

Germany



Global rank

#1

Rank in Europe

#1

GRWI score

0.824

Germany: overview

Ranking & scores by dimension



Rank

Cybersecurity	Economic and social conditions
#3	#5
COVID-19 response and handling	Digital and physical infrastructure
#15	#17

Score

Cybersecurity	Economic and social conditions
0.967	0.770
COVID-19 response and handling	Digital and physical infrastructure
0.748	0.759



Overview

Germany ranks 1st in the GRWI with a strong performance in cybersecurity (3rd) and standing out on economic and social conditions (5th). However, it's still behind digital and physical infrastructure (17th). That is primarily due to a shortcoming in internet quality (27th) and e-infrastructure (24th), reflecting Germany's "digital shyness" and reluctance to implement new technologies. It's essential to remember that Germany is a relatively expensive remote work destination (ranking 43rd by the cost of living), so budgeting accordingly might become a must for more price-conscious remote workers. These aspects might challenge the remote work experience a little, yet general economic and social conditions in connection with Germany's high cybersecurity standards makes it the No. 1 choice.

Cybersecurity

Germany ranks 3rd in cybersecurity rankings, making it a suitable working environment. The high ranking of physical infrastructure indicates that the country's internal office (and digital) environments are still of high quality - to serve German businesses and on-site workers. Low rankings in internet quality and e-infrastructure are a concern. However, despite being on the back foot slightly with digital bravery, security should not concern remote workers or workcation-ers heading for Germany.

