



European  
Joint  
Support Unit

# Welcome to

Rostock





## WELCOME TO ROSTOCK

This handbook is designed to give you as much advice, help and information as possible about the local area. Though by no means exhaustive, its intent is to help you prior to your arrival and during your time here in Rostock.

Your tour in Germany will offer you lots of great opportunities with regards to travel, recreation and a whole lot more. The customs, culture and way of life here are significantly different from what you may be accustomed to and shopping, driving and dining are all a different experience. Some people may find this a little daunting at first but embracing the culture, food and people you meet will help ease the transition.

We understand that moving yourself and your family to a new country can be extremely stressful so our EJSU staff are here to help you adjust and get settled. You will also be allocated a sponsor before your arrival who is there to aid your arrival and help orientation to the local areas and your respective Duty Unit (DEU MARFOR or Laage Fliegerhorst).

### Rostock City

The Hanseatic city of Rostock is famous for the Hanse Sail. Rostock is the largest city in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania with around 200,000 inhabitants. At the same time, the city on the Warnow River is one of the most important port cities in the Baltic Sea region: numerous ferries and cruise ships regularly call at the Rostock port. Basically, the people in Rostock accept new residents very quickly. It is good to adapt to the customs a little and to use the greeting "Moin", which is traditional in northern Germany and especially on the coast, throughout the day. A simple Guten Tag (good day) or Morgen (morning) will go a long way. It can be considered impolite not to say 'good day' or 'goodbye' when entering or leaving shops or establishments. Shaking hands is also seen as an expression of politeness.

### German Maritime Forces (DEU MARFOR) and Laage Fliegerhorst

German Maritime Forces, or in the NATO abbreviation simply DEU MARFOR, is a military command or task force. Its staff plans, supports and conducts multinational maritime manoeuvres and operations. In times of crisis, for example, NATO or the EU can activate the staff as a maritime headquarters to command multinational naval units.

Taktisches Luftwaffengeschwader 73 "Steinhoff" is responsible for the training of Eurofighter pilots and groundcrew for the German Air Force (Luftwaffe). It is based at Laage Fliegerhorst, shares the runway with the civilian Rostock airport and is approximately 20 miles South of the city. As well as its primary training role, the squadron supports Quick Reaction Alert (QRA) duties and provides aircraft and personnel to support operations.



### Sponsorship

Your line manager will allocate a sponsor to assist with your arrival. Your line-manager will try to allocate someone who lives nearby, whether married or single, and they will be able to show you the local amenities to help you settle in more quickly.

### Pets & Registering Dogs

If you intend to bring your pet to Germany, you must include the details on your housing application form (Form 1132). You will be given guidance on the German Law regarding the keeping of pets and in respect of certain breeds that are banned in Germany.

You can no longer use a pet passport issued in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) for travel to an EU country or Northern Ireland. You can still use a pet passport issued in an EU country or Northern Ireland.

#### **When travelling to an EU country or Northern Ireland, your pet needs:**

- a microchip
- a valid rabies vaccination
- an animal health certificate unless you have a pet passport issued in an EU country or Northern Ireland
- tapeworm treatment for dogs if you're travelling directly to Finland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Norway or Malta

These requirements also apply to assistance dogs.

#### **Repeat trips to an EU country or Northern Ireland**

Your pet will need a new animal health certificate for each trip to an EU country or Northern Ireland.

Your pet will not need a repeat rabies vaccination so long as it's rabies vaccinations are up to date.

You can enter or return to Great Britain with your pet cat, dog or ferret if it:

- has been microchipped
- has a pet passport or health certificate
- has been vaccinated against rabies - it will also need a blood test if you're travelling from an country that is not 'listed'

Dogs must also usually have a tapeworm treatment.

Your pet may be put into quarantine for up to 4 months if you do not follow these rules - or refused entry if you travelled by sea. You're responsible for any fees or charges

Once you are living in Europe your UK issued pet passports can be exchanged for an EU pet passport for a fee by your local vet.

#### **Check the rules of the country you're travelling to for any additional restrictions or requirements before you travel**

[www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad](http://www.gov.uk/taking-your-pet-abroad)

*Every pet that comes into Germany must be micro chipped and you must have public liability insurance.*



## ACCOMMODATION

Applications for accommodation should be submitted using MOD Form 1132 (PSA). This should be submitted to DIO as directed by the arrivals email sent from the NSE. This should be done **as soon as possible** to minimize any delay in allocation. There is a severe shortage of rental properties in the Rostock area so be prepared to stay in a hotel until accommodation is found.

### Home Insurance

This is less restrictive than car insurance but premiums may still be slightly higher than expected. Obviously, you are free to choose whoever you wish but be aware of the liability clause as in Germany you are expected to cover this on your own property by law.

A couple of insurance companies:

[www.culpeck.com](http://www.culpeck.com)

[www.towergateinsurance.co.uk](http://www.towergateinsurance.co.uk)

[www.forcesmutual.org](http://www.forcesmutual.org)

[www.allianz.com/eu](http://www.allianz.com/eu)

[www.forcesplan.co.uk](http://www.forcesplan.co.uk)

