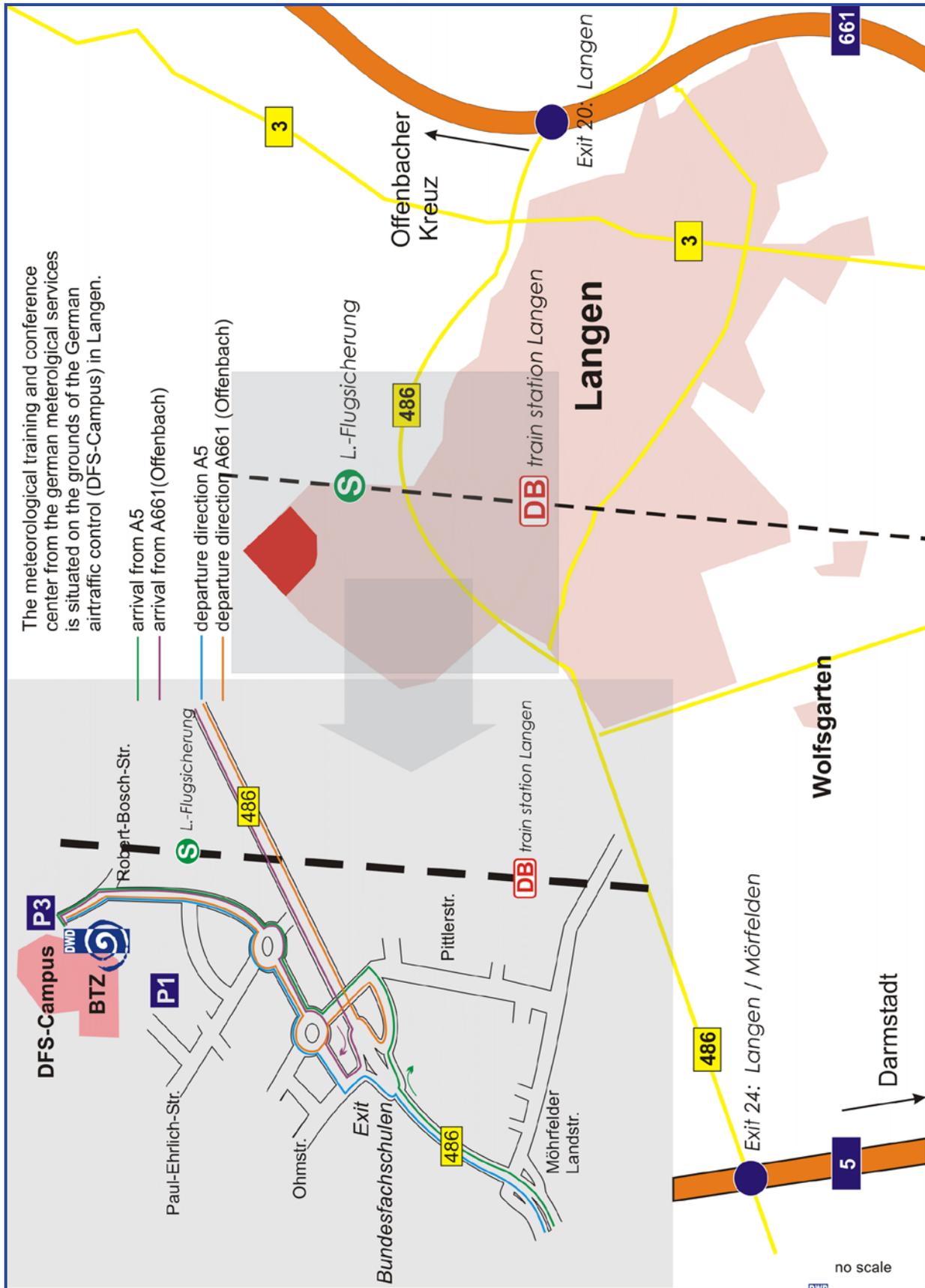
Shuttle bus transfer from Monday - Friday: 6.00 a.m. - 10.30 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and public holidays: 7.00 a.m. - 9.30 p.m. Departure half past the hour from the airport at Terminal 1 (bus stop at Arrivals A1) and Terminal 2 (bus stop at Arrivals D/E 3).

Get off the bus either at the STEIGENBERGER hotel (10 min walk to the BTZ) or at the ACHAT hotel, which is closer to the BTZ.