Comparison with neighboring countries

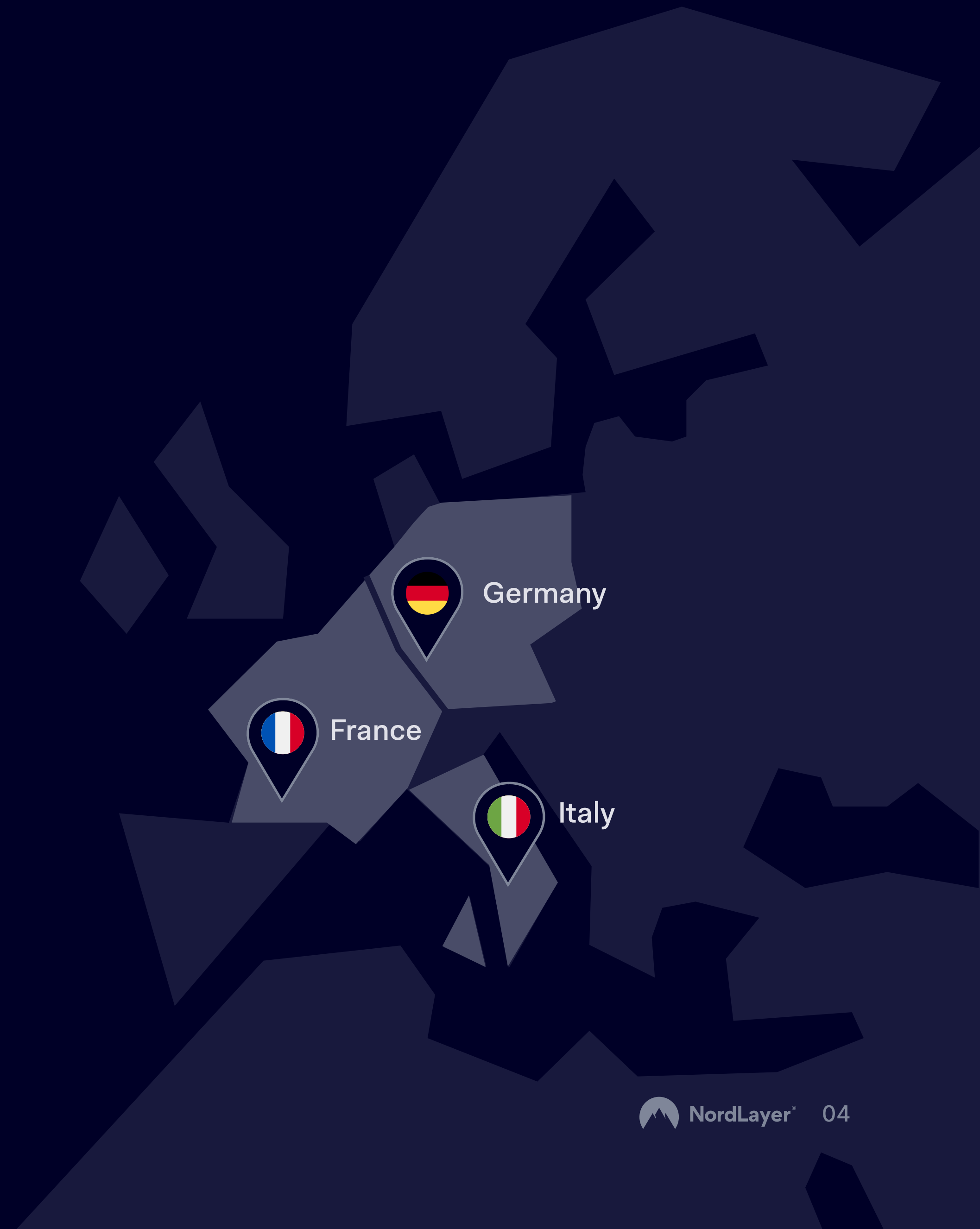
The trio of Germany, France, and Italy

Considering a remote work destination among the three main EU countries — Germany (1st), France (10th), and Italy (25th) — Germany wins in the overall ranking, yet France doesn't fall too far behind. At the same time, Italy would be the most challenging one for remote workers among the trio.

In the cybersecurity domain, France ranks 11th as it lacks response capacity against cybercrimes, and Italy ranks 14th as it underperforms in cybersecurity infrastructure capacity.

In comparing economic and social conditions in these countries, Germany jumps to the top due to the highest English proficiency and the most outstanding government investment in education and healthcare. All three countries rank high in tourism attractiveness, so any of these destinations should be a great place to explore. However, English communication could be much more challenging in France and Italy as they rank 31st and 34th. Also, in both countries, remote workers could experience a higher cost of living than in Germany. However, Italy ranks only one rank lower than Germany so the difference might be unnoticeable in practice.

Although the internet is a little more expensive in France than in Germany, remote workers can expect a higher connection quality in France. The quality of internet connection is the main attribute that brings France to the top when comparing the digital and physical infrastructures of the three countries. In this dimension, France ranks 9th, Germany 17th, and Italy 35th.



Finding a non-neighboring country that has similar index results

More alike than one could have thought

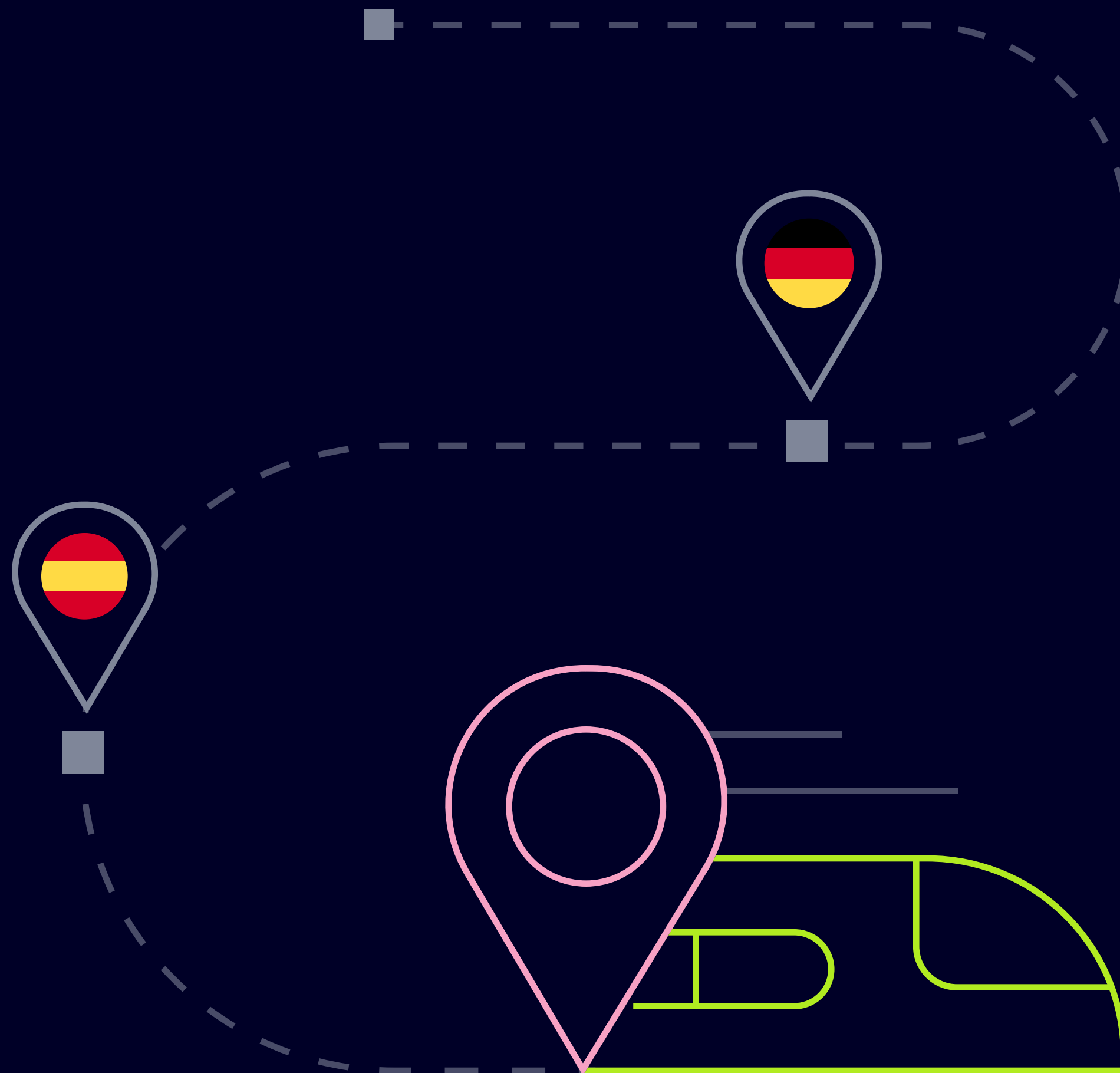
Comparing the Spanish mañana attitude and the German punctuality might seem weird, but these two countries share few similarities in the quality of remote work. Germany ranks 1st in the overall index, but Spain is close and ranks 4th.

