

Healthcare: Luther supports the state of Brandenburg in establishing the Medical University of Lusatia

Leipzig, 01 July 2024 – The state of Brandenburg is today establishing the first state medical university in the state of Brandenburg. The Carl-Thiem-Klinikum in Cottbus will become a university hospital. Luther Rechtsanwalts-gesellschaft provided legal and tax advice to the state of Brandenburg on the development and implementation of the concept.

Through the law on the establishment and operation of the Medical University in Lusatia (BbgUniMedG), the state of Brandenburg transferred the Carl Thiem Clinic in Cottbus into a state-run university hospital and established the Medical University of Lusatia – Carl Thiem (MUL). The federal government has provided extensive funding for this from the “Structural Strengthening of Coal Regions Act”. The state of Brandenburg is also providing funds for the Medical University of Lusatia from its state budget. Investments totalling around EUR 3.7 billion are planned up to 2038 – more than half of which will be provided by the federal government.

The aim of the state of Brandenburg is to strengthen healthcare in the region, develop and test innovative healthcare models for the whole of Germany and realise modern training for doctors together with other healthcare professionals: a fundamentally important step towards sustainably securing the nationwide demand for medical study places. In this way, university medical research and teaching are interlinked with healthcare provision in the region. A novelty: the Medical University will have health system research and the digitalisation of the healthcare system as a research focus and thus legally perform tasks at the interface between the scientific and healthcare systems.

Luther provided comprehensive legal and tax advice on the innovative establishment process of MUL.

About the MUL

The MUL is intended to ensure comprehensive medical care in accordance with the latest scientific standards for the entire region. In addition, research in the key areas of “health system sciences” and “digitalisation of the healthcare system” will provide answers to epidemiological, demographic and technical challenges for the entire healthcare system.

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