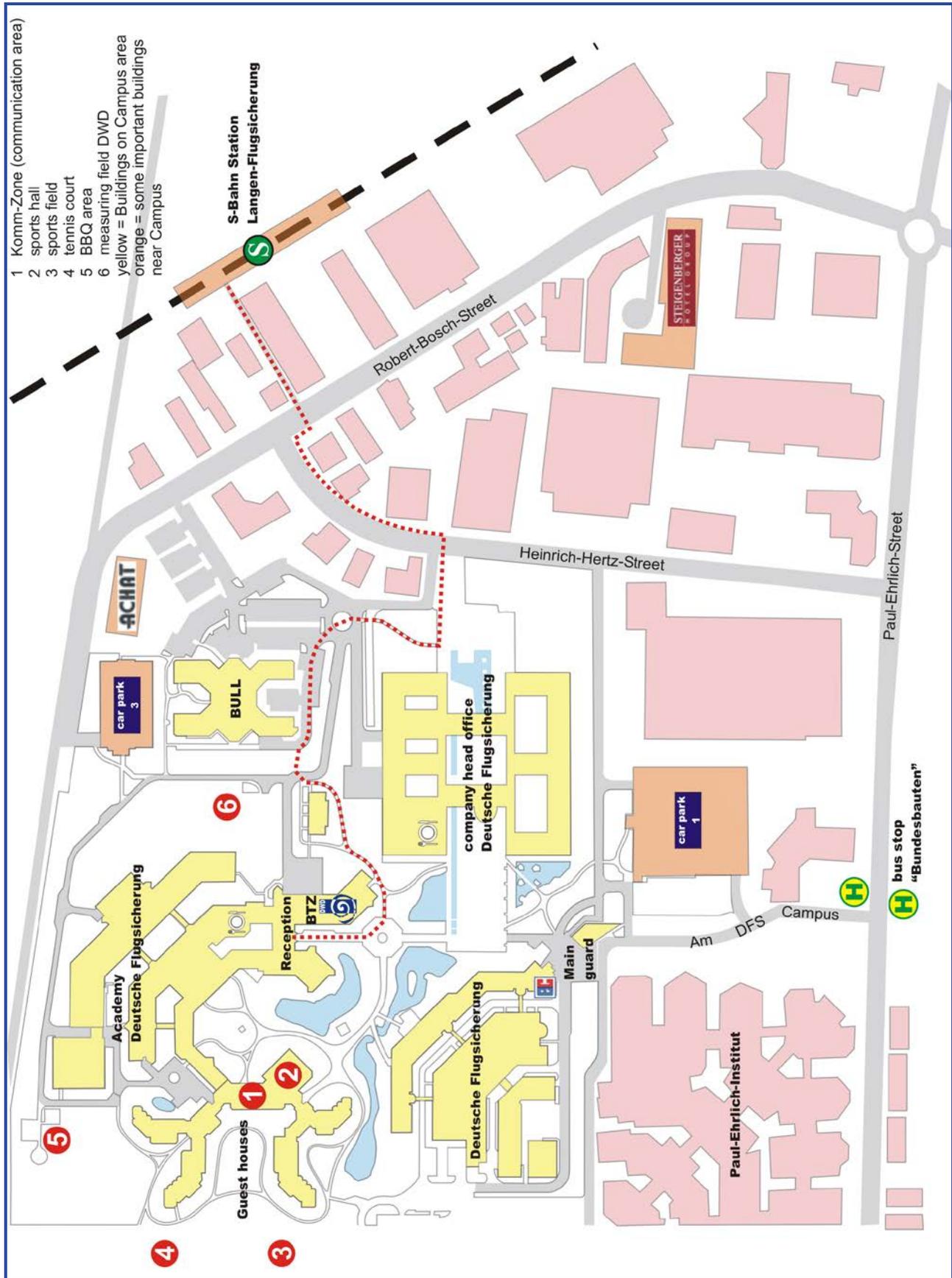
For information please check the hotel site on the internet:

[http://www.steigenberger.com/en/Frankfurt\\_Langen/arrivals](http://www.steigenberger.com/en/Frankfurt_Langen/arrivals)

