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Who we are ...

The Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (German acronym EVZ) was established in the year 2000 in order to pay compensation to former forced labourers during the period of National Socialism (NS). Since 2001, the EVZ Foundation has also granted humanitarian aid to survivors, promoted a critical examination of history and strengthened civic involvement in Central and Eastern Europe.



... and what we do

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**Dear Readers,
Dear Friends of the EVZ Foundation,**

“Words can be like tiny doses of arsenic; they are swallowed without noticing, they appear to have no effect, and yet after a while the poisonous effect becomes apparent,” wrote Victor Klemperer in *LTI – Notizbuch eines Philologen*¹. In his analysis of the language of the Third Reich published in 1947, Klemperer illustrates how the NS ideology subtly entered everyday speech and the heads of innumerable people via its vocabulary.

In 2017, 70 years later, this clever description of the power of speech experienced a new, sad topicality: we can see that the unwritten rules of what can be said are being renegotiated. Over recent years, right-wing populist agitation and discriminatory attributions have moved away from the anonymity afforded by social media. They penetrate public debates and are becoming socially acceptable.

In a period during which European societies appear more susceptible to nationalistic slogans, the observations of the NS contemporary witness Klemperer are both a warning and an incentive. Seldom have we been so aware of the need to act decisively against the revision of history and isolation of minorities, to strengthen democratic values and human rights in Germany

and Europe and remember the victims of National Socialism. But how can an international funding organisation like the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” [*Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft*] (EVZ) influence these challenging developments? How to promote social cohesion, which is threatened by the process of disintegration through the rise in populism?

In order to be able to react promptly and consistently to the burning issues of civil society as a reliable partner, we evaluate the funding provided in our three fields of activity and draw up programmes that are viable in the long term. Where can we develop our existing situation further; where can we explore new formats for providing funding? The new team, EVZ *expanded*, has been acting as the engine for developing strategy since the middle of 2017. The projects funded in this field have been verified for their innovation and designed in close collaboration with the agencies implementing them. This means that added value is created for the project partnerships as well as for the Foundation, which has an effect on the internal structures and procedures of funded activities.

The division of the existing areas of activity in 2017 into smaller, more agile teams is another developmental step, which you will also see in this report on our activity. In addition, last year resulted in some changes to key positions at the Foundation: on the one hand we would like to welcome Dr Harald Braun as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and look forward to having an experienced diplomat at our side. On the other hand, Dr Moritz Kilger will provide the Management Board with valuable expertise and visionary ideas for the management of the Foundation. Last but not least, our move to office premises with the latest equipment at Friedrichstraße 200 is probably the most eye-catching sign of the restructuring process that has now begun.

On the following pages we present some exciting, selected projects from the 2017 Foundation year. At the same time, we would like to thank you, who support our work, for an eventful year. This is because it is only together with you as a self-supporting network of partners that we can be successful in standing up for an open society.

We hope you enjoy reading this activity report and look forward to our contact with you over the coming year.

Dr Andreas Eberhardt
Chief Executive Officer

Dr Moritz Kilger
Co-Director

¹ Name of the English edition: Language of the Third Reich: *LTI – Lingua Tertii Imperii: A Philologist's Notebook*

What we funded

203

historical eyewitnesses reported about their lives in 54 different projects.

4,674

Projects have been supported with EUR 121.9 million (including third-party funds) since the creation of the Foundation in 2000.

324

projects with

9.6 mio. EUR

have been supported in 2017.

Commitment to the victims of National Socialism:

A critical examination of history:

155

projects with EUR 3.9 million

78

projects with EUR 3.2 million

Working for human rights:

91

projects with EUR 2.6 million

As at: 31.12.2017



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The Board of Trustees of the EVZ Foundation



Tasks of the Board of Trustees of the EVZ Foundation

As the supervisory body of the EVZ Foundation, the Board of Trustees decides all the fundamental questions regarding the fields of activity of the Foundation, in particular the adoption of the budget. The Board of Trustees is composed of international members. Its 27 members serve for four years and are appointed by the German Bundestag and the Bundesrat (Federal Council), German businesses, and the states and organisations involved in the international negotiations that established the EVZ Foundation. The current term of office of the Board of Trustees began on 1 September 2016. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees and his deputy are appointed by the Federal Chancellor.



News from the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors

Farewell to Dr Michael Jansen and Günter Saathoff

At the end of June, the EVZ Foundation in Berlin bid farewell to its long-standing Chairman of the Board of Directors Dr Michael Jansen, and Director Günter Saathoff. The Board members and staff of the EVZ Foundation thank Dr Michael Jansen and Günter Saathoff for their many years of dedicated work and wish them all the best for the future.



Three questions to ... Dr Harald Braun

On 1 July 2017, Dr Harald Braun, the former State Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, was appointed to the position of Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the EVZ Foundation by the Federal Chancellor Dr Angela Merkel. As Germany's Ambassador, he had been the country's permanent representative at the United Nations in New York and Vice-Chairman of the UN General Assembly until the end of July 2017.

The new Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the EVZ Foundation talks about the focus of the Foundation's work, historic responsibility and a particular concern of his.

What are your major priorities for the forthcoming work of the Foundation?

Dr Harald Braun: You mean the new issues that we, the Management Board and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, want to tackle together? Although the compensation payments to victims of forced and slave labour have largely been completed, we must naturally not forget the aspect of remembrance. However, the work on remembrance will no longer be so much at the heart of the Foundation's activity, as was still the case when a large number of victims of the first generation were compensated and supported. This means that the two other aspects of the Foundation, namely responsibility and future, will have to come into focus more for the future work of the Foundation. I will continue to exchange ideas in this direction with the members of the Board of Trustees, the Management Board and the employees of the Foundation.

How relevant is historic responsibility in Germany today?

Dr Harald Braun: The generation that bears responsibility in Germany today has no living memory of the period of National Socialism. Even some of the older ones amongst us like myself were born after the Second World War. However, even if we feel no personal guilt for what was carried out in the name of Germany in the 20th century, it must remain our objective to assume responsibility for history. Responsibility always means taking action. For me this action means learning from remembering and showing the current and future generations in Germany, but also in Europe and other regions of the world, what the risks are if totalitarian and inhuman ideologies come to power and legitimise the most serious breaches of human rights and even institutionalise them.

Your first trip after your appointment was to Ukraine. Why?

Dr Harald Braun: From a geographical perspective the EVZ Foundation had two focus countries, namely Poland and Ukraine, owing to the scope and severity of forced and slave labour there. I live partly in Berlin, so Poland is very close. I have often been there and know the country better than Ukraine. I therefore particularly wanted to travel to Ukraine as the first country in a number of states with which the Foundation works. I was able to combine the visit to organisations running projects and boards of trustees on site with an invitation to an international conference in Kiev.

You can find the full interview with Dr Harald Braun at www.stiftung-evz.de/board-of-trustees.



Dr Moritz Kilger, new member of the Board of Directors



Dr Moritz Kilger, born in 1975, has been a member of the Board of Directors of the EVZ Foundation since 1 July 2017. He was appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for four years. The focus of his previous professional career has been formal and non-formal educational courses, organisational development and business and finance. Moritz Kilger worked as Head of the Foundation “Europäische Jugendbildungs- und Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar” (European Youth Education and Meeting Centre in Weimar, EJBW) from 2012 until 2017.

