

## **Regional External Public Sector Audit Institution**

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Position of the institution	Independent highest regional authority of the Federate
	State Lower Saxony
Audit remit	Audits of accounts, performance and regularity in what
	concerns the financial management of the Land
	Lower Saxony. The auditing responsibilities include:
	- The entire financial management of the Land
	including separate property funds and enterprises,
	- Entities outside the administration of the Land
	when these implement parts of the budget of the
	Land or when these entities receive from the Land
	compensations for expenditure or grants or when
	they administer assets or funds of the Land,
	- Activities of the Land associated with companies
	set up under private law, in which the Land holds
	direct or indirect participations,
	- Legal persons governed by private law pursuant
	to a law or an agreement,
	- Regional legal persons under public law, which
	are subject to the supervision of the Land.
	The President is responsible for the mission of supra-
	local audit of local authorities assigned to her by the
	legislator, which comprises the regularity and efficiency
	audit of the budgetary and cash management of
	municipalities, associations of municipalities, rural

	districts, joint municipal bodies, special-purpose
	associations and municipal companies governed by
	private law.
Internal organisation	- 5 audit departments to audit the financial
	Management of the Land Lower Saxony
	- 1 audit department for the supra-local audit of
	Local authorities
	- President's office
	- Staff unit attached to the President
Staff	191
Total budget 2017	14.91 million €
President	Sandra von Klaeden

## **Region**

Name of the region	Lower Saxony
Official website	www.niedersachsen.de
Capital city	Hannover
Area of the region	47,614.07 m²
Population	7,962,523 (30.06.2017)
Lower administrative levels	<ul> <li>1 region</li> <li>37 rural districts</li> <li>10 district-free cities</li> <li>7 large autonomous cities</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>90 other cities</li><li>60 autonomous municipalities</li><li>866 other cities and municipalities</li></ul>
Regional budget 2018	31,730 million €
Debt	61.24 billion € (as at 31.12.2016)