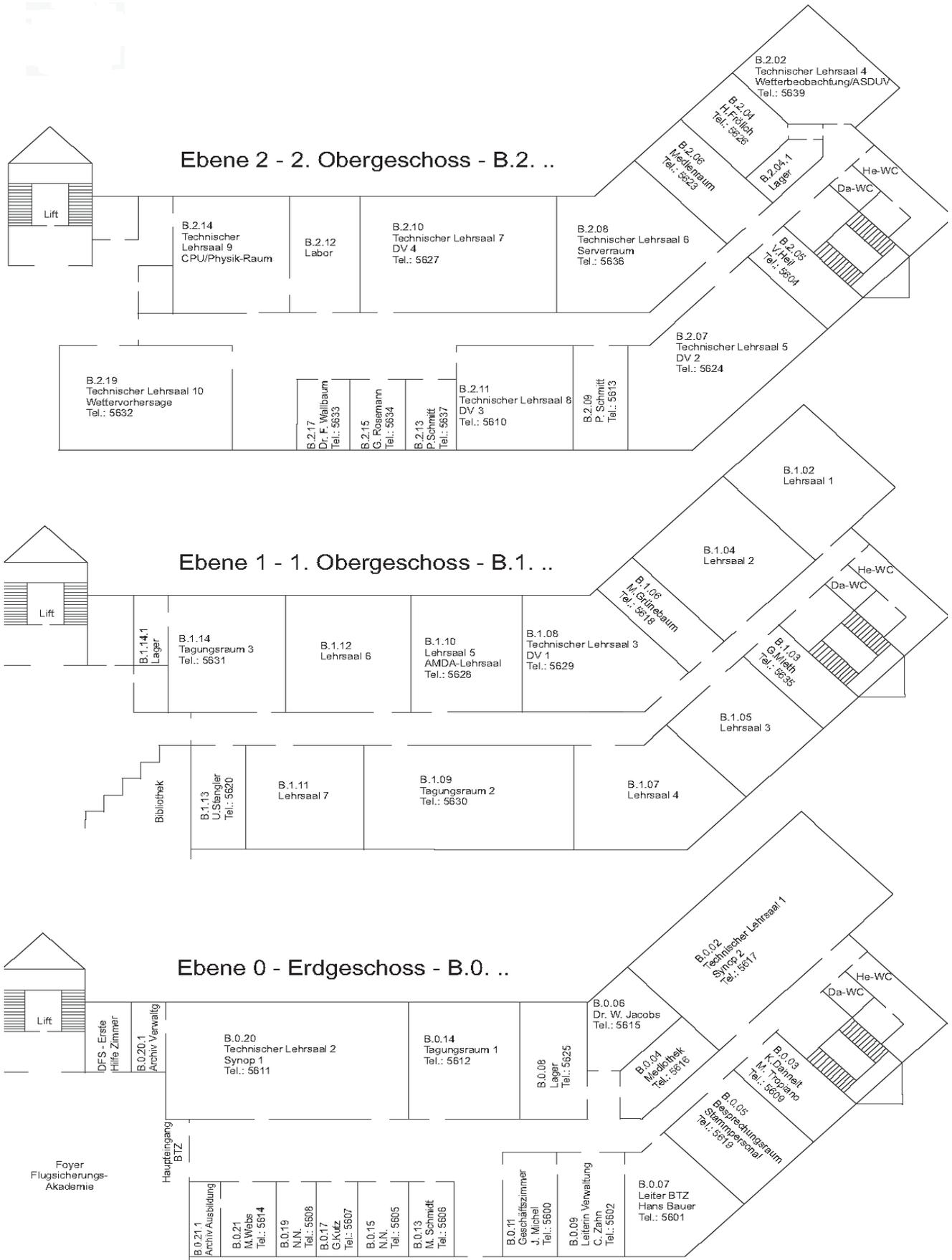
Road maps



Local maps (walking from S-Bahn station to BTZ)



Floor Plan



## Catering and shopping facilities

### Restaurants

1 <sup>1</sup>	Achat-Hotel-Restaurant Hungaricum (ungarisch intern.)	Robert-Bosch-Str. 58, Tel. 06103-756925
2	Steigenberger Hotel (international food)	Robert-Bosch-Str. 8, Tel. 06103-9720
3	Manohra (Thai)	Nordendstraße 73, Tel. 06103-51263
4	Am Jahnplatz (Balkan specialitis)	Friedrich-Ludwig-Jahn-Platz, Tel. 06103-22456
5	Alte Scheuer (German)	Obergasse 27, Tel. 06103-8700567
6	Casa del Sol (Mexican)	Rheinstraße 18, Tel. 06103-728858
7	China-Restaurant Jade Garten (Chinese)	Rheinstraße, Tel. 06103-51053 / 22412
8	Zum Treppchen (German, Home-style cooking)	Bachgasse 15
9	Zum Altvater (Home-style cooking)	Fahrgasse 12, Tel. 06103-26525
10	Amador (*exclusive Spanish, Swabian, Mediterranean)	Vierhäusergasse 1, Tel. 06103-502713
11	Gasthaus Zum Lamm (German)	Schafgasse 29, Tel. 06103-504533
12	Zum Haferkasten (German, Home-style cooking)	Wilhelm-Leuschner-Platz 13, Tel. 06103-22259
13	Merzenmühle (German, Home-style cooking)	Außerhalb 12, Tel. 06103-53533
14	Scheuer im Langener Mühlthal (German, American)	Außerhalb 12, Tel. 06103-928888
15	Waldhaus Hotz	Außerhalb 25, Tel. 06103-23197
27	Pizzeria Milano	Friedrichstraße 1, Tel. 06103-21556
28	Westendhalle	Bahnstraße 134, Tel. 06103-26650
33	Große Mauer China-Thai Bistro	Raiffeisenstraße 2, Tel. 06103-79650
34	Pizzeria Valentina	Pittlerstraße 2, Tel. 06103-71710

### Shopping facilities

16	Tengelmann (supermarket)
17	Aldi (supermarket)
18	Getränke-Profi (liquor store, also for Soft-Drinks)
19	Rewe (supermarket)
20	Aldi (supermarket)
21	Computer -Shop
22	Kaufhaus Braun (department store)
23	Rewe (supermarket)
29	Edeka (discounter store, bakery also open on sundays from 8 to 11)
30	Rewe (supermarket)
31	Lidl (supermarket)
32	Toom Getränkemarkt (liquor store, also for Soft-Drinks)

### Gas stations

24	Shell
25	Total
26	Aral

### Miscellaneous

EC-Geldautomat (cash machine)	
Apotheke (Pharmacy)	
Deutsche Post (Post office)	

