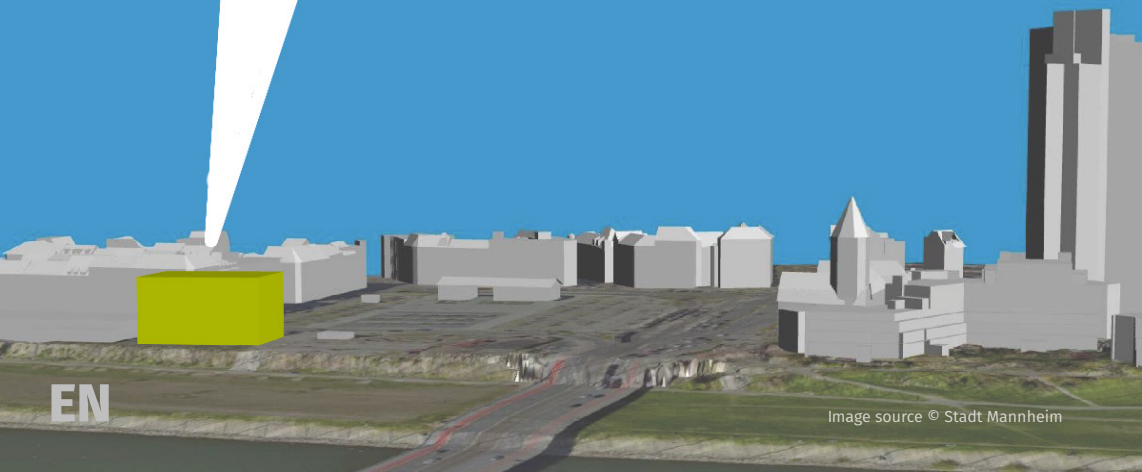


「FORUM DEUTSCHE SPRACHE」



THE PROJECT AT A GLANCE:

- Between now and 2027, the **Leibniz-Institut für Deutsche Sprache** (IDS; engl. Leibniz Institute for the German Language) is establishing the Forum Deutsche Sprache (engl. German Language Forum).
- The facility combines the functions of a museum, a science centre and a lively institution for dialogue between science and society.
- The IDS will be responsible for the content and structure of the Forum.
- The **Klaus Tschira Foundation** intends to donate the building and the first permanent exhibition to the IDS.
- The **city of Mannheim** has provided a plot to the IDS at an inner-city location next to the Neckar River.
- Since 2019, the state of **Baden-Württemberg** has been funding the conceptual planning process.
- The **Leibniz Association** sees the project as a valuable addition both for research and with regard to the interaction between science and the public.

FORUM DEUTSCHE SPRACHE

EXPERIENCE LANGUAGE IN ITS DIVERSITY – AND BRING IT YOURSELF!

From earliest childhood until old age, language is our most important means of communication. Not only are we influenced by our own language usage, but also by the language usage of those around us.

How do children learn to speak? What role do dialects play in today's world? What is the added value of multilingualism? Should I use gendered language in order to avoid excluding others? Who decides what correct or incorrect German is? Why and how does our language change over the course of time?

The Forum Deutsche Sprache in Mannheim will be a unique space in which these and many other questions about our language will be explored and discussed together – through exhibitions and events as well as other innovative opportunities for participation. Since our visitors carry the object of the exhibition and of our research within themselves, they will be able to have a direct influence on the design and content of the exhibition. With their own language, they can change digital exhibits as well as participate in linguistic surveys and citizen science projects.

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The Forum Deutsche Sprache will be built at the “Alter Meßplatz”, directly on the Neckar River.

HENN's entry was awarded first prize for its design in the architectural competition in 2021.

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COMING TOGETHER

The multifunctional foyer is designed to be a meeting place for all visitors of the Forum. It will offer a space for presentations, lectures, “scientific slams” and discussion events as well as for private meetings in a casual atmosphere at an attractive location next to the Neckar River in the centre of Mannheim. The foyer as well as the common areas are intended to serve as public spaces and can be used by anyone.



THE PERMANENT EXHIBITION

We invite visitors on a tour, during which they will be immersed in a linguistic cosmos. A new world unfolds in each exhibition area, revealing the different dimensions in which people are touched by language. Interactive components allow visitors to experience their own language in new ways, thus building a bridge between the visitors and the object of the exhibition. In overarching core areas, topics such as the history of language, language and media, dialects of the German language as well as the continuous development of language will be explored.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS

The temporary exhibition area allows for in-depth exploration of rotating themes and provides the opportunity to collaborate locally as well as internationally within the German-speaking sphere (e.g., for touring exhibitions). This area can also be used for larger events.

THE ADVENTURE AREA FOR CHILDREN

For younger children we will have a themed adventure area which provides a sensory introduction to the topic of language. In the context of Mannheim's linguistically diverse urban makeup, the "Language Space Station" focuses particularly on multilingual and intercultural approaches.

It will be a place of shared experiences and dialogue.



AN EXTRACURRICULAR PLACE OF LEARNING

The Forum also aims to be an important point of contact for schools and daycare centres. The accompanying educational programme will take place in the exhibition areas, at the survey stations as well as in designated workshop rooms. We also plan individual and customised formats directly in schools as well as opportunities for virtual participation.

PARTICIPATION IN THE FORUM

The participation of the visitors via their own language is a central component of the Forum Deutsch Sprache (e.g., through dialect recordings, anonymous chats as well as through sharing personal attitudes towards linguistic phenomena). Within the permanent exhibition, there will even be the possibility of voluntarily donating one's own language and thus spontaneously taking part in the linguistic research of everyday language and at the same time learning something new about one's own language usage.

In a scientifically-accompanied communication and survey area, visitors who are interested in language will have the opportunity to actively participate in linguistic research as citizen scientists. In this way, an equal dialogue between experts and community as well as new formats of science communication and mutual knowledge transfer will be established.



#deinWortzählt

JOIN IN NOW!

Under the hashtag **#deinWortzählt** (engl. *yourwordcounts*) the IDS is already collecting “language donations” for the Forum Deutsche Sprache: favourite words, attitudes towards linguistic phenomena, dialect words, funny translations and much more!

Simply subscribe to the IDS channels and join in!



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You can also find current information and developments about the Forum on our social media channels under the hashtag **#ForumDeutscheSprache** and on the project's website www.forumdeutschesprache.de.

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