“I am very much looking forward to the challenges that await me as a member of the Board of Directors and I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for the trust they have placed in me. It’s an appealing task to support the strategic process of the future development of the EVZ Foundation, an international institution with a unique founding history and almost 20 years of funding activity. What does a contemporary funding profile in the area of tension between the past and future look like? How is it possible to strengthen democracy in a pluralistic, digital society? To what extent does the economic character of a society contribute to its social cohesion? The EVZ Foundation must also inwardly experience the values it upholds in order to find credible answers to these questions. I would like to devote myself fully together with the committed staff at the Foundation to this exciting process of the development of the organisation and the new direction of the Foundation’s work in terms of content.”



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Jacqueline Rux

Fields of activity of the EVZ Foundation

In accordance with its statutory remit, the EVZ Foundation funds international projects in three fields of activity:

A critical examination of history

Goals

- To reflect on the history of National Socialism in the European collective memory.
- To make the experiences of victims of National Socialism sustainably accessible for historical and political education.
- To develop the culture of remembrance in Germany with a view to the challenges of a migration society. To expand the national historical perspective and to include other experiences of violence in the 20th century.

Working for human rights

Goals

- To support international youth projects on human rights education in conjunction with historical learning.
- To stand up determinedly against anti-Semitism, anti-Gypsyism and trans- and homophobia in Central and Eastern Europe.
- Commitment to the concerns of minorities.
- To strengthen Sinti and Roma by promoting educational projects and awarding scholarships.

Commitment to the victims of National Socialism

Goals

- To fund projects that allow now elderly victims of National Socialism to lead a life with dignity and autonomy, to improve their social situation and healthcare, and to engage them in inter-generational dialogue.
- To strengthen initiatives in Israel, Central and Eastern Europe that promote greater solidarity with and willingness to help victims of forced labour and National Socialism at the local and international level.
- In addition, the EVZ Foundation is committed internationally to strengthening the sense of responsibility for the interests of victims of National Socialism and for their participation in society.

EVZ expanded – Welcome to the laboratory for new funding formats

In order to react promptly to the current challenges facing society and drive the strategic development of the Foundation forward, EVZ expanded is designing new methods and forward-looking funding formats. The term “expanded” stands for a committed and “expanded” team, which dares to tackle new issues methodically and topically: the “Think- and Do-Tank”, consisting of four women, supplements the long-term funding programmes in collaboration with our colleagues in the three areas of activity of the EVZ Foundation.



Establishment of German-Israeli-American forum

With the aim of giving players in civil society a platform for exchanging ideas about social cohesion, the EVZ Foundation initiated the “German-Israeli-American Comparative Social Cohesion Forum” in close collaboration with the Ted Arison Family Foundation. In June 2017 the Foundation invited a total of 12 international institutions to share successful innovative civil society partnership strategies and discuss new approaches to promote social cohesion. The composition of its participants reflected the diversity of the countries involved and their societies.

Through the Forum the EVZ Foundation strengthened transnational partnerships, which work towards open, fair and democratic societies, and therefore supported a promising network of relevant managers from three countries. The Foundation plans to continue the Forum for Social Cohesion in collaboration with the Ted Arison Family Foundation in 2018.

#DisruptPopulism DemoDay

At the #DisruptPopulism DemoDay at the beginning of June 2017, digital project ideas were presented, which counter populism by various means and strengthen democracy and freedom of opinion. Thirty teams from Germany, Italy, Sweden and the USA submitted innovative proposals, and the best 11 initiatives were given the opportunity to present their ideas before a wide audience. The “Trace Map” project won recognition and was awarded first place. “Trace Map” is a digital map, in which the dissemination of press news and viral posts can be followed with the help of the URL, and urban concentrations can be covered by individual posts. This is intended to make the system of the rapid dissemination of fake news visible.

DemoDay, promoted by EVZ expanded, and taking place during the Bundestag elections in 2017, had the aim of encouraging the willingness of young, tech-savvy people to become involved in open societies. Through the 150 participants and a “speed dating” scheme to exchange ideas, the successful networking event had an impact beyond merely promoting its aims.



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A critical examination of history

Networking meeting as part of the “Migration and Culture of Remembrance” programme

On 25 and 26 October 2017 the first networking meeting of the projects that have been funded so far in the “Migration and Culture of Remembrance” programme was held in Berlin to incorporate the points of view of all the programme agencies with a stake in the future direction of the programme.

The EVZ Foundation would like to make its contribution to further developing cultures of remembrance in Germany through the funding programme. It is strengthening the position of agencies providing historical-political education to involve target groups, which so far have had little access to the German culture of remembrance. In particular, people with experience of migration and fleeing as refugees are being supported to commit to this cause. This is because society in Germany is facing a wide range of challenges in a world characterised by globalisation and migration. Immigration and emigration processes are increasingly leading to academic and educational discussions about a contemporary approach to history.



“Lost memory?” exhibition

The “Lost memory? Sites of NS forced labour in the Czech Republic” exhibition shed some light, using the example of 18 selected sites, on the little-known history of NS forced labour in Bohemian countries. The German-Czech project recounted events that took place from 1938 to 1945, but that still influence the countryside in Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia today: historical photographs, which are associated with NS forced labour or the post-war history of the sites, were compared with current photos of the sites and statements by contemporary witnesses. In order to emphasise the European dimension of NS forced labour, appropriate space was given to the Czech victims as well as foreigners when the material was selected.

The exhibition could be seen in Havříov, Czech Republic, and subsequently in the Groß-Rosen historical site in Poland from August to October 2017.


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II. International Forum on NS Forced Labour

Are there new ways of remembering forced labour during the Second World War? Experts exchanged ideas in discussions entitled “Cycles of Commemoration. Forced Labour in Europe during World War II” from 27 to 30 September 2017. The focus was on the reception of forced labour and the different layers of social awareness of this topic in various countries since the Second World War to the present day. The interdisciplinary event was directed at specialists from the fields of history, cultural and social sciences and historical-political education as well as at employees of corresponding institutions.





Educational theatre Sports Bag Campaign for the play *Juller*

With strong images and fast-paced changes of scene, the Theater der Jungen Welt Leipzig is bringing the life of the German-Jewish national football player Julius Hirsch to the stage in the play *Juller*. After a successful start in Leipzig, the production will tour ten German Bundesliga (football league) towns in 2018. The first guest performance took place on 11 October 2017 in the sold-out Deutsches Fußballmuseum (German Football Museum) in Dortmund.

The performances are accompanied by educational theatre workshops in collaboration with fan projects and local players, who are campaigning against racism and discrimination. A sports bag full of football paraphernalia and topical features can be used in these workshops. The publication *Das Spiel mit den Anderen. Fußball zwischen Integration und Diskriminierung (The game with the Other people. Football between integration and discrimination)*, with reports and interviews on initiatives against right-wing extremism, anti-Semitism and homophobia in football, is part of the Sports Bag Campaign. Claudia Roth, MdB and patron of the production: "At a time when the world seems to be coming apart at the seams, plays like *Juller* can offer us direction and a foothold and warn us about the future."

