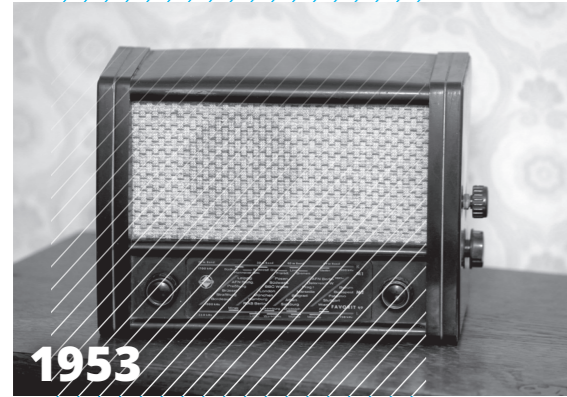


Milestones



1953

DW radio goes on air for the first time on May 3

First news programs in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese

Start of language course "Learn German at Deutsche Welle"

DW becomes an independent broadcaster

Broadcast languages Indonesian, Turkish, Persian

Eastern European broadcast languages (Russian, Polish, Czech, Hungarian, Slovak, Serbian, Croatian, Bulgarian, Slovenian and Romanian)

African broadcast languages (Kiswahili, Amharic, Hausa)

Founding of DW Akademie
Broadcast languages Greek, Urdu, Hindi

Broadcast language Chinese

Expansion of program offerings in Greek

Broadcast languages Dari and Pashto

Broadcast languages Bengali, Portuguese for Africa

Expansion of program offerings in Dari, Pashto



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Expansion of program offerings in Chinese

Commencement of war reporting in Serbian, Croatian, Slovenian, Macedonian, Albanian (from 1992) and Bosnian (from 1998)

DW launches a daily television program from the premises of the RIAS-TV station in Berlin

Employees of the DW relay station in the Rwandan capital Kigali are trapped and are evacuated by Belgian forces

DW becomes the first German public service broadcaster to launch news websites. The first topic is the German federal election

The DW Act defines DW as a non-profit, public service broadcaster

After nearly 40 years, legal supervision of DW is transferred from the Federal Ministry of the Interior to the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media

DW moves to nearby Bonn, Germany's former capital, after 50 years in Cologne

The promotion of the German language becomes part of DW's mandate

DW Global Media Forum opens in Bonn

DW becomes a member of the German employers' initiative "Charta der Vielfalt" (Diversity Charter)

DW launches the Freedom of Speech Award to honor individuals or initiatives that are particularly committed to freedom rights in countries with restricted freedom of expression, such as Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Turkey, Nigeria and Iran

The First Steps and InfoMigrants projects provide multilingual information and services for refugees in Europe and people living in regions with high emigration rates

Launch of multimedia platform +90 in support of freedom of expression in Turkey

Broadcast language Tamil
Relaunch of Hungarian broadcast language

Russian authorities shut DW bureau in Moscow, staff moves to Riga/Latvia. Expansion of DW Russian program offerings despite censorship

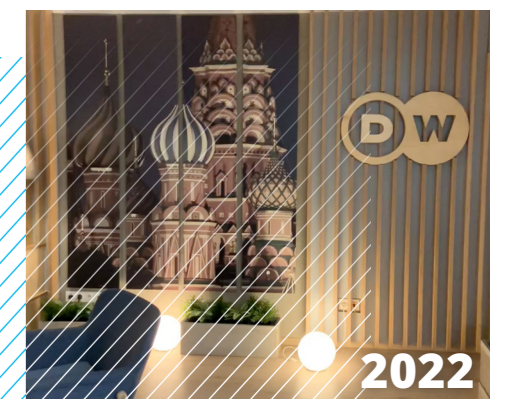
Expansion of DW Persian program offerings despite censorship



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