### Spare time activities

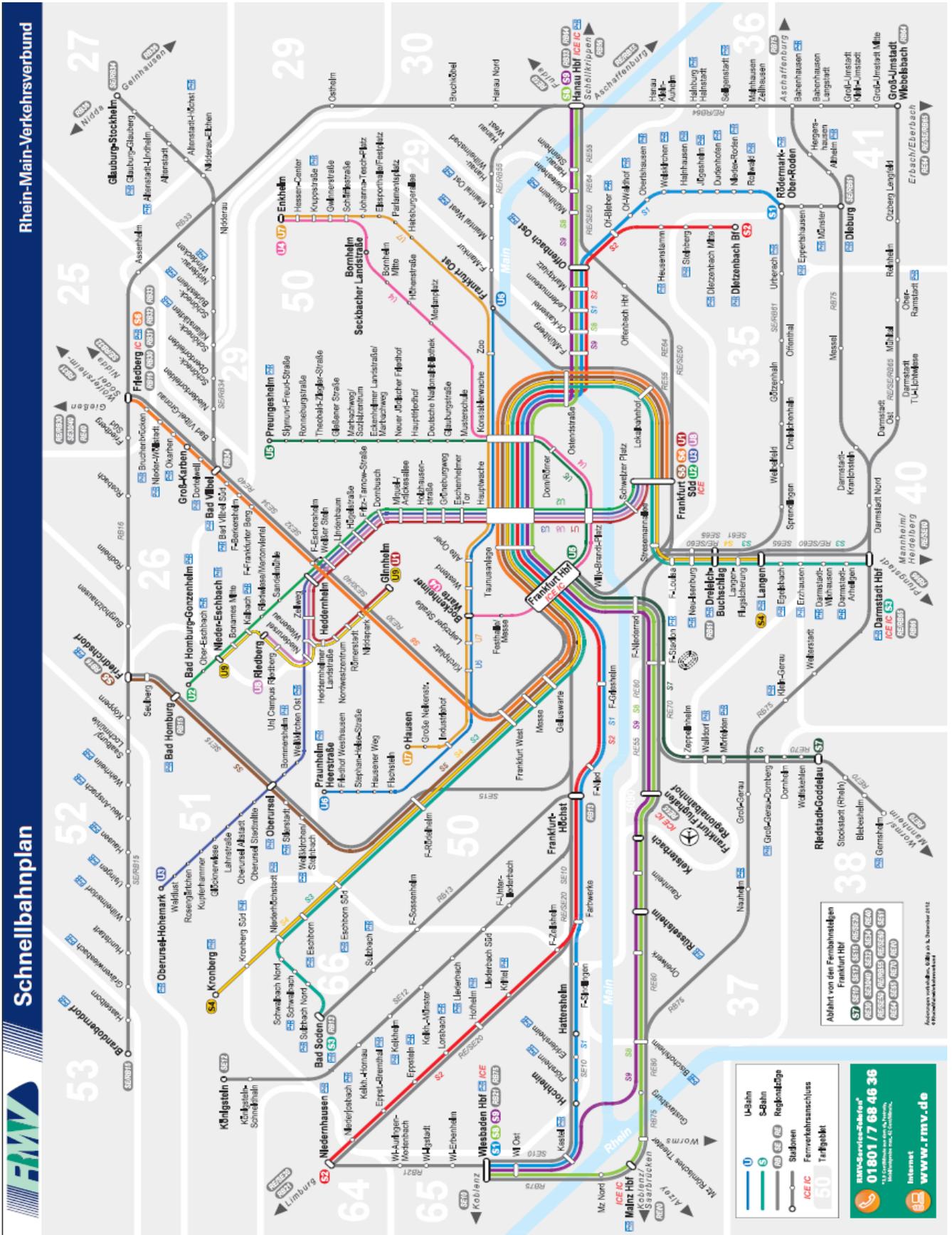
Stadthalle (town hall with public library)	Hallenbad (indoor pool)
Schwimmbad (outdoor pool)	Langener Waldsee (lake)

<sup>1</sup> The numeration relates to the Langen city map (see next page)