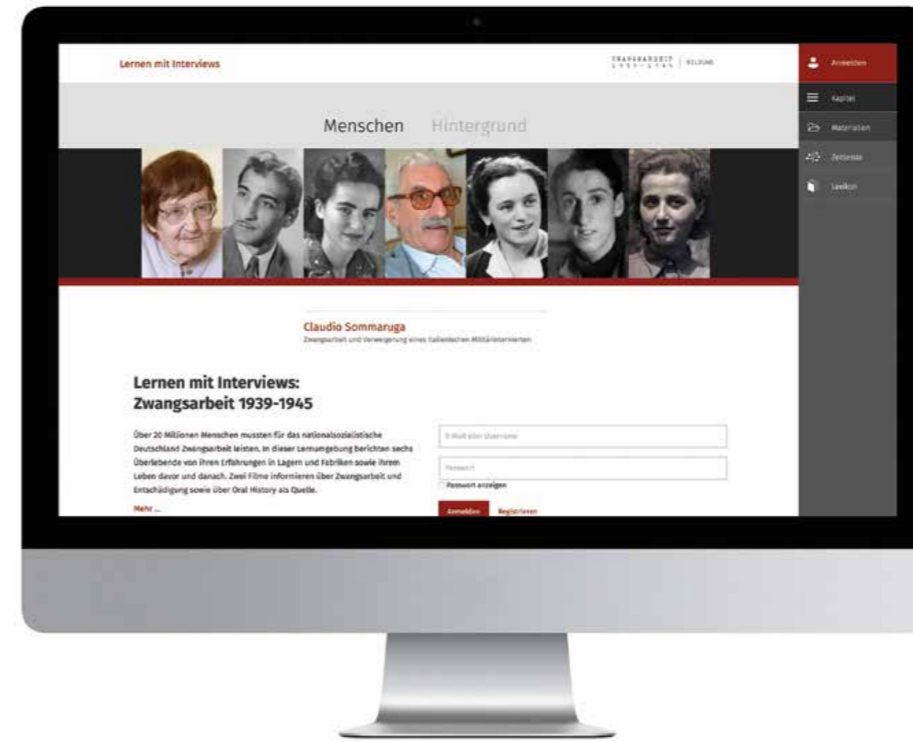


Trailer for the play (1 min.)



“Cohn Bucky Levy – Der Verlust” (The Loss) theatre project

Altenburg in Thüringen, 1890: Marianne Bucky, one of three sisters in the Cohn family, opens her small shop on Markt 23. A few decades later it is managed by Sally Bucky and then by Albert Levy. The department store becomes one of the largest and most successful stores in the region. From 1933 the families become victims of the National Socialists. A few family members are able to flee in time; others are arrested, deported and finally murdered in the concentration camps. The “Cohn Bucky Levy – Der Verlust” theatre project deals with the story of the three Jewish families and celebrated its premiere on 20 May 2017. In nine performances the group of actors from Landestheater Altenburg led the way to various original sites in the town and in this way brought this chapter of Altenburg’s history back into public awareness. As part of Theater&Philharmonie Thüringen, Landestheater Altenburg was awarded the Federal Theatre Prize in 2017.



“Learning with interviews: forced labour 1939–1945” launched in Russian

After successful starts to the German and Czech versions of the “Learning with interviews: forced labour 1939–1945” learning environment, a new platform has followed in Russian: the online application can be used as a tool in school lessons and presents the life stories of selected former forced labourers. It is funded by the EVZ Foundation and implemented by the Oral History Centre of Voronezh Institute of High Technologies and the Centre for Digital Systems at the Free University of Berlin.

The platform in German was tested by the Federal Agency of Civic Education (bpb), using with 16 teachers, on its ability to be used in history lessons. The results were extremely positive: 93% of teachers assessed the content and additional material as relevant for their own teaching and compatible with the curriculum.



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A young man with short brown hair and a beard, wearing a blue plaid shirt over a grey t-shirt, is looking down at a brochure he is holding. He is in a crowded indoor setting, likely a networking meeting, with other people and posters visible in the background. A large blue geometric shape is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

Working for human rights

“MEET UP!” Networking meeting: strangers become friends

At the “MEET UP! Deutsch-ukrainische Jugendbegegnungen” (German-Ukrainian Youth Encounters) networking meeting, approximately 100 participants from Ukraine, Germany and Russia came together in Berlin from 20 to 23 September 2017. They attended workshops with subjects such as “Transformation of urban spaces”, “Human rights”, “Remembrance” or “Media and Art”. They designed posters, tried out international games or sang German and Ukrainian songs in creative workshops.

On 21 September, Dr Maja Pflüger, deputy manager of the “International understanding in Europe and its neighbours” Department at the Robert Bosch Stiftung, and Dr Andreas Eberhardt held an evening event with around 250 guests. One item on the schedule that evening was a German-Ukrainian trip down memory lane, in which the Ukrainian journalist Olesja Jaremtschuk invited everyone to participate.

The aim of the “MEET UP! Deutsch-ukrainische Jugendbegegnungen” funding programme is to intensify relationships with Ukraine and strengthen the commitment of young people from Germany and Ukraine to democratic values and international understanding. In addition, the funding programme also facilitates trilateral encounters with young people from Russia. “MEET UP! Deutsch-ukrainische Jugendbegegnungen” was financed in 2017 with funds from the Department for Foreign Affairs and the Robert Bosch Stiftung.




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German-Ukrainian writing workshop

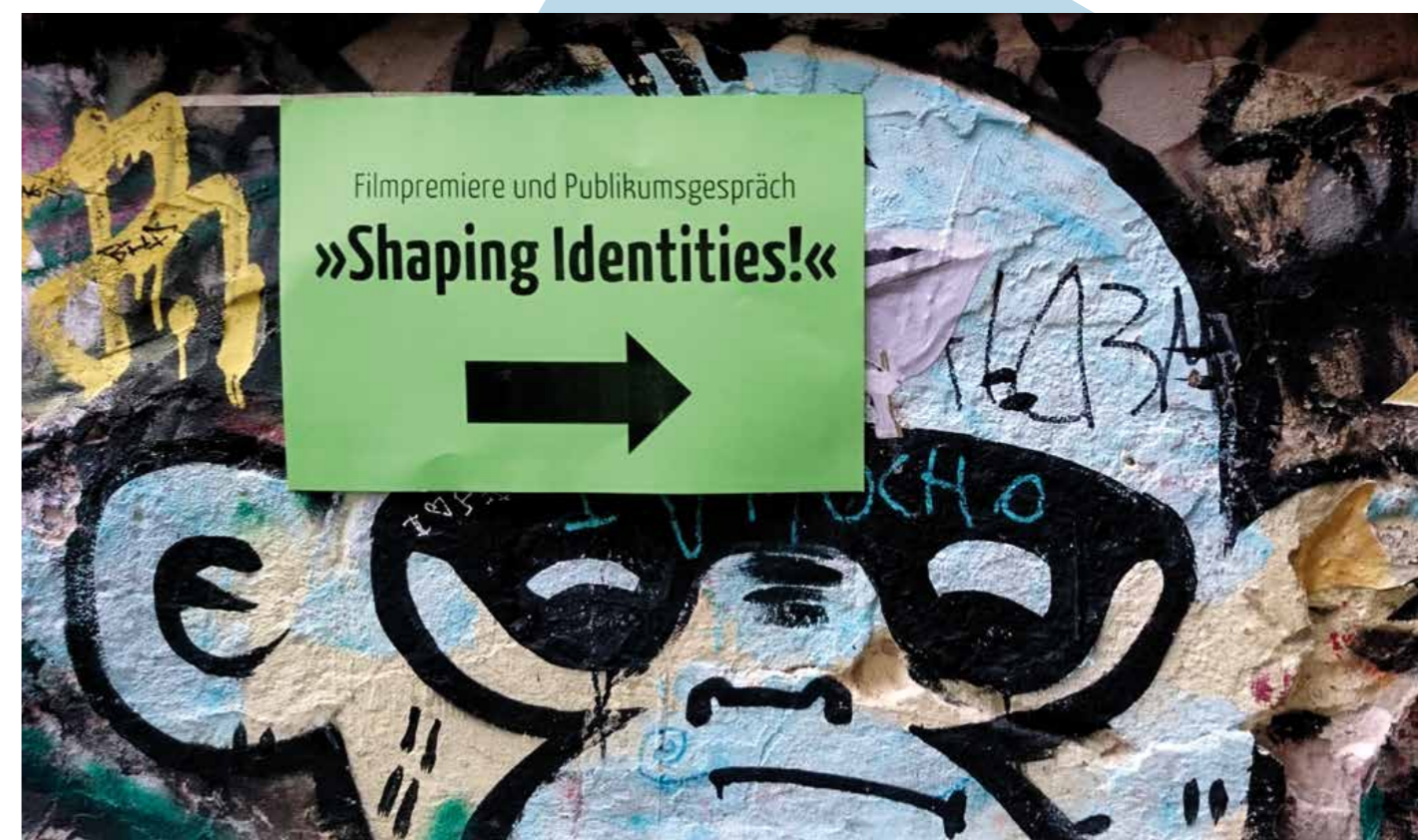
The stories told by the 20 young Germans and Ukrainians at the German-Ukrainian writing workshop in December 2017 in Berlin were cheerful, thoughtful, realistic – but also absurd. The young authors had the opportunity to report on their exchanges of experiences and try out various creative writing techniques. The central topics of their texts: the future of their homeland, German-Ukrainian relationships and the overwhelming desire to be involved in creating the future. The encounter helped networking among young people, who are committed to German-Ukrainian exchanges and enjoy writing.

