



Moreover, in the summer of 2017, both houses of parliament (Bundestag and Bundesrat) decided to - primarily - transfer the federal motorways to the federal administration as from 1 January 2021. Hitherto, the 16 federal states were responsible for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of federal motorways within the framework of the delegation of administrative powers. These functions – now also including funding – are to be combined in the future in an “Infrastructure Company for Motorways and other Federal Trunk Roads”, a Limited Liability Company operating in accordance with economic and business principles.

The Federal Office for Trunk Roads which is also to be newly established will perform statutory functions. The network and the infrastructure company will remain the inalienable property of the Federal Government; this is also enshrined in the Basic Law.

Furthermore, the Limited Liability Company has to comply with the relevant legal requirements, especially the Federal Budget Code and the requirement plan.

The federal highways will continue to be subject to the delegation of administrative powers, at least in cases where the federal states do not file an application for transferring the federal highways to the federal administration.