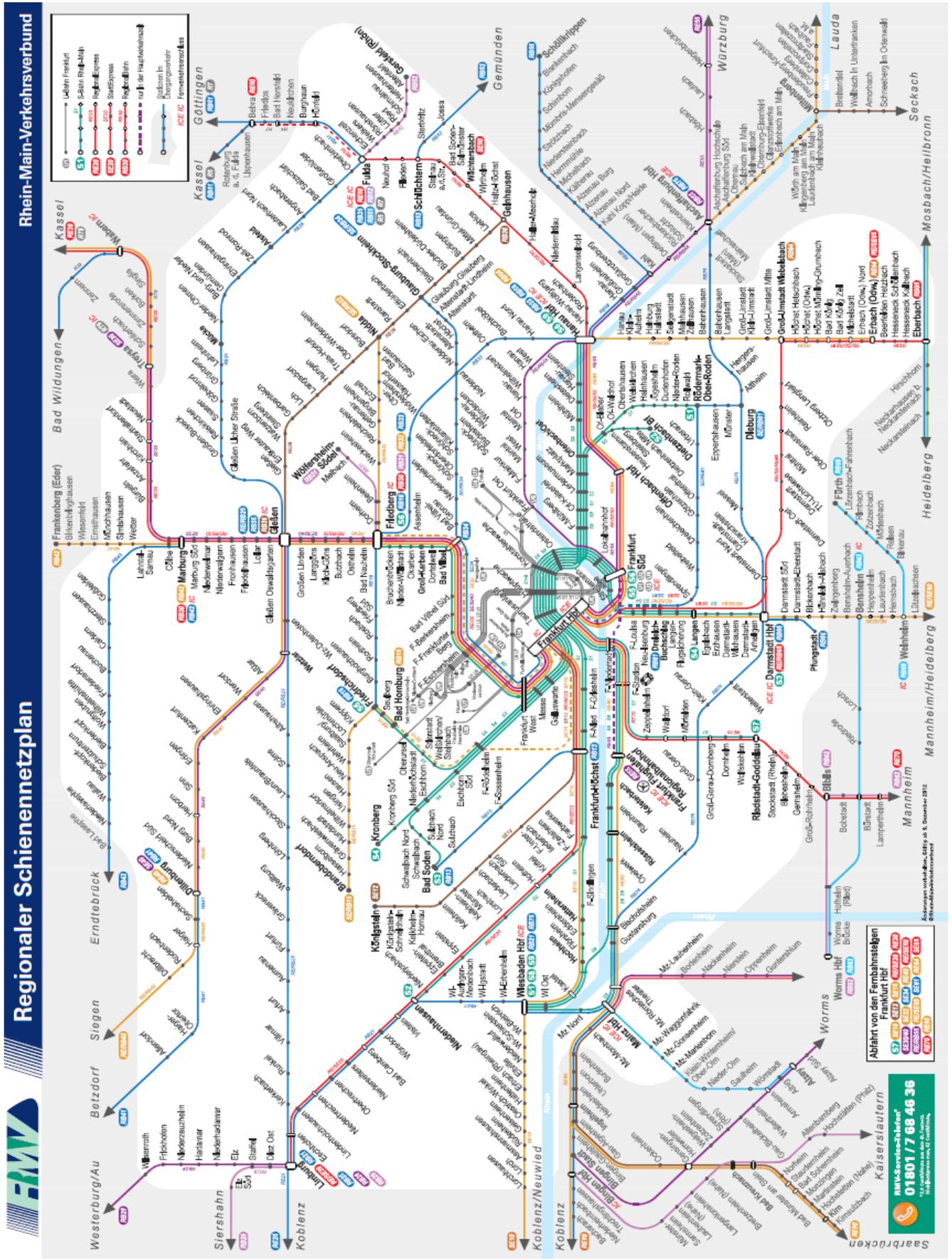
City map Langen



Railway system Frankfurt area



Regional transport system



Timetable Bus OF72

Stadtbus Langen/Egelsbach



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Verkehrsbeschränkungen	Montag - Freitag					Samstag									
	5.45	6.15	6.45	7.15	7.45	17.15	17.45	18.15	18.45	19.15	7.45	8.15	12.45	13.15	13.45
Langen Lutherplatz	5.45	6.15	6.45	7.15	7.45	17.15	17.45	18.15	18.45	19.15	7.45	8.15	12.45	13.15	13.45
- Feldstraße	5.47	6.17	6.47	7.17	7.47	17.17	17.47	18.17	18.47	19.17	7.47	8.17	12.47	13.17	13.47
- Pestalozzistraße	5.48	6.18	6.48	7.18	7.48	17.18	17.48	18.18	18.48	19.18	7.18	7.48	12.48	13.18	13.48
- Taunusstraße	5.49	6.19	6.49	7.19	7.49	17.19	17.49	18.19	18.49	19.19	7.19	7.49	12.49	13.19	13.49
- Feldbergstraße	5.50	6.20	6.50	7.20	7.50	17.20	17.50	18.20	18.50	19.20	7.20	7.50	12.50	13.20	13.50
- Nordendstraße	5.52	6.22	6.52	7.22	7.52	17.22	17.52	18.22	18.52	19.22	7.22	7.52	12.52	13.22	13.52
- Annastraße	5.53	6.23	6.53	7.23	7.53	17.23	17.53	18.23	18.53	19.23	7.23	7.53	12.53	13.23	13.53
- Elbestraße	5.54	6.24	6.54	7.24	7.54	17.24	17.54	18.24	18.54	19.24	7.24	7.54	12.54	13.24	13.54
- Westendstraße	5.55	6.25	6.55	7.25	7.55	17.25	17.55	18.25	18.55	19.25	7.25	7.55	12.55	13.25	13.55
Langen Bahnhof	an 5.57	6.27	6.57	7.27	7.57	17.27	17.57	18.27	18.57	19.27	7.27	7.57	12.57	13.27	13.57
Ⓢ 3/4 nach Frankfurt	ab 6.04	6.34	7.04	7.34	8.04	17.34	18.04	18.34	19.04	19.34	7.34	8.04	13.04	13.34	14.04
Ⓢ 3/4 nach Darmstadt	ab 6.12	6.42	7.12	7.42	8.12	17.42	18.12	18.42	19.12	19.42	7.42	8.12	13.12	13.42	14.12
Ⓢ 3/4 von Darmstadt	an 5.48	6.18	6.48	7.18	7.48	17.18	17.48	18.18	18.48	19.18	7.18	7.48	12.48	13.18	13.48
Ⓢ 3/4 von Frankfurt	an 5.57	6.27	6.57	7.27	7.57	17.27	17.57	18.27	18.57	19.27	7.27	7.57	12.57	13.27	13.57
Langen Bahnhof	ab 6.02	6.32	7.02	7.32	8.02	17.32	18.02	18.32	19.02	19.32	7.32	8.02	13.02	13.32	14.02
- Weserstraße	6.03	6.33	7.03	7.33	8.03	17.33	18.03	18.33	19.03	19.33	7.33	8.03	13.03	13.33	14.03
- Paul-Ehrlich-Straße	6.05	6.35	7.05	7.35	8.05	17.35	18.05	18.35	19.05	19.35	7.35	8.05	13.05	13.35	14.05
- Bundesbauten	6.06	6.36	7.06	7.36	8.06	17.36	18.06	18.36	19.06	19.36	7.36	8.06	13.06	13.36	14.06
- Kollwitzstraße	6.07	6.37	7.07	7.37	8.07	17.37	18.07	18.37	19.07	19.37	7.37	8.07	13.07	13.37	14.07
- Dürerstraße	6.08	6.38	7.08	7.38	8.08	17.38	18.08	18.38	19.08	19.38	7.38	8.08	13.08	13.38	14.08
- Carl-Schurz-Straße	6.09	6.39	7.09	7.39	8.09	17.39	18.09	18.39	19.09	19.39	7.39	8.09	13.09	13.39	14.09
- Steubenstraße	6.11	6.41	7.11	7.41	8.11	17.41	18.11	18.41	19.11	19.41	7.41	8.11	13.11	13.41	14.11