 *Short film about the writing workshop (2 min.)*

“Shaping Identities!”: Film premiere with discussion

What does it mean to become an adult today? How do young people treat adults? A 45-minute film documentary investigated these questions in brief portraits and was watched by the participants in the “Shaping Identities!” youth encounter. By working on a joint theatre project, the young adults learnt about Israel and Germany, homeland and faraway places, family and friends and themselves and “the others” from different, challenging outlooks. Individual and collective identity structures formed the contradictory contexts for an honest look at German-Israeli relationships of the past and present. The film premiere with subsequent discussion took place in June 2017 in the Kino Central, Berlin.

“Shaping Identities!” was funded as part of the “EUROPEANS FOR PEACE” programme. Through this the EVZ Foundation funds international school and youth projects between Germany and countries in central, eastern and south-eastern Europe as well as Israel. The funding programme wants to strengthen critical awareness of history and the commitment of young people to the present.



 *Project documentation (48 min.)*

“Every Day is Romaday!”

The autumn of 2017 marked the fifth anniversary of the inauguration of the monument commemorating the Sinti and Roma of Europe who were murdered during the period of National Socialism. A conference was organised as part of this event by the Alliance for Solidarity with the Sinti and Roma of Europe supported by the Federal programme “Demokratie leben!” (Live democracy!) of the Federal Ministry for Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Young People on 22 November 2017 in Berlin. Under the heading “Every Day is Romaday! Dialogue with politicians, authorities and educational establishments in Germany”, the anti-discrimination measures implemented so far in Germany were highlighted.

Alongside this the EVZ Foundation arranged a network meeting on 21 November 2017 in Berlin for the projects, which strengthen the equal rights to participation in education of Sinti and Roma people.

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Project meeting in the “Facing anti-Semitism and anti-Gypsyism” programme

A qualification and networking meeting was attended by 23 project managers from funded practical projects Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Czech Republic, Ukraine and Hungary. Taking place from 3 to 5 April 2017, the focus was on joint reflections about the projects implemented and mutual feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses. As well as input on subjects such as monitoring and evaluation, dealing with hate speeches on the Internet or challenges in teacher training and excursions to selected Berlin projects rounded off the meeting. “Facing anti-Semitism and anti-Gypsyism – and funding programme against anti-Semitism and Antiziganism” increases awareness that anti-Semitism and anti-Ziganism threaten social cohesion in Europe by justifying breaches of human rights and sowing the seeds of hate.

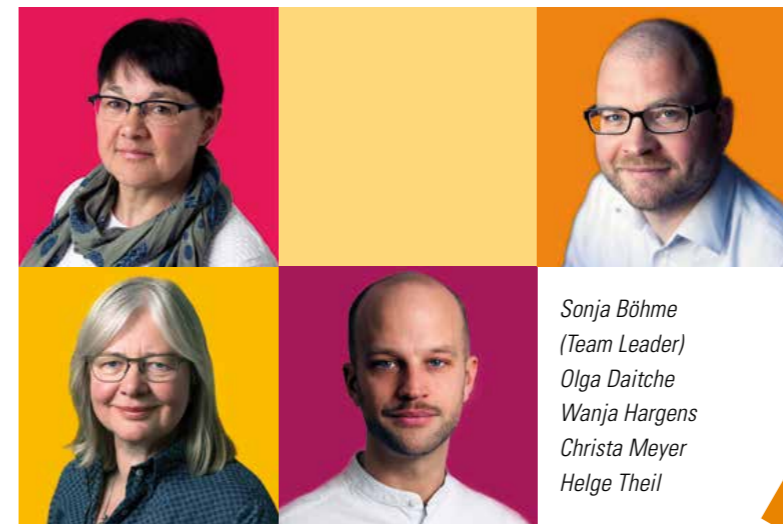


Salzburg Global LGBT Forum – “Home: Safety, Wellness, and Belonging”

Sixty people from 30 countries and a wide-ranging programme with interactive formats for exchanges of experiences and to develop new ideas, the Salzburg Global LGBT Forum offered a protected space to discuss family, migration and well-being for lesbians, gay, bisexuals and trans* (LGBT) from 14 to 19 May 2017. High-ranking representatives of international organisations, embassies and governments talked about supporting LGBT organisations and their international integration in a panel discussion. The Salzburg Global LGBT Forum was established in 2013 and since that time has been building a network of people from areas such as the arts, religion, politics and human rights. The Forum promotes open dialogue on issues within the LGBT community in various contexts.



 **Conference documentation**
(17 min.)



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Commitment to the victims of National Socialism

Show the way! Young volunteers support NS victims

Looking at photos, listening to music or hearing memories – the young volunteers, who are involved in year-long humanitarian projects in the field of “Commitment to the Victims of National Socialism” in Poland, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Czech Republic and Israel, bring time with them. A precious commodity, which is usually lacking in everyday professional care services. The hours spent together are often valuable for both sides: the young and old people grow closer to each other despite cultural and linguistic limitations and develop mutual understanding for their respective life situation.

In September 2017 another 14 volunteers travelled to charitable associations and facilities for the elderly via Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste e. V. (ASF) with funding from the EVZ Foundation to support older people in their everyday lives and provide practical help. The deployment in the projects is supplemented by ASF through an accompanying teaching programme, which also includes historical-political education. The volunteers exchange their experiences at cross-national meetings. Before their departure, the 2017/2018 year group found out about the EVZ Foundation, the history of its establishment and its funding activities.

**“Gegen das Vergessen”
(Lest we forget)
Photo exhibition**

In November 2017 the “Gegen das Vergessen” artistic and cultural project for remembrance in the context of politics stopped off at the site of Sophienkirche in Berlin-Mitte. The photographic installation by the German-Italian artist Luigi Toscano with 50 large-format photo portraits of survivors of NS persecution from Germany, Israel, the USA, Ukraine and Russia is designed as an exhibition in a public space. When the exhibition opened on 8 November 2017 it was accompanied by a commemoration ceremony and a silent commemorative procession through the neighbourhood as a sign to remember the November pogroms in 1938.

