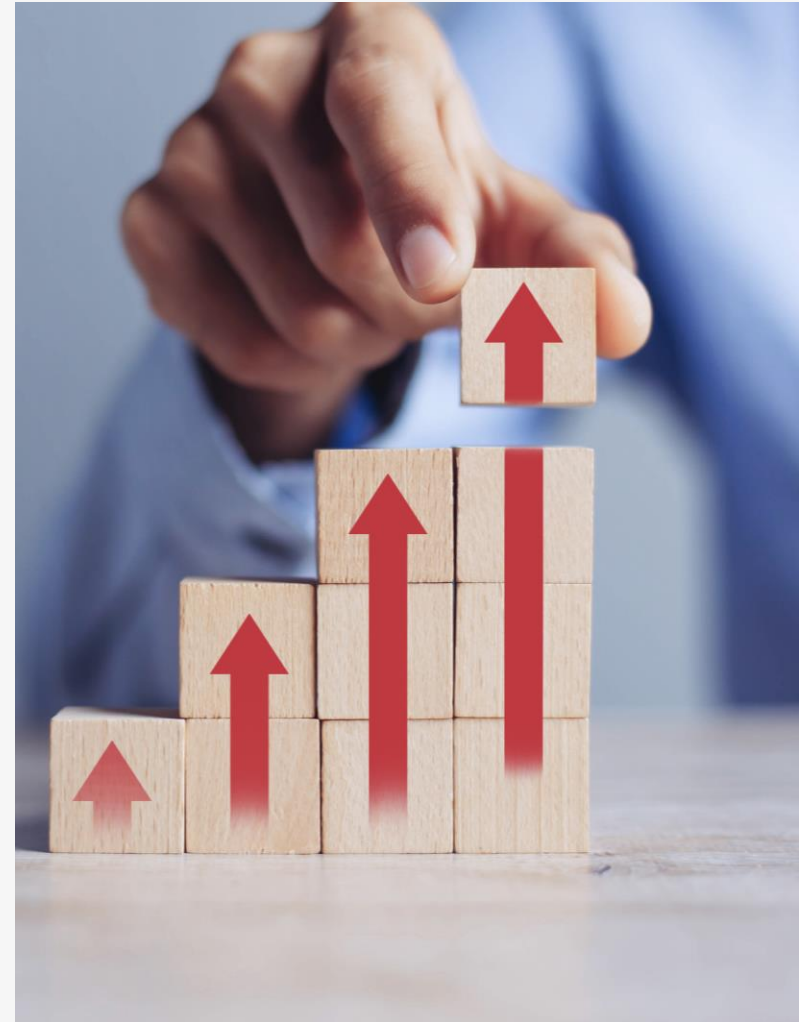
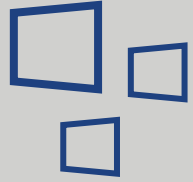




Minds & Makers

The think tank and maker's workshop for the guaranteed business success of selected young, international companies in the DACH region.

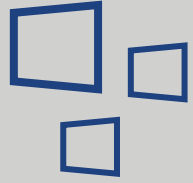




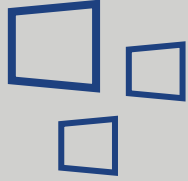
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1. Why is the DACH region so important for the business success of young international companies?



The DACH region, comprising Germany (D), Austria (A) and Switzerland (CH), is a critical economic area for several reasons



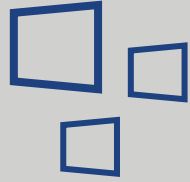
	Resident (m)	Purchasing Power (\$)	Households (m)	GDP (bn \$)
	84,3	48.718	41,5	4.082
	9,1	52.084	3,9	471
	8,7	93.260	3,7	818
EU total	745,6	17.668	300	19.000
DACH total	102,1	64.687	49	5.371
	14%	366%	16%	28%

1. Economic Powerhouse

- Germany: As Europe's largest economy and the fourth-largest globally, Germany is a leading exporter of machinery, vehicles, chemicals, and household equipment. It plays a crucial role in the global supply chain, particularly in manufacturing and engineering.
- Austria: Austria's economy is closely tied to Germany's, with strengths in industrial manufacturing, machinery, and tourism. It serves as a bridge between Western and Eastern Europe.
- Switzerland: Known for its financial services, pharmaceuticals and precision manufacturing, Switzerland is one of the world's wealthiest nations, with a highly developed and innovative economy.

