



## Factsheet B20

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The Business 20 (B20) is the official G20 dialogue with the global business community. On September 4 2016, the leading German business associations BDI, BDA, and DIHK, mandated by the German Chancellery, assumed the B20 presidency. Chair of B20 Germany is Dr. Jürgen Herhaus.

### B20 Role and Activities

The B20 is the voice of the G20 business community. The B20's foundation is the development of recommendations to the G20 in taskforces and cross-thematic groups that are constituted by business representatives and experts from the G20 countries. The B20 identifies areas where G20 action is crucial.

### B20 Taskforces and Cross-thematic Groups

#### Taskforces

- Trade and Investment
- Energy, Climate & Resource Efficiency
- Financing Growth & Infrastructure
- Digitalization
- Employment & Education

#### Cross-thematic Groups

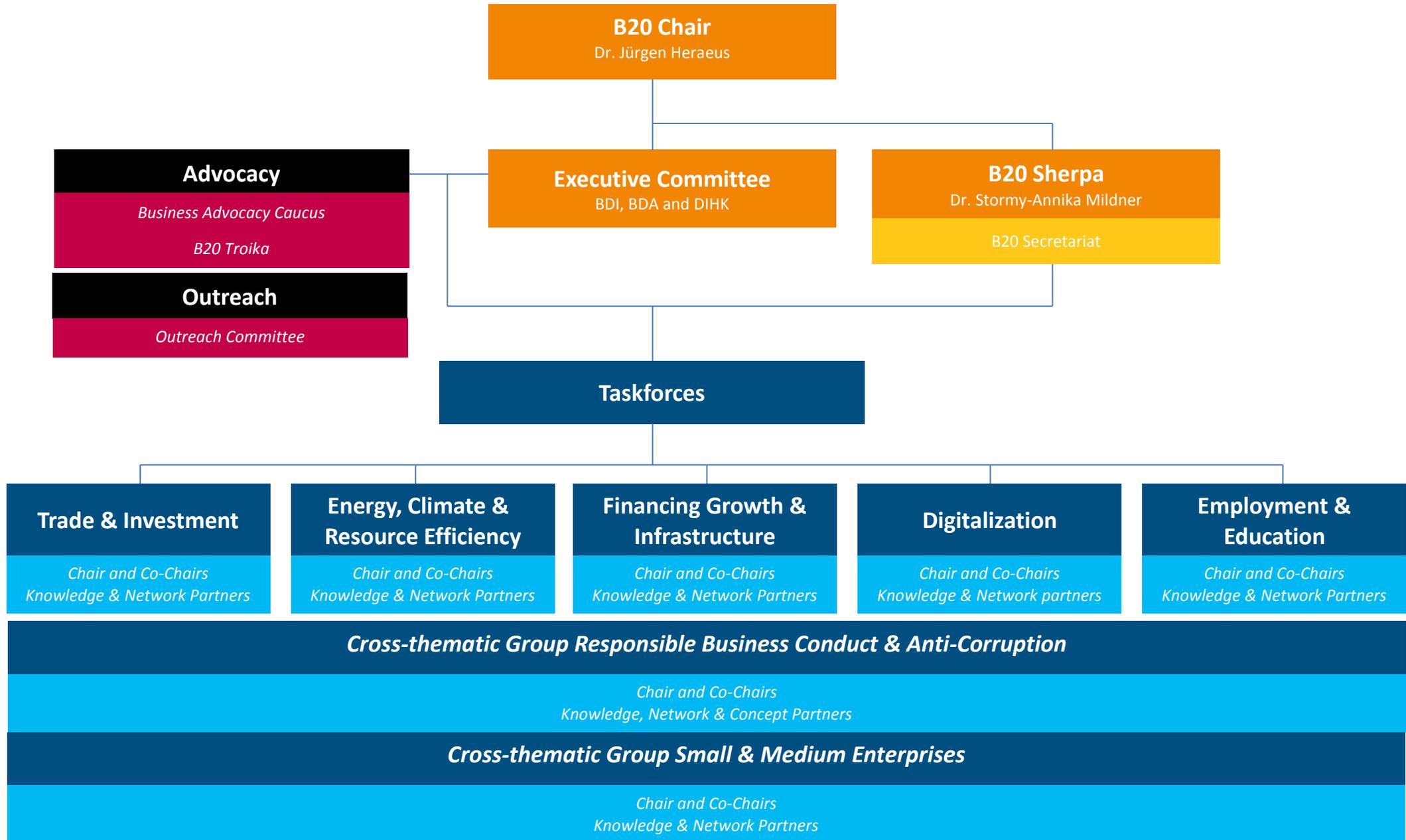
- Responsible Business Conduct & Anti-Corruption
- SMEs