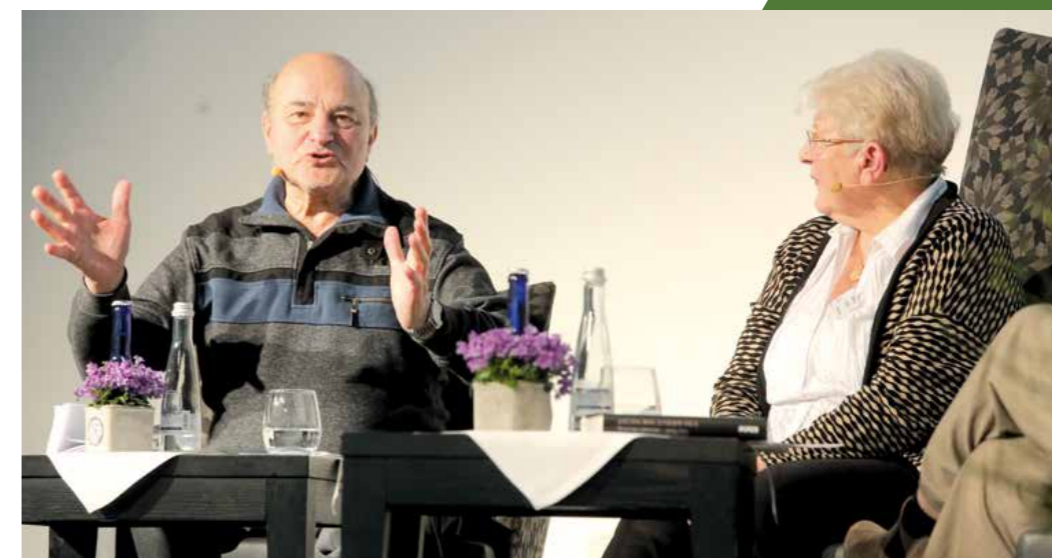


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Conference on dealing with multiple traumatisation processes

On 6 May the Zentralwohlfahrtsstelle der Juden in Deutschland e. V. (ZWST) issued an invitation to an international congress on the qualification and further education of specialist staff to look after traumatised survivors of the Shoah. Each congress focuses on a current topic from the practical work with survivors. In 2017 it was held under the slogan “Shoah – Fleeing – Migration”. Approximately 180 experts primarily from Germany, Israel, Austria, Switzerland, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Poland, Czech Republic and Hungary came to Frankfurt am Main and attended from 19 to 22 March 2017.





Commitment to elderly Roma

Since the beginning of 2017 the Foundation has been funding 13 institutions, which are committed to the survivors of the genocide of the Roma in Belarus, Russia, Ukraine and Moldova. On 29 and 30 August 2017 the people involved in the “Latscho Diwes” programme met for a networking meeting in Kiev. The EVZ Foundation initiated the two-day event to promote exchanges of experience and networking. The “Latscho Diwes” funding programme, which means “good day” in Romani, was funded for a second time in 2017. The EVZ Foundation’s intention for the programme is to recognise the persecution histories and help to improve the health, material and social conditions of survivors of the genocide of the Roma and encourage civil society organisations, which are engaged on behalf of Roma people.



Former forced labourer visits St Veit/Glan after more than 70 years

At the end of 2017, 91-year-old Maria Trofimovna from Ukraine travelled to St Veit an der Glan, where she had worked as a NS forced labourer. After more than 70 years she visited the places she had stayed at that time in the Austrian town, met contemporary witnesses and gave school pupils insights into her everyday life as a forced labourer. Despite the hard work, hunger and cold, Trofimovna has good memories of her time in St Veit and reported that she had encountered helpful people. Trofimovna was delighted to meet a good Austrian acquaintance again, with whom she had become friends between 1942 and 1945. In her Ukrainian homeland Trofimovna is involved in the “TREFFPUNKT DIALOG” funding programme as a volunteer.



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Ulrike Vassel



Round table on the subject of “Biographical learning”

In St. Petersburg the expert Olga Agapowa presented the results of her project with NGO “Ort St Petersburg” (Location St Petersburg) on 24 November 2017, a continuation of the subject “Biography work” in the context of social work for survivors of NS persecution. A methodical manual for work with relatives was also showcased. Registration for the event was through the CAF Russia association, the project sponsor of the “TREFFPUNKT DIALOG” (Dialogue Forum) programme.

As a funding programme for social recognition of NS victims in Eastern Europe, “TREFFPUNKT DIALOG” is directed at Belarussian, Russian and Ukrainian organisations, which are committed to improving the life situation of older people in their countries. The EVZ Foundation wants to appeal to the survivors of NS persecution not only as people that need help. The aim of the funding is much more to contribute to the appreciation of their lives and social recognition for NS victims.



Press and public relations



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Experiences"
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The German Compensation Program for Forced Labor: Practice and Experiences

Can one learn from German experiences in other countries when dealing with mass issues of injustice and compensation? Ten years after the end of the compensation programme to former forced labourers, the EVZ Foundation presented the publication *The German Compensation Program for Forced Labor: Practice and Experiences* on 14 June 2017.

The publication describes the practical implementation of the compensation programme by the EVZ Foundation for NS forced labourers. The authors were directly involved in implementing the programme and can therefore offer an "insider" perspective. The publication investigates the various levels and necessary steps to implement the comprehensive compensation programme. By illustrating why certain decisions were taken in the individual phases of the programme and what consequences this had, the authors would like to offer knowledge and inspiration to those people who are involved with establishing or implementing compensation programmes in other countries.

The book is available for download at www.stiftung-evz.de/publications.



Fragiler Konsens: anti-Semitismuskritische Bildung in der Migrationsgesellschaft
(Fragile consensus: Education against anti-Semitism in the migration society)

On 20 September 2017 the new edited volume *Fragiler Konsens: anti-Semitismuskritische Bildung in der Migrationsgesellschaft* was handed to the Federal Minister for Family, Women, Senior Citizens and Young People, Dr Katarina Barley. In a detailed press discussion Dr Meron Mendel, publisher and Director of the Anne Frank Educational Centre Frankfurt/Main, authors of the edited volume, the Chairman of the Board of the EVZ Foundation, Dr Andreas Eberhardt, and representatives of other organisations involved in political education discussed approaches to combat current forms of anti-Semitism.

The publication of the conference series “Blickwinkel. anti-Semitismuskritisches Forum für Bildung und Wissenschaft” (Perspectives. Forum for Education and Science critical of anti-Semitism), funded by the EVZ Foundation, describes anti-Semitism in Germany as an ongoing problem. Resentment towards Jews for example exists in abbreviated criticism of capitalism or in the radical rejection of the State of Israel. This has intensified with the increase in immigration to Germany: in the anti-migration defence against social “outsiders”, the anti-Semitism of those who consider themselves as belonging to a nationally defined majority society is often assigned to the alleged “outsiders”. The edited volume asks how education can react to this development.



Meron Mendel,
Astrid Messerschmidt
(publisher): Fragiler
Konsens: Antisemitismuskritische Bildung in der
Migrationsgesellschaft
ISBN: 978-3-593-50781-1,
309 pages, EUR 19.95



Kathrin Wiermer
(Team Leader)
Nadine Reimer
Sophie Ziegler

Other publications funded by the EVZ Foundation in 2017 (selection):



Series: “Bittere Vergangenheit – bessere Zukunft?”
(Bitter past – better future?)