2. High GDP (gross domestic product)

The combined GDP of the DACH region makes it one of the most economically significant areas in the world. The region is home to many multinational corporations, particularly in sectors like automotive, finance, pharmaceuticals, and engineering.



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3. Strong Export Market

The DACH region is a major exporter, with products from these countries being highly sought after globally. Germany, in particular, is known for its strong export economy, with key markets in the EU, the United States, and China.

4. Innovation and Technology

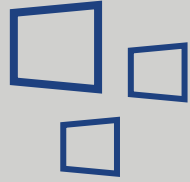
The region is a global leader in innovation, especially in sectors such as automotive engineering, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and information technology. Germany's focus on Industry 4.0 and Switzerland's excellence in precision engineering and life sciences are notable examples.

5. Highly Skilled Workforce

The DACH countries boast highly educated and skilled workforces, supported by strong vocational training systems, particularly in Germany. This contributes to high productivity and the ability to maintain a competitive edge in various industries.

6. Stability and Infrastructure

The region is known for its political and economic stability, making it an attractive destination for investment. It also has excellent infrastructure, including transportation, logistics and telecommunications networks, facilitating trade and commerce.



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7. Central Location in Europe

The DACH region's central location in Europe makes it a strategic hub for business operations across the continent. This geographic advantage enables easy access to both Western and Eastern European markets.

8. High Standard of Living

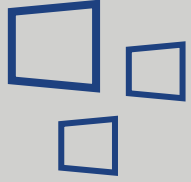
The DACH countries have high standards of living, with robust social systems, quality healthcare, and education. This not only supports a productive workforce but also attracts talent from around the world.

9. Financial Hubs

Switzerland is a global financial hub, particularly in private banking and asset management. Zurich and Geneva are renowned for their financial services, while Frankfurt in Germany is a key financial center in the Eurozone.

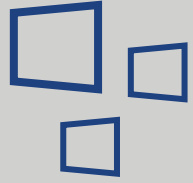
10. Sustainability and Environmental Leadership

The DACH region is at the forefront of environmental sustainability, with strong commitments to renewable energy, energy efficiency, and reducing carbon emissions. Germany's Energiewende (energy transition) policy is a leading example of this commitment.

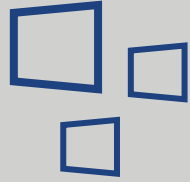


Conclusion

The DACH region's combination of economic strength, innovation, stability and strategic location makes it one of the most important economic areas globally. Its influence is felt across various industries, and its role in shaping global economic trends is significant.



2. What conditions do young international companies need to fulfill to be successful in this region?



The success factors for the DACH region



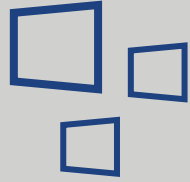
To be successful in the powerhouse DACH region, a young, international company must fulfil several conditions. This is because this region is known for its high-quality standards, strong regulations and demanding customers. Here are the most important points that a company should consider:

1. Market analysis and understanding the target group

- **Market research:** Thoroughly analysing the market and the competition is crucial. The company must understand the needs and preferences of customers in the DACH region.
- **Cultural adaptation:** The products and services should be adapted to the cultural characteristics of the region, as customers in the DACH region may have specific expectations and requirements.

2. Legal and regulatory requirements

- **Compliance with regulations:** The DACH region has strict regulations regarding product safety, data protection (e.g. GDPR), and labour law. It is important to know and comply with these regulations.
- **Certifications:** In some industries, special certifications are required to sell products (e.g. CE marking, TÜV certification).



The success factors for the DACH region



3. Location and language

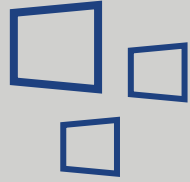
- **Linguistic customisation:** Products, services and marketing materials must be available in the local language (German). A high-quality translation is essential.
- **Customer service in the local language:** Competent and efficient customer support in German is crucial for success in the region.

4. Quality standards

- **High product quality:** Customers in the DACH region attach great importance to quality. The company must ensure that its products and services meet the high standards of the region.
- **Long-term reliability:** Products must be durable and reliable. Warranty and return policies should meet regional standards.