Each taskforce is headed by a chair and several co-chairs. Around 100 representatives from companies and business associations, representing all G20 countries and sectors of the economy, are working together in each taskforce and cross-thematic group to find answers to global challenges.

### Events

The B20 involves a series of events with participants from politics, business, and civil society. The highlights of the Presidency are the B20 Conference on December 1/2 2016 and the B20 Summit in May 2017 with the participation of German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Taskforce/cross-thematic group meetings or conference calls take place monthly from October 2016 to March 2017.

# B20 Germany Structure



## Glossary

**B20 Chair:** The B20 Chair leads the B20 process, sets the main guidelines, and represents the B20 vis-à-vis politics, the international business community as well as the public at large.

**Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee is constituted by the presidents of BDI, BDA and DIHK. The Executive Committee takes fundamental decisions concerning B20 by consensus and instructs the B20 Sherpa.

**B20 Sherpa:** The B20 Sherpa is responsible for operational management of the B20 presidency and supports the B20 Chair. She supplies basic orientation for the B20 recommendations and oversees the process of preparing policy papers. The work of the B20 Sherpa is supported by a B20 Secretariat and Mr. Robert Milliner, the 2014 B20 Sherpa during the Australian Presidency, who will act as a Special Advisor to the Executive Committee.

**Business Advocacy Caucus:** The Business Advocacy Caucus (BAC) comprises about sixty CEOs and business organisation leaders from the G20 states. The members will be appointed by the B20 presidency. The main task of the BAC is public and political advocacy of the B20 recommendations to enhance the visibility and legitimacy of the B20.

**Outreach Committee:** The representatives of the other G20 Engagement Groups (C20, L20, S20, T20, W20 and Y20) form a joint Outreach Committee to ensure the inclusivity and legitimacy of the B20 process.

**B20 Troika:** The Sherpas from B20 Germany, B20 China and B20 Argentina form an advisory committee to ensure the continuity and coherence of the B20 process.

**Taskforces:** The Taskforces (TFs) develop recommendations and concrete policy proposals. Their members are senior representatives of businesses, associations and organizations. Each TF has a Chair who chairs its sessions, guides the drafting of policy papers and presents the TF's recommendations in public and political forums. Each chair may be assisted by several Co-Chairs. Chairs and Co-Chairs are appointed by the B20 presidency; they are leading business figures from the entire G20, such as CEOs, supervisory board members and association principals.

**Cross-thematic Groups:** The Cross-thematic Groups (CTGs) have the same structure and working processes as TFs. They also draft policy papers with recommendations and concrete policy proposals to the G20. SMEs, responsible business conduct and anti-corruption are per se cross-thematic issues. In order to take these into account across all B20 recommendations and to have expertise from all thematic areas represented in CTGs, simultaneous membership in a TF and a CTG is encouraged.

**Knowledge Partners:** Knowledge Partners work with the B20 Secretariat and representatives of the TF chairs to prepare B20 policy papers – under the oversight of the Secretariat and on the basis of the discussions in the TFs and CTGs. Knowledge partners also supply inputs and support the B20 Secretariat in coordination processes and preparation of contributions.

**Network Partners:** Network Partners are international business organisations and networks. They provide essential support to TFs/CTGs by feeding in their expertise as well as by engaging their broad international constituency in TF/CTG activities, and disseminating recommendations. The Network Partners also support TF/CTG advocacy activities.

**Concept Partners:** Concept Partners are initiatives or organizations that are experts and stakeholders for specific issues. They provide their expertise in the drafting of recommendations and play an important role in setting up the agenda of the respective TF/CTG.