The first two volumes of the series “Bittere Vergangenheit – bessere Zukunft?” of Child Survivors Deutschland e. V. have been published. This book series features experiences of child survivors before and after 1945 in the context of contemporary problems and future prospects. There are currently 55 groups of child survivors in 18 countries, who survived Nazi persecution as children up to 1945. The book

series was funded by the EVZ Foundation and the Central Council of Jews in Germany and published by Hentrich & Hentrich.

Volume 1: Philipp Sonntag: Wir Überlebende des Nazi-Terrors in Aktion
(We Survivors of Nazi Terror in Action)

ISBN: 978-3-95565-211-1, 108 pages, EUR 14.90

Volume 2: Liesel Binzer: Ich prägte mein Leben in – wegen – trotz Theresienstadt
(I Shaped my Life in – Because of – Despite Theresienstadt)

ISBN: 978-3-95565-212-8, 84 pages, 24 images, EUR 12.90



**Synagogen im Geschichtsunterricht. Erbaut – zerstört – vergessen?
(Synagogues in History Lessons. Built – Destroyed – Forgotten?)**

Synagogues as a manifestation in stone of a social and religious minority still represent the chequered German-Jewish history today. They stand for persecution and destruction, while at the same time they frequently bear witness to the often-forgotten times of social integration and cultural exchanges. They therefore offer a cosmopolitan learning opportunity, which extends well beyond the Jewish history of victims.

In *Synagogen im Geschichtsunterricht. Erbaut – zerstört – vergessen?* the various phases of German-Jewish history are examined using synagogue buildings. A large number of teaching materials cover synagogues as places of historical learning. Case examples show how these locations can be used to enter into the diverse Jewish-German past and the motivation can be transferred to other regional developments.

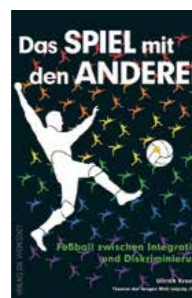
Markus Kroll: Synagogen im Geschichtsunterricht. Erbaut – zerstört – vergessen?
ISBN: 978-3-7344-0441-2, 112 pages, EUR 19.90



**Ausgegrenzt! Warum? Zwangssterilisierte und Geschädigte der
NS-„Euthanasie“ in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland
(Excluded! Why? Forced sterilisation and those harmed by
NS „euthanasia“ in the Federal Republic of Germany)**

For decades the victims of forced sterilisation and “euthanasia” were silent. Only many years after their persecution in the NS State did some of them find the strength to raise their voices and fight for recognition. When they founded the Association of People Damaged by “Euthanasia” and Forced Sterilisation in 1987, they were able to audibly represent their interests politically and socially for the first time. However, their activities faced resistance because the mechanisms and structures of exclusion had survived the NS period. Paradigms of “people not worthy of living” continued over decades in the Federal Republic of Germany – and still continue to the present day.

**Margret Hamm (publisher): Ausgegrenzt! Warum? Zwangssterilisierte und Geschädigte der
NS-„Euthanasie“ in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland**
ISBN: 978-3-86331-335-7, 239 pages, EUR 19



**Das Spiel mit den Anderen. Fußball zwischen Integration und
Diskriminierung
(The Game with the Other People. Football Between Integration and
Discrimination)**

The publication contains reports and interviews on initiatives against right-wing extremism, anti-Semitism and homophobia in football. The book is part of the Sports Bag Campaign, which was developed by the theatre educationalist Bettina Frank. It is used as part of the tour of the play *Juller*. *Juller* was actually Julius Hirsch, a German-Jewish national football player who was murdered in a concentration camp only because he was Jewish. Now his fate is a warning that the “game with the Other people” should be taken seriously.

Ulrich Kroemer: Das Spiel mit den Anderen. Fußball zwischen Integration und Diskriminierung
ISBN: 978-3-7307-0357-1, 96 pages, EUR 9.90





Finances and administration

Move to Friedrichstraße 200

In May 2017 the offices of the EVZ Foundation moved out of the building belonging to the former Victoria insurance company in Lindenstraße 20–25 to Friedrichstraße 200, which is nearby. The light, open design of the workspaces and workplaces of the representative premises in the centre of Berlin creates a friendly, communicative working atmosphere and promotes cross-team exchanges of ideas.

Administration

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Ina Thiele
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Ingo Wiese*



Prize for innovative investment

The EVZ Foundation was honoured as the “Foundation of the Year” at the Institutional Investor Swiss, German & Austrian Peer-to-Peer Awards. The prize recognises institutions that have stood out over the past year through innovative ideas and successful investment strategies. Ann-Grit Lehmann, Head of the Finance Division (centre of picture), received the prize on 24 October 2017.



Legal Advice

Susanne Sehlbach



Finances

Ann-Grit Lehmann



Financial report

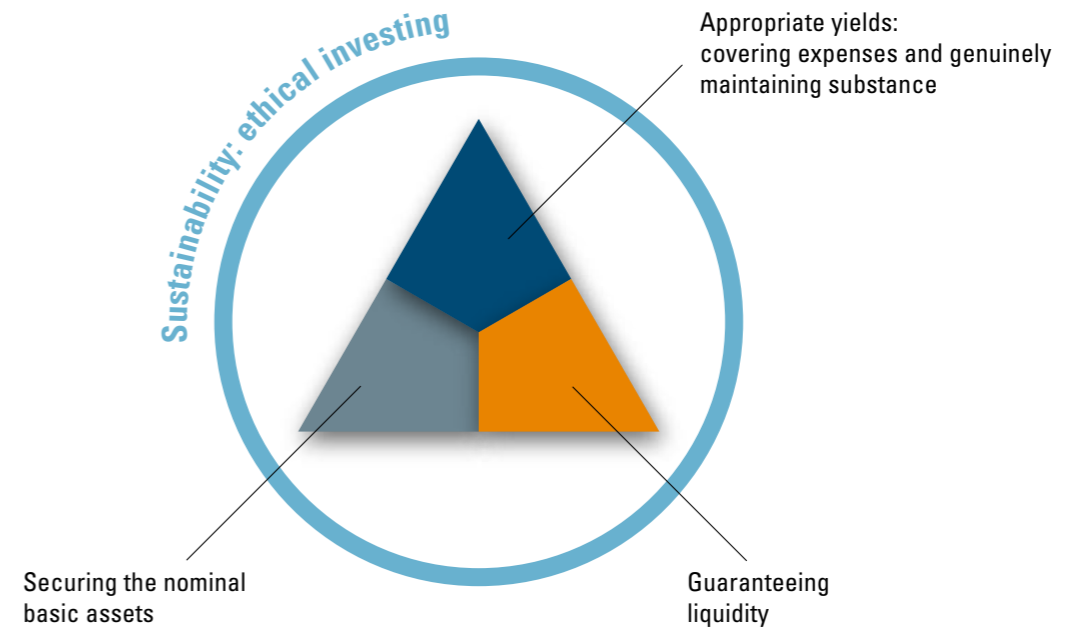
The EVZ Foundation was founded in 2000 with a total of 10.1 billion DM. Of this, 9.4 billion DM (4.8 billion euros) and interest accumulated were used to compensate former forced labourers and other victims of the Nazi regime and to cover the costs of organising these payments. Seven hundred million DM (358 million euros) represented the capital basis for the long-term funding of the EVZ Foundation. Since concluding payments in 2007, the main task of the Foundation has been to promote international projects in the Foundation's three fields of activity. These activities are funded exclusively from the yields of the Foundation's capital and occasionally financed using additional donations.