Both countries are among the top 10 in the cybersecurity dimension. Both have some room for improvement, but both can boast a decent infrastructure and the capacity to ensure a fairly good level of cybersecurity.

Economic and social conditions are also quite similar in both countries. Both are perfect tourism destinations (ranking 1st in this dimension), and both have comparable general safety levels (Spain ranks 26th, Germany 29th). More affordable living costs in Spain might balance the English communication challenges compared to Germany, and remote workers should not notice any differences in general access to healthcare.

When comparing digital and physical infrastructures, both countries have similar overall scores, with Germany ranking 17th and Spain 19th. Internet quality will be better in Spain. On the other hand, it's cheaper to get a connection in Germany. Physical infrastructure is of high quality in both countries, and Spain even has it a bit better as Spain ranks one place higher than Germany.

Both countries have good COVID response capacity, and the majority of the population has high vaccination rates in both countries.





Top remote destinations for German workers

Overall

No one has it perfect, but Germany has good enough conditions for remote workers these days. Overall, Germany successfully balances shortcomings in digital infrastructure with high standards in cybersecurity domains. It also is an attractive country economically and socially to visit or relocate to. Understandably, with the increasing urge to explore and use the opportunity to be mobile, people might start looking to check out other countries. So, where would it make sense to relocate from Germany?



In terms of safety

If safety comes first

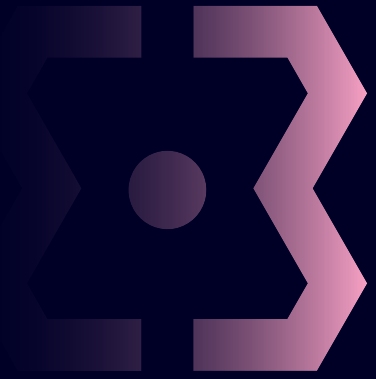
For its overall safety, Germany ranks pretty low, only 29th. Many countries are above Germany, but Estonia, Lithuania, Spain, Denmark, and Singapore also rank higher in overall safety and are in the Top 10 of the overall index, making these destinations a quality choice for anyone concerned about general safety.



In terms of tourism attractiveness

Best workcation destination

Germany is already ranking 1st in tourism attractiveness, so there aren't many better places than home. But one can conveniently fulfill the natural urge to explore relocating to 1st-ranking Japan, France, and Spain. The USA and the United Kingdom could also be thrilling and convenient destinations for remote workers.



In terms of English proficiency

Not to get lost in translation

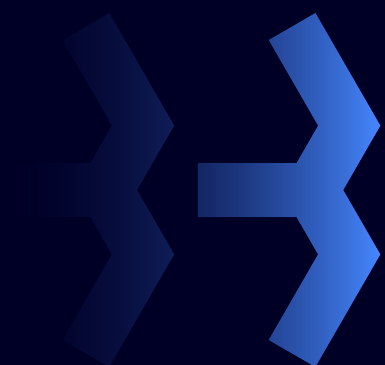
If remote workers would like to go somewhere outside Germany without being challenged by language barriers, obviously all the English native speaking countries are worth looking into, but the Netherlands, Slovenia, Austria, Denmark, Singapore, Norway, Belgium, Portugal, Sweden, Finland, and Croatia could also be destinations to choose from as they all rank above Germany in English proficiency level. The USA, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, and Singapore are worth consideration as they also stand in the Top 10 overall index.



In terms of cost of living

Getting the most out of your money

Germany is a fairly expensive country, so budget cautious remote workers should consider Lithuania, Estonia, and Spain. These countries have smaller living costs and rank in the Top 10 overall index.



