Getting to know the Bundestag: The parliament’s mobile information unit
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16 metres long, weighing in at 25 tonnes and flying its two flags – the German Bundestag’s mobile information unit is a real eye-catcher whenever it appears in constituencies throughout Germany. Inside this unique vehicle, you can get an immediate close-up look at Parliament. The variety of information on offer gives citizens the opportunity to learn first-hand about what parliament does and how it works.

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Tour of all constituencies

Within two electoral terms, the mobile information unit aims to visit all constituencies. It generally stays for three days at popular locations in cities and communities. In order to reach as many people as possible, it travels to favourite holiday spots during the summer break. It stops for a week, for example, in towns along the North and Baltic Sea coasts, in the Elbe Sandstone Mountains or at Lake Constance. The unit can also be accessed by users of electric wheelchairs via a lift.

Direct contact with Members of the Bundestag

The mobile information unit is a place where citizens can meet the Members for their constituency. Members speak about their work in the Bundestag and are available to answer questions, provided they are not in Berlin during a parliamentary sitting week. Often, the elected representatives are able to take citizens’ concerns directly to Parliament or find help. A separate room is provided in the unit for confidential conversations.
Talks, discussions and multimedia content

The unit is also staffed by freelancers from the Bundestag. They are there to answer any questions about politics and parliament. They can explain the difference between the Bundestag and the Federal Government, for example, and how citizens can become involved in politics. They also chair discussions and give presentations.

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In addition to talks with the Members and the freelance staff, visitors have a host of other ways to find out information as they wish. Free information material is available in the unit, such as a range of brochures explaining everyday parliamentary life in a way that is easy to understand. Many guests enjoy using one of the four computer terminals on board to explore the Bundestag’s online services. They can also access other related sites here, such as those of the Bundesrat, the parliamentary groups or the Federal Government. One of the computer terminals is height-adjustable, allowing wheelchair users to enjoy the service too.
Interactive quizzes and games

Learning about politics can be fun! In the mobile information unit, fun-seekers of all ages can find out plenty of information about the parliament in an enjoyable way. Modern touchscreen computers invite visitors to take part in a parliament quiz. More games about the Bundestag can be found on the wall monitor.

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Older visitors can get to know the members of the presidium, along with the parliamentary group and committee chairs in a memory game, or find out about the seating arrangements in the plenary chamber via a hotspot app. Information is also provided here on the important individuals, offices and functions of parliamentary life.

Exploring Parliament through play

The large touchscreen is also popular among younger visitors. On it, they can play a memory game with the friendly comic figure of ‘Karlchen Adler’. There is also a computer especially tailored to children, on which they can visit the Bundestag’s services for children and take part in a parliament quiz with two levels of difficulty.

Fun for young and old alike is the prize wheel, usually set up in front of the unit. The right spin can win visitors a small prize.
The information unit is an attractive way for school classes to find out about what Parliament does and how it works. The large area inside can seat up to 30. The unit is available for groups of young people, such as school classes from the constituencies visited, with youth-friendly presentations and discussion sessions – not only during school hours. The focus is on key questions: how does democracy work? How are laws created? How can children and young people become politically active?

Hands-on democracy:
Services for school classes
Personal meetings with Members of the Bundestag and freelance staff, along with the multimedia services on offer help children and young people to learn new things and build on existing knowledge, making political processes and parliamentary life understandable for our younger visitors. An extensive range of material is available in the unit, allowing visitors to engage further with the information. Freelance staff are happy to advise teachers with lesson planning on parliament-related topics. The Bundestag also provides a broad range of information services for children and young people online at www.bundestag.de in the “Visit the Bundestag” and “Service” sections. Youth-friendly information is also available in German on the Bundestag’s sites for children and young people: www.kuppelkucker.de and www.mitmischen.de.
Find out when the German Bundestag’s mobile information is coming to your constituency and where it stops on the holiday tour at the Bundestag’s website www.bundestag.de under “Besuchen Sie uns”, “Info-mobil” (Information in German only). There, you’ll find more information about how to contact the Bundestag’s Public Relations Division. You can also learn how to register for talks, for example.

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