The capital investments of the Foundation follow ethical criteria that are derived from the purpose of the Foundation. Thematically speaking, the Foundation focuses here on modern forms of forced labour and human rights violations in the working world. At companies where the Foundation is invested in stocks or bonds, at issue are human rights violations in the realms of child labour, forced labour, and discrimination. To the extent possible, the supply chain as well is investigated. The concept follows the criteria of the International Labour Organization (ILO), a sub-organisation of the United Nations.

Once a year, the Foundation has its investments examined for violations of the exclusion criteria, human rights violations and "modern forced labour". The EVZ Foundation commissioned a rating agency to develop a negative list that specifically caters for the requirements of the Foundation. On the basis of this screening, all companies where violations of the defined exclusion criteria are found are confronted with the findings and are asked to respond in writing. Those companies that do not respond are removed from the investments. The answers submitted are subjected to further analysis until a decision can be made. In addition, the Foundation's financial service providers are examined according to ethical criteria and, if necessary, collaboration is ended. In recent years, a number of companies were removed from the investments due to various controversies, including Royal Dutch Shell, Apple, Walmart Stores, Barrick Gold, Exxon Mobil, Mitsubishi, Seven & I Holdings, Sony and Tepco. Next year the Foundation will start reviewing its sustainability strategy. The Foundation will deal with the 17 sustainability targets, approved by the UN in 2015.

The Foundation's assets were worth 523.9 million EUR on 31 December 2017.

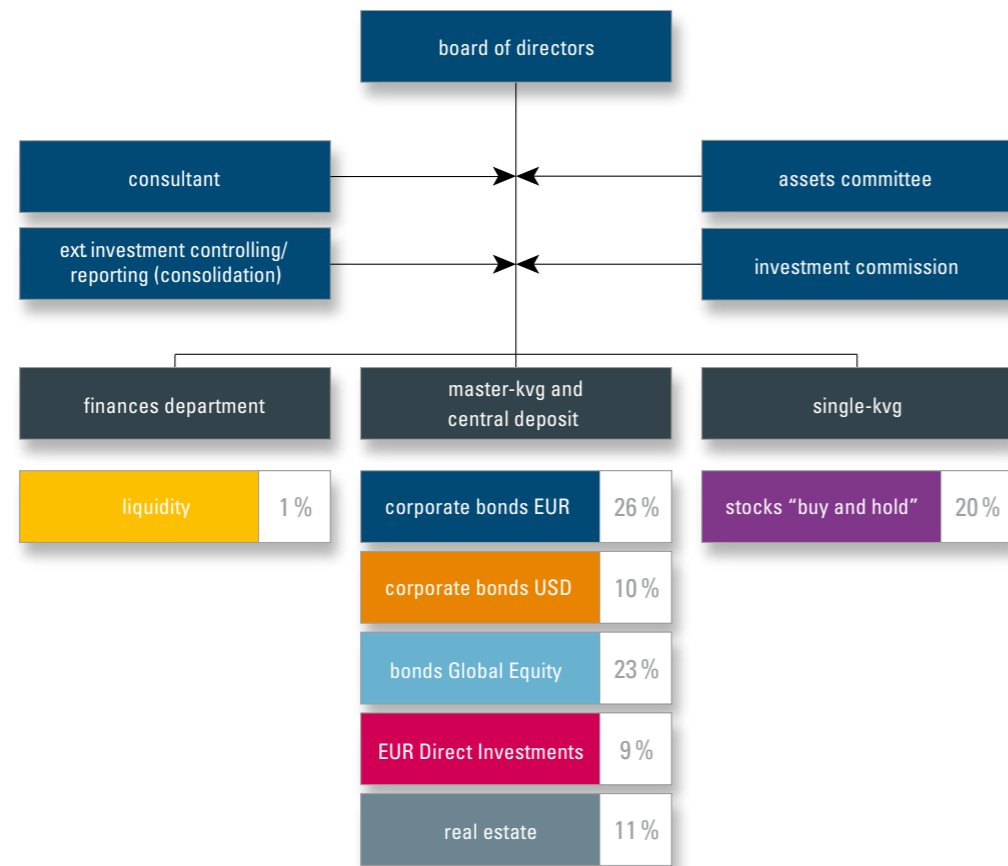
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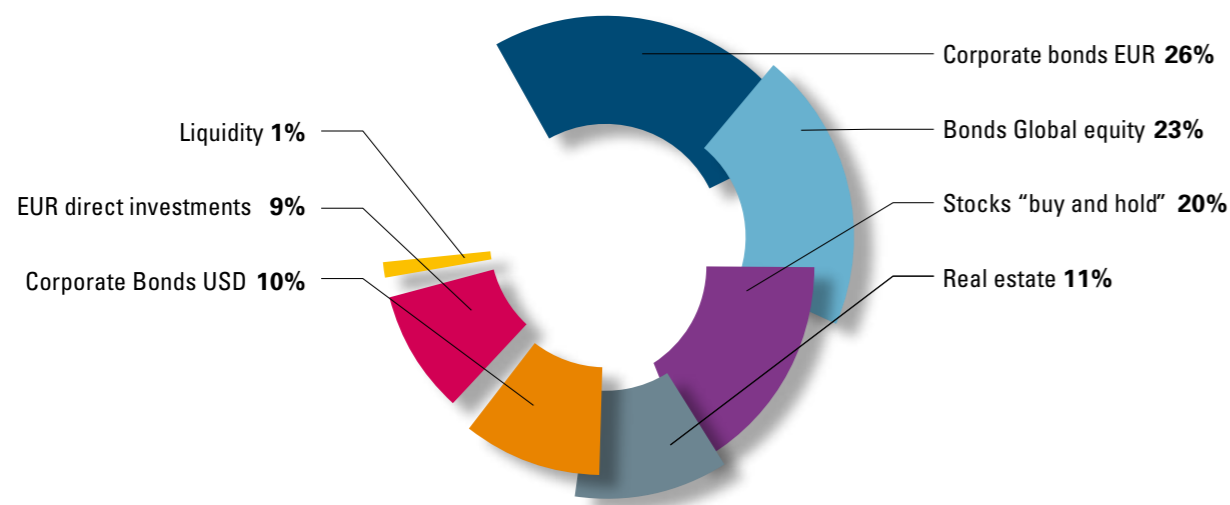
Philosophy

The EVZ Foundation pursues three main objectives in investing its assets. First, sufficient funds are to be generated in the sense of ordinary net income to cover the funding activities and the administrative costs at a manageable level of risk. The aim is thereby to avoid deriving current expenditures from the risky reallocation of assets. Second, the capital is to be preserved in its real, i. e. value-protected, value. Third, it must be ensured that adequate liquidity is available at all times for ongoing business operations. All three objectives were met in fiscal year 2017.