5. Market entry strategy

- **Partnerships:** Co-operations with local companies or distributors can facilitate market entry. Local partners often have a better understanding of the market and customer needs.
- **Direct sales vs. online sales:** Depending on the industry and product, an online sales model may be advantageous, but it may also make sense to establish a direct sales network or brick-and-mortar shops.



The success factors for the DACH region



6. Marketing and branding

- **Customised marketing strategies:** Advertising and marketing campaigns should be tailored to the cultural and social characteristics of the region.
- **Strong brand presence:** Building a strong brand is important to gain the trust of customers in a region known for its loyalty to established brands.

7. Pricing

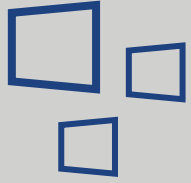
- **Value for money:** Pricing must fulfil the high-quality standards and at the same time be competitive.
- **Tax framework:** Tax aspects (e.g. VAT, customs duties) must be included in the pricing.

8. Sustainability and social responsibility

- **Sustainability:** Environmental awareness plays an important role in the DACH region. Sustainable production and business processes can represent a competitive advantage.
- **CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility):** Social commitment and ethical business behavior are highly valued in the DACH region and can have a positive impact on market reputation.

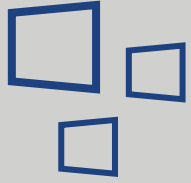
9. Flexibility and adaptability

- **Rapid adaptation:** The company should be able to react quickly to changes in the market and the legal environment.
- **Feedback integration:** Customer experience and feedback should be continuously analysed and incorporated into product development and adaptation.

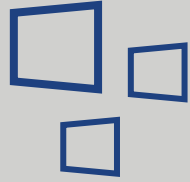


Conclusion

By fulfilling these conditions, a young, international company increases its chances of long-term success in the DACH region.



**3. What role do Minds & Makers play
in this success?**



The role of Minds & Makers for your success



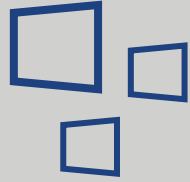
As a domestic and highly experienced management and sales organization, Minds & Makers can support young, international companies in a variety of ways to achieve commercial success in the DACH region

1. Market knowledge and access

- **Market understanding:** Minds & Makers have in-depth knowledge of the local market, including cultural differences, purchasing behaviour and regional characteristics.
- **Network:** Minds & Makers can significantly accelerate market access through existing contacts with decision-makers, buyers and other key players.
- **Customer loyalty:** Minds & Makers build and maintain relationships with potential customers, which is a major challenge for new market entrants.

2. Local sales strategy

- **Adaptation of the sales strategy:** Minds & Makers adapt the international sales strategy of the young company to the specifics of the DACH region, e.g. by adapting pricing, communication and sales arguments.
- **Target group analysis:** Minds & Makers identify the right target groups and address them specifically.



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3. Operational support

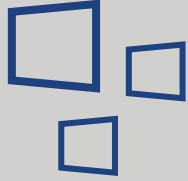
- **Logistics and distribution:** Minds & Makers support the organization of logistics and distribution to ensure that products are delivered to customers efficiently and cost-effectively.
- **After-sales service:** Minds & Makers provide local customer service and after-sales support.

4. Regulatory and legal advice

- **Compliance:** Minds & Makers ensure that the client complies with local laws and regulations, including tax law, labour law and industry-specific regulations.
- **Certifications:** Minds & Makers will assist in obtaining necessary certifications and permits required for market entry.

5. Branding and marketing

- **Market launch:** Minds & Makers develop and implement marketing campaigns that are tailored to the specifics of the DACH region.
- **Localisation of materials:** Minds & Makers adapt marketing and sales materials to the local language and culture to increase customer acceptance.



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6. Competitor analysis

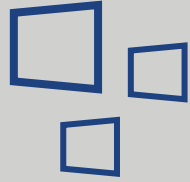
- **Competitor analysis:** Minds & Makers carry out an in-depth analysis of competitors in the market and help the young company to optimise its positioning.
- **Benchmarking:** Minds & Makers identify best practices in the industry and their application to the young company's business.