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Stadtbus Langen/Egelsbach



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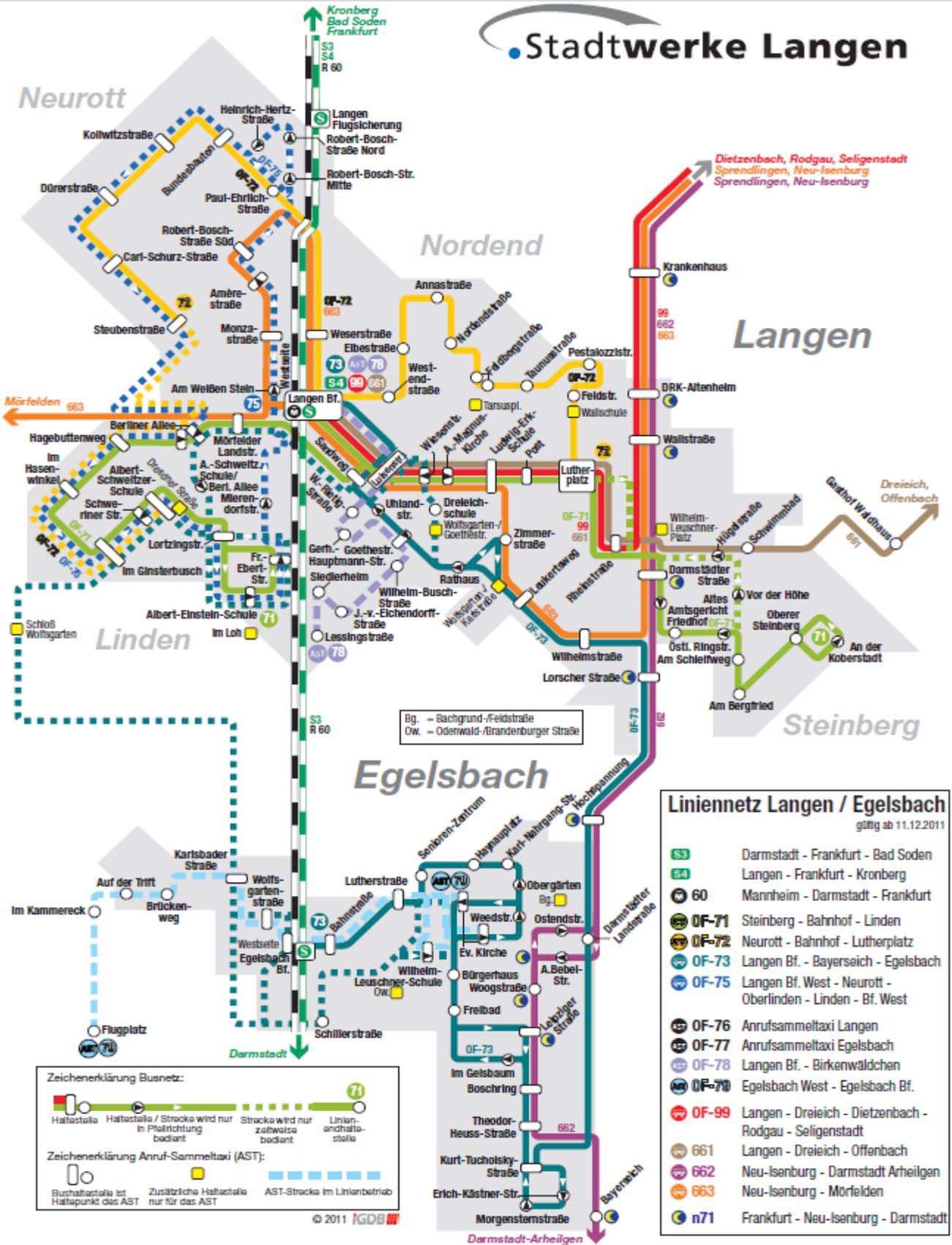
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Langen Albert-Schweitzer-Schule			S 12.51													
- Steubenstraße	5.49	6.19	12.19	12.49	12.57	13.19	13.49	18.19	18.49	19.19	7.49	8.19	8.49	13.19	13.49	14.19
- Carl-Schurz-Straße	5.50	6.20	12.20	12.50	12.58	13.20	13.50	18.20	18.50	19.20	7.50	8.20	8.50	13.20	13.50	14.20
- Dürerstraße	5.51	6.21	12.21	12.51	12.59	13.21	13.51	18.21	18.51	19.21	7.51	8.21	8.51	13.21	13.51	14.21
- Kollwitzstraße	5.52	6.22	12.22	12.52	13.00	13.22	13.52	18.22	18.52	19.22	7.52	8.22	8.52	13.22	13.52	14.22
- Bundesbauten	5.53	6.23	12.23	12.53	13.00	13.23	13.53	18.23	18.53	19.23	7.53	8.23	8.53	13.23	13.53	14.23
- Paul-Ehrlich-Straße	5.54	6.24	12.24	12.54	13.01	13.24	13.54	18.24	18.54	19.24	7.54	8.24	8.54	13.24	13.54	14.24
- Weserstraße	5.56	6.26	12.26	12.56	13.26	13.56		18.26	18.56	19.26	7.56	8.26	8.56	13.26	13.56	14.26
Langen Bahnhof	an 5.57	6.27	12.27	12.57	13.27	13.57		18.27	18.57	19.27	7.57	8.27	8.57	13.27	13.57	14.27
Ⓢ 3/4 nach Frankfurt	ab 6.04	6.34	12.34	13.04	13.34	14.04		18.34	19.04	19.34	8.04	8.34	9.04	13.34	14.04	14.34
Ⓢ 3/4 nach Darmstadt	ab 6.12	6.42	12.42	13.12	13.42	14.12		18.42	19.12	19.42	8.12	8.42	9.12	13.42	14.12	14.42
Ⓢ 3/4 von Darmstadt	an 5.48	6.18	12.18	12.48	13.18	13.48		18.18	18.48	19.18	7.48	8.18	8.48	13.18	13.48	14.18
Ⓢ 3/4 von Frankfurt	an 5.57	6.27	12.27	12.57	13.27	13.57		18.27	18.57	19.27	7.57	8.27	8.57	13.27	13.57	14.27
Langen Bahnhof	ab 6.02	6.32	12.32	13.02	13.32	14.02		18.32	19.02	19.32	8.02	8.32	9.02	13.32	14.02	14.32
- Westendstraße	6.03	6.33	12.33	13.03	13.33	14.03		18.33	19.03	19.33	8.03	8.33	9.03	13.33	14.03	14.33
- Elbestraße	6.04	6.34	12.34	13.04	13.34	14.04		18.34	19.04	19.34	8.04	8.34	9.04	13.34	14.04	14.34
- Annastraße	6.05	6.35	12.35	13.05	13.35	14.05		18.35	19.05	19.35	8.05	8.35	9.05	13.35	14.05	14.35
- Nordendstraße	6.06	6.36	12.36	13.06	13.36	14.06		18.36	19.06	19.36	8.06	8.36	9.06	13.36	14.06	14.36
- Feldbergstraße	6.08	6.38	12.38	13.08	13.38	14.08		18.38	19.08	19.38	8.08	8.38	9.08	13.38	14.08	14.38
- Taunusstraße	6.09	6.39	12.39	13.09	13.39	14.09		18.39	19.09	19.39	8.09	8.39	9.09	13.39	14.09	14.39
- Pestalozzistraße	6.10	6.40	12.40	13.10	13.40	14.10		18.40	19.10	19.40	8.10	8.40	9.10	13.40	14.10	14.40
- Feldstraße	6.12	6.42	12.42	13.12	13.42	14.12		18.42	19.12	19.42	8.12	8.42	9.12	13.42	14.12	14.42
- Lutherplatz	6.14	6.44	12.44	13.14	13.44	14.14		18.44	19.14	19.44	8.14	8.44	9.14	13.44	14.14	14.44