In terms of Internet quality

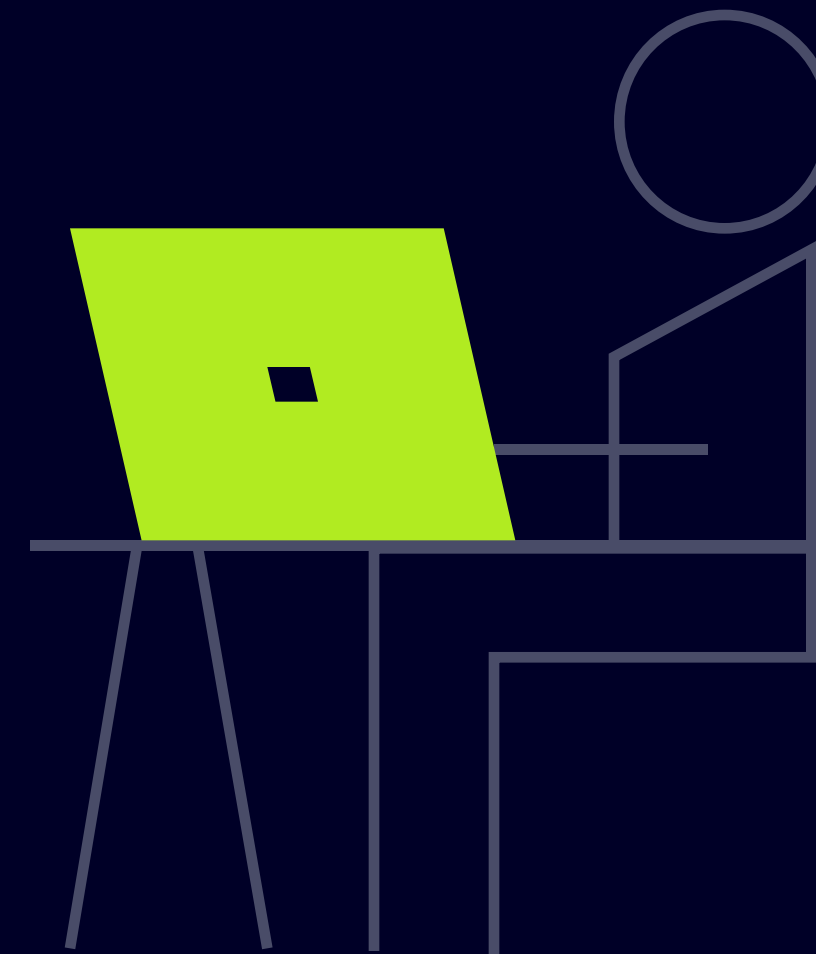
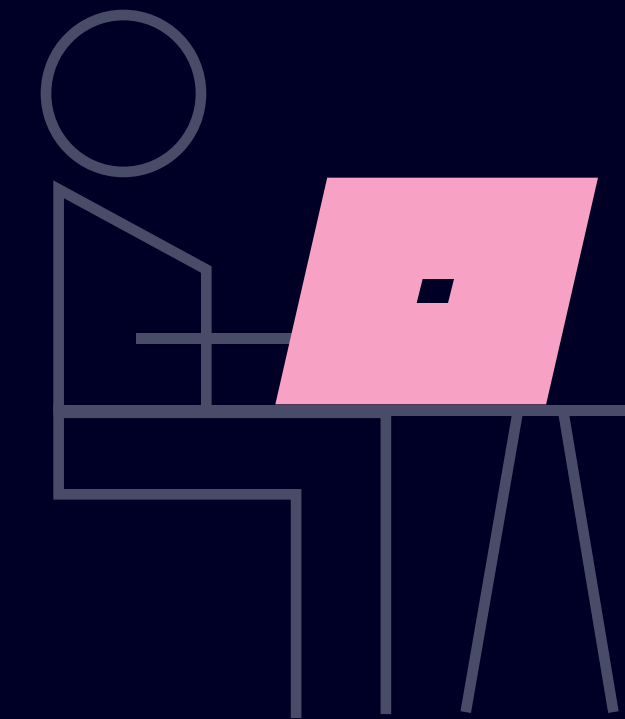
Staying connected

The quality of the internet is an essential factor for any remote worker. Unfortunately, the quality of the internet in Germany is not that great as Germany ranks only 27th. Except for Estonia, all the Top 10 countries in the overall index can offer a higher quality internet connection. Therefore, Denmark, the USA, Spain, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Sweden, Singapore, and France can become a quality choice for remote work.

Analysing Germany in terms of dimensions where it outperforms many other countries

Or is it better to stay at home?

Although there are no win-win scenarios and balancing expectations with certain elements of remote work will be necessary, there are still good options for anyone willing to relocate from Germany and enjoy remote work from abroad. There are solid options in the Top 10 ranking countries, depending on personal priorities. Overall, Germany is almost perfect and can offer many fantastic places to enjoy safe remote work.





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