7. Financial support and risk protection

- **Financing options:** Minds & Makers provide support in the search for local financing options or funding programmes.
- **Risk management:** Minds & Makers advise on hedging against market risks such as exchange rate fluctuations, payment defaults or market changes.

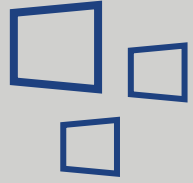
8. Training and further education

- **Training:** Minds & Makers offer training for the international company and its employees to prepare them for the special features of the DACH market.
- **Coaching:** Minds & Makers provide ongoing counselling and coaching to ensure that the company stays on track and adapts to market changes.

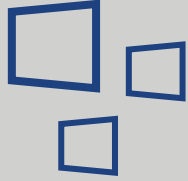


Conclusion

Through this comprehensive support, Minds & Makers helps young, international companies to successfully establish their products and services in the DACH region and achieve sustainable growth.



4. Why can Minds & Makers guarantee success?



Guaranteed success



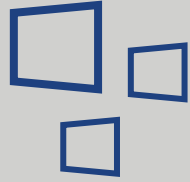
In addition to knowledge, skills, experience and networks, there are other decisive factors that have a significant influence on sales success

1. Customer orientation

- **Understanding customer needs:** Minds & Makers put the customer at the centre of everything they do. They understand the individual needs, problems and wishes of customers and offer customized solutions.
- **Empathy:** Minds & Makers take the customer's perspective with a great deal of empathy. Based on this, they submit suitable offers that are acceptable to the customer

2. Communication skills

- **Active listening:** Minds and Makers have the ability to really listen to customers and read between the lines to filter out relevant information.
- **Negotiation skills:** Minds & Makers negotiate successfully to reach mutually beneficial agreements.
- **Clarity and precision:** Minds & Makers are characterized by effective communication that conveys the added value of the offer clearly and comprehensibly.



Guaranteed success



3. Adaptability

- **Flexibility:** Minds & Makers have the experience to react quickly to changes in the market environment or customer behaviour and adapt the sales strategy accordingly.
- **Willingness to innovate:** They are always open to new approaches, technologies and methods in sales.

4. Motivation and perseverance

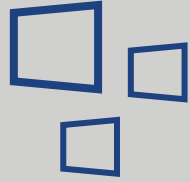
- **Self-motivation:** Mind & Makers have a very strong inner drive that helps them to keep going and look ahead even in the face of setbacks.
- **Goal-orientation:** Minds & Makers are characterised by setting clear goals and continuously working towards them.

5. Trustworthiness and integrity

- **Honesty:** Customer trust is one of the most important foundations for long-term business relationships. Honesty and reliability on the part of Minds & Makers are therefore essential.
- **Long-term relationship management:** Minds & Makers focus on building and maintaining long-term customer relationships rather than short-term profit.

6. Product and industry knowledge

- **Deep product knowledge:** Minds & Makers have a quick understanding of their own products or services and the ability to clearly explain their benefits.
- **Market and industry knowledge:** Minds & Makers quickly acquire knowledge of current trends, developments and challenges in the client's industry.



Guaranteed success



7. Efficient time management

- **Prioritisation:** Minds & Makers have the ability to identify important tasks and devote the necessary attention to them.
- **Productivity:** They use available time extremely effectively to achieve the best results.

8. Technological competence

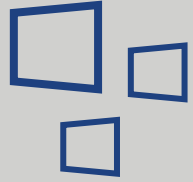
- **Use of CRM-systems:** Minds & Makers use modern CRM-tools to manage customer relationships and optimize sales activities.
- **Data analysis:** Data and analytics are used to make informed decisions and optimize sales activities.

9. Emotional intelligence (EQ)

- **Self-regulation:** Minds & Makers managers have the ability to control their own emotions and use them positively.
- **Social skills:** They can build positive relationships and work effectively in a team.

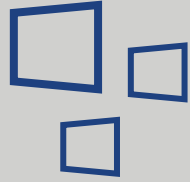
10. Creativity

- **Problem solving:** Minds & Makers develop innovative approaches to solving customer problems or overcoming obstacles in the sales process.
- **Unconventional approaches:** Minds & Makers think out-of-the-box and find new ways to increase sales success.



Conclusion

These additional factors complement the fundamental knowledge, skills, experience and networks of Minds & Makers and make a decisive contribution to guaranteed sustainable sales success.



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