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The local bus and railway system



## Information about Langen

### Basic Information

State:	Hessen
Admin. region:	Darmstadt
District:	Offenbach
Elevation:	between 109 and 198 m above MSL
Area:	29,12 km <sup>2</sup>
Population:	36.287 (Dec. 2008)
Website:	<a href="http://www.langen.de">www.langen.de</a>
Mayor:	Frieder Gebhardt (SPD)



Langen is a town of roughly 36,000 townsfolk in the Offenbach district in the Regierungsbezirk of Darmstadt in Hessen, Germany, between Darmstadt and Frankfurt/Main. Langen is headquarters to Deutsche Flugsicherung, and is also home to the Paul Ehrlich Institute, a Federal serum- and vaccine-making institution

### Geography

Neighbouring communities:

Langen borders in the north and northeast on the town of Dreieich, in the south on the community of Egelsbach and in the west on the town of Mörfelden-Walldorf (Groß-Gerau district).

Constituent communities:

Langen is only subdivided internally. Its districts are:

- Altstadt ("Old Town") in the east. This lies within the former eastern town wall, parts of which may still be seen. There is an Altstadtordnung ("Old Town Order") in force for the Old Town, meant to preserve the many timber-frame houses' character.
- Zentrum ("Centre") in the middle of Langen. This is surrounded by the other quarters.
- Neurott, in the northwest. This is a great industrial-commercial area, in which businesses such as Borland and Sun Microsystems have their offices. Here are also found the headquarters of Deutsche Flugsicherung and the Paul Ehrlich Institute. Furthermore, there are also residential neighbourhoods in Neurott. One of them was built in 1958 for United States troops from the nearby Rhein-Main Air Base (closed in 2005), and so it is equipped with basketball courts and a baseball diamond. In September 2008, the US Army gave the Langen Terrace Family Housing Area back to the Federal Republic. The dwellings are now to be leased by the Bundesanstalt für Immobilienaufgaben (BImA, the German government agency for administering and utilizing government land). Furthermore, the question of whether it would be possible for there to be denser building is being examined
- Nordend ("North End"), a residential neighbourhood in which are found many dwelling blocks and highrises.
- Linden and Oberlinden in the west came into being as pure residential neighbourhoods and at the time they raised Langen's population considerably.
- Steinberg in the southeast. Here, since the late 1990s, there have been terraced houses for one, two or three families.

## History

The earliest community here may have arisen about AD 500 or 600, settled by Frankish migrants. Langen had its first documentary mention in 834 in a donation document from King Ludwig II to the Lorsch Abbey under the name Langungon. In 835, he had the extent of the Mark Langen (a communal area shared by a number of villages) delineated with Drieichlahha, today's Dreieich, as a neighbouring community to the north. To the Dreieich Royal Hunting Forest (Wildbann Dreieich), which in the king's name was governed by the Lords of Hagen (later of Münzenberg) as Vögte, also belonged in the Middle Ages the woodlands around Langen. Two of the Royal Hunting Forest's 30 Wildhuben (farming estates whose owners were charged with guarding the king's hunting rights) lay in Langen. Since the Lorsch Abbey hardly worried very much about their landholdings, the Lords of Hagen-Münzenberg came over the course of time to be the land's effective owners.

