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In order to provide answers to these challenges based on sound, scientific research coupled with military expertise, the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College and the Helmut Schmidt University/ University of the Federal Armed Forces Hamburg jointly founded the German Institute for Defence and Strategic Studies (GIDS) in 2018.

The GIDS analyses strategic questions from a security and defence policy angle, thus providing the setting to advise decision makers in both Federal Armed Forces and Federal Government.

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