Investment organisation



Investment classes



Members, Assets Committee (as of December 2017)

Dr Wolfgang Weiler (Chair), President of the Gesamtverband der Deutschen Versicherungswirtschaft (GDV)
Dieter Lehmann, Co-Managing director and head of the Assets Department, Volkswagen Stiftung
Dr Michael Leinwand, Chief Investment Officer, Zurich Gruppe Deutschland
Gerhard Schleif, former Managing Director, Bundesrepublik Deutschland Finanzagentur GmbH
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Prof. Dr Uwe Wystup, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management – Centre for Practical Quantitative Finance

Members, Investment Commission

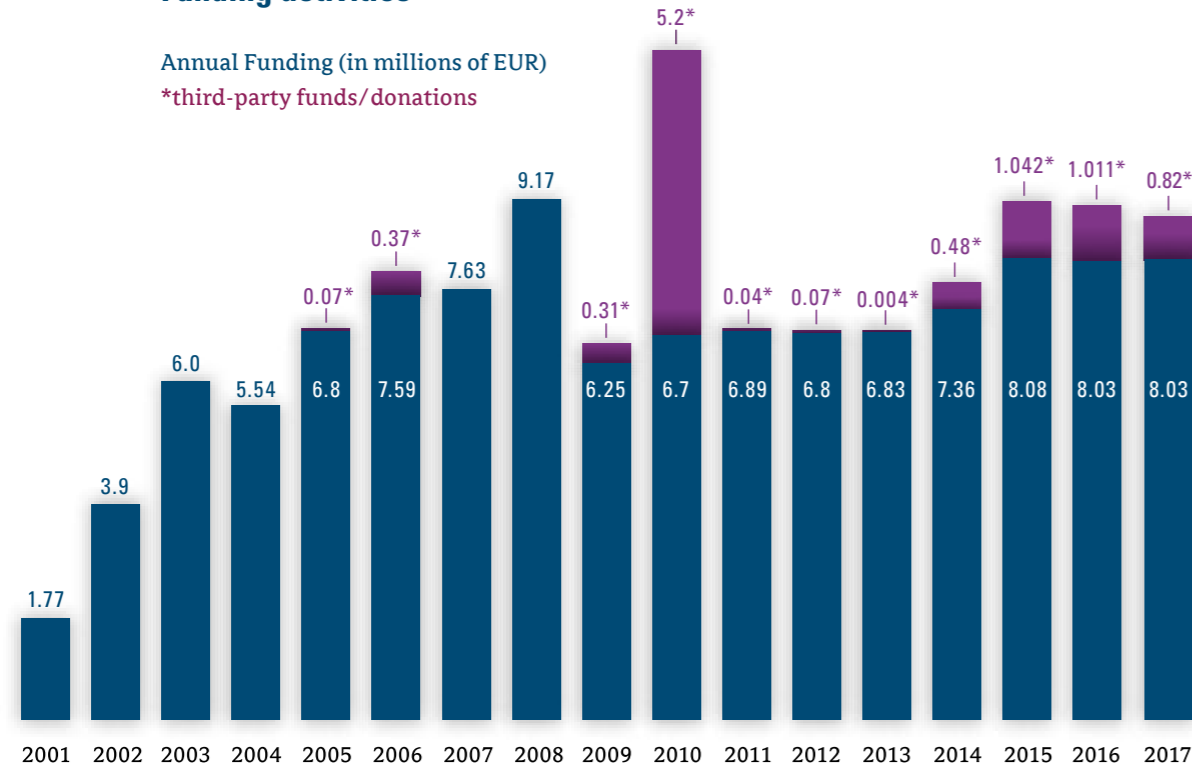
Dr Andreas Eberhardt, Chairman, Board of Directors, EVZ Foundation
Dieter Lehmann, Co-Managing Director and Head of the Assets Department, Volkswagen Stiftung

The illustration on page 56 depicts the structure of financial administration at the Foundation. The financial goals, derived from the charter, statutes, and directives from the Board of Trustees, are implemented by the Foundation's Board of Directors. The Board in turn consults with various committees to assist in decision-making.

The Assets Committee advises the Foundation's Board of Directors in strategic questions of capital investment, and the Investment Commission is responsible for tactical investment decisions. In addition, specialised consultants support the decision-making process. In daily operations, asset management is handled by two capital management companies with a central deposit. The key part of asset management is handled by specialised investment managers. The investment class liquidity, is held directly by the finances division and administered accordingly. The consolidation of both realms to ascertain performance and other key variables takes place by way of external reporting. This specialised service provider also has the task of managing and running investments. The admissible decision-making framework is stipulated in detail, e. g. for all those involved in the form of investment guidelines, contracts, and internal process descriptions decided by the Board of Directors. The many eyes principle and the requirements of corporate governance in the realm of capital investment are implemented across the board. All decision-making processes are recorded in writing and subject to external examination.

Funding activities

Annual Funding (in millions of EUR)
*third-party funds/donations



Funding volume according to field of activity (including third-party funds and donations)

2001–2017



2017



Key figures, 2017

Excerpt from the balance sheet (in compliance with the German Commercial Code)

Assets	
Financial assets	448.6 mio. euros
Liabilities	
Foundation capital	357.9 mio. euros
Assets maintenance fund	71.4 mio. euros
Result carried forward	11.9 mio. euros
Deferred liabilities	2.4 mio. euros
Liabilities due to project funding	7.5 mio. euros
Balance	
	445 mio. euros

Excerpt, balance of yields and costs

Foundation management costs	8.8 mio. euros
Staffing costs	3 mio. euros
Public relations	0.1 mio. euros
Other administrative costs	0.99 mio. euros

Costs of asset management

In 2017, the costs of asset management were 1.3 million euros, consisting of costs for the deposit bank, capital management company, manager fees, costs of consulting and investment reporting and controlling. These costs are paid directly using the special fund of the Foundation and calculated against running yields.

Auditing

The annual balance sheet of the EVZ Foundation is calculated according to the principles of the German Commercial Code by an accounting firm. The Federal Office for Central Services and Unresolved Property Issues (BADV) audits annually the Foundation's calculations, budgeting and business management. Audits comply with the regulations of the German Commercial Code with the assistance of the Federal Central Tax Office. The auditing of budgeting and business management complies with the regulations of the Federal Budget Code. At irregular intervals, audits are performed by the Federal Audit Office.

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Christa Meyer, Project Coordinator:

“To strengthen committed and courageous people from civil society and to promote their great ideas – this is one of the motivations for working in the Foundation EVZ.”



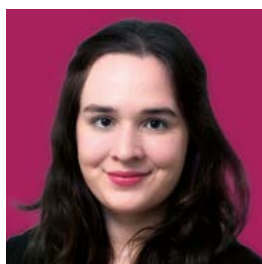
Manuel Kowalewski, Use Scrutinizer:

“My favourite work is in cross-departmental teams on specific projects – I can gain lots of experience through the different outlooks. Regardless of the field, the teams are very heterogeneous and there is a superb working atmosphere.”



Luisa Maria Schweizer, Consultant to the Board of Directors:

“For me working for the EVZ means being allowed to be involved in structuring an international, broadly-based player and working on important, meaningful topics in a great team. I appreciate the agility and openness, particularly with regard to testing new funding formats.”



Sophie Ziegler, Student employee:

“The commitment of my colleagues and the partner organisations of the Foundation EVZ is infectious and inspiring. It’s a great opportunity to be actively involved in creating the society of the future.”



Annemarie Hühne, Team Leader:

“We live in a diverse society and I very much appreciate that we in the Foundation EVZ have the opportunity to promote everyone’s multi-perspective history projects for everyone.”



Corinna Jentsch, Project coordinator:

“The enthusiasm and commitment of our project partners, when they discover forgotten stories and then bring the various connections to light always impresses me time and time again. There is a process of continuous learning for all those involved.”



Marianna Matzer, Team EVZ Expanded:

“The challenge to transfer a historic responsibility to the future makes this work so exciting.”





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