When the Hagen-Münzenberg family died out in 1255, the place passed to the Lords of Falkenstein. In 1414, the village burnt down in the midst of a dispute between the city of Frankfurt and the then owners of Langen, the Archbishop of Trier, Werner von Falkenstein. When the Lords of Falkenstein, too, saw their male line come to an end in 1418, the County of Isenburg inherited the lordship over Langen. Surviving from the Middle Ages are, among other things remains of the fortifications with the spitzer Turm and the stumpfer Turm ("Sharp Tower" and "Blunt Tower") from Falkenstein times (1336), and from the Renaissance the Vierröhrenbrunnen ("Four-Pipe Spring") from 1553.

In 1600, Langen, along with the whole Amt of Kelsterbach was sold by the Counts of Isenburg to the Landgraviate of Hesse-Darmstadt. Langen has belonged to Hesse since then. With the partitioning of the Länger Mark in 1732, whose main estate Langen was, the community got two thirds of the land, and Egelsbach the other third.

In 1812, Langen was raised to market community and in 1821 to seat of the Landratsbezirk, practically making Langen a district seat, although in 1832 it had to yield this function to Groß-Gerau and Offenbach. In 1834, Langen had 2,368 inhabitants. In 1846, the Main-Neckar Railway was built with a railway station in Langen. In 1862, the Offenbach district was formed. In 1883, the community was granted town rights by Grand Duke Ludwig IV.

After the First World War, Langen was – as part of the Mainz bridgehead – occupied by French troops until 1930. In 1959, the first new town development, Oberlinden, was built. The population figure rose from 9,077 in 1939 to 28,500 in 1983

## Town partnerships

- Tarsus (Turkey)
- Romorantin-Lanthenay (France)
- Long Eaton (England)
- Aranda de Duero (Spain) since 2006

## Cultur

Well known outside the town is above all the Langen Ebbelwoi-Fest, to which tens of thousands of visitors come each year on the last weekend in June. Moreover, the Langener Waldsee, a favourite outing destination among dwellers of the nearby Main agglomeration, is within town limits. Since 2002, the swimming competition Ironman Germany (so called even in German) has been held there. The town museum is found at the Old Town Hall in the Old Town. However, it opens only for special exhibitions, such as the one between May 2008 and March 2009 for the show Blick(e) zurück ("Looking Back") for the 125-year jubilee of town rights.

On the town's outskirts is found the former hunting palace of Schloss Wolfsgarten, which is owned by the House of Hessen.

Quite a few orchestras and musical groups frame Langen's cultural makeup. Among the most important are the Langen Orchestra Club and the TV 1862 Langen's (sport club) wind orchestra. Both groups furnish accompaniment to many of Langen's public events.

Langen's most successful sport team are the TV 1862 Langen's basketball players, who are represented in Pro A, Germany's second highest playing class. Home games are played at the Georg-Sehring-Halle.

### **Economy and infrastructure**

Langen has good connections with all transport providers.

The town is joined to the Rhine-Main S-Bahn network and is served by S-Bahn lines S3 and S4. The travel time to downtown Frankfurt is roughly 20 minutes with trains running every 15 minutes. Moreover, regional trains on the Frankfurt-Mannheim and Frankfurt-Heidelberg runs stop here. Furthermore, Langen is linked to the north-south Autobahnen A 5 (Langen/Mörfelden interchange in the town's west) and A 661 (Langen interchange in the east). Both interchanges are linked by the east-west Bundesstraße 486, which at the same time also forms the Langen north bypass. This new link also connects the industrial area in the northwest, in which are found, among other things, Federal authorities. Along Bundesstraße 486 towards the west, after about 15 km, drivers reach the Rüsselsheimer Dreieck ("Rüsselsheim Triangle"), where the A 60 towards Mainz branches off the A 67 (Darmstadt-Mönchhof). Running across the municipal area is also the former Bundesstraße 3 from Frankfurt am Main to Darmstadt. Frankfurt Egelsbach Airport, Germany's busiest general airport, lies in the neighbouring community of Egelsbach some 3 km away, while Europe's third biggest airport, Frankfurt Airport, is found about 10 km from Langen.

### **Authorities**

In Langen, three Federal authorities are represented. The Paul Ehrlich Institute has its headquarters in the town, which since 1993 has also been the German Federal Office for Sera and Vaccines. An outlying location of the Federal Office for Civil Aviation of Germany (Luftfahrtbundesamt) is connected to the headquarters of German Air Traffic Control. Likewise represented here are the Office for Bundeswehr Air Traffic Control (Amt für Flugsicherung der Bundeswehr) and the Air Traffic Control Academy (Flugsicherungsakademie) for training air traffic controllers. Also housed in the Air Traffic Control Academy's building is the Wetterdienstschule ("Weather Service School"), which was formerly in Neustadt an der Weinstraße.

Furthermore, an outlying location of the Umweltbundesamt ("Federal Environment Office") is found in the town, which grew out of the former Institute for Water, Soil and Air Hygiene (Institut für Wasser-, Boden- und Lufthygiene, or WaBoLu). Plans in 2004 to close this by 2008 have since been revised. Henceforth the plans call for moving the institute in two stages to Berlin by 2018.

### **Spare time activities**

- Leisure and family pool with adjoining rollerskating park
- Indoor swimming pool with warm bathing days
- Langener Waldsee (lake) with a naturism area and an angling area
- Youth centre with concerts and other activities
- Paddling pond with playground and much more



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