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In order to bring together the responsibility for the cultural and media policy of the Federal Government, since 1998 there has been a "Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media" (BKM) in the Federal Cabinet. This is the official title of the Minister of State, and at the same time it is also the name of the Department which reports to him, with around 200 staff in Berlin and Bonn. The Federal Government's cultural policy is supported by the German Parliamentary Committee on Cultural and Media Affairs.

The Federal Government is promoting German Film and the German film industry. More than 30 million euros will go alone each year in scholarships and awards. The film promotion of the BKM aims at enhancing the situation of the German film. Emphasis places on:

- financial measures for raising the cultural level of the German cinema,
- festivals/symposia,
- cultural film heritage,
- international film promotion.

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