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Remembrance  
Responsibility  
Future

# Activity report 2022





**Cover:**

*Participants of the youth conference “Power of Youth” in September 2022 in Tbilisi, Georgia:  
Young people from Germany, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and  
Ukraine discussed current issues of the young generation.*

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# Who we are...

In memory of the victims of National Socialist injustice.  
Let us take responsibility. Together for the past, present and future.  
For equal dignity and rights of all people.

## **Our Mission**

- We support survivors of National Socialist persecution and strengthen the commitment of their descendants.
- We act together with young people for living remembrance of the fates of the persecuted.
- We initiate contemporary education for a critical examination of National Socialism as well as its aftermath.
- We campaign for equal dignity and equal rights for all people and against antisemitism, antigypsyism/anti-Roma discrimination, racism and all forms of discrimination.
- We enable effective action by self-organizations and are a strategic partner and supporter of civil society.

Against the background of its founding history, the EVZ Foundation is particularly active in Central and Eastern Europe, Israel and Germany.



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# Welcome!

In 2005, the EVZ Foundation launched its first youth exchange program: “Frieden für Europa” (Peace for Europe). At the time, this title may have seemed old-fashioned, almost meaningless in light of the long period of peace and despite the Yugoslav wars. Today, in view of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, such a message of peace is needed again – even more urgently than before. For us as a foundation aware of history, the beginning of this new war in Europe meant first and foremost helping and supporting the people of Ukraine. In 2022, the Foundation provided more than 1.6 million euros in emergency relief for 42 projects – much-needed social and material support that quickly reached the people on the ground with the help of our partners and sponsors. Our commitment remains unwavering more than a year after the war began.

## **Stronger Together: Our Third-party Funded Programs**

At the turn of the year 2021/2022, the Education Agenda NS-Injustice was launched by the EVZ Foundation and the Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF), with the support of the German Bundestag. With its innovative educational formats, which sensitively and accurately transmit the lessons learned from the National Socialist past, the program prepares participants to respond to antisemitism, antigypsyism, racism, and other forms of prejudice. The projects deal with the history of National Socialism before and after 1945 and integrate the perspective of persecutees into the German and European culture of remembrance.

September 2022 also saw the launch of the **Holocaust Education** funding program, a joint project of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (JCC), the EVZ Foundation, and the BMF. The program offers ground-breaking learning opportunities about



the Holocaust and innovative documentation projects – from digitized testimonies of Holocaust survivors to research and exhibition projects to teacher training programs. The projects take aim at the global rise in antisemitic attacks, conspiracy narratives, and dwindling knowledge about the Holocaust.

In our **youth programs** “MEETUP! Youth for Partnership” and “YOUNG PEOPLE remember,” we encourage participants to design their own projects and thus actively support the culture of remembrance. As a long-standing partner, the **Federal Foreign Office** supports both programs, which set standards in educational memory work with young people.

With the **Solidarity Budget** of 800,000 euros approved by our Board of Trustees, we will continue our commitment to civil society in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia in 2023. This budget will help fund projects that actively involve refugees, as well as exile support structures and other civil society solidarity projects.

Stay engaged with us!

Dr. Andrea Despot  
CEO

Jakob Meyer  
Director

# From the Board of Trustees

In 2022, many value-based certainties were challenged, most notably by the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Since then, we have been struggling globally with the question of how to define solidarity, multilateralism and international order as societies and what these values mean to us as individuals.



In this Activity Report, you will read about the many projects that the EVZ Foundation and its project sponsors were able to implement in Ukraine and in the places of exile of Ukrainian refugees after February 24, 2022. Support for Ukrainian civil society, especially for survivors of National Socialist injustice or the Roma minority, was a particular focus of the Board of Trustees.

The work of the EVZ Foundation's programs has been shaped by this time of war in the heart of Europe. Added to this are challenges such as the shrinking space for civil society in some of our focus countries, the rise of antisemitism, antigypsyism and racism, and historical revisionism, all of which have taken on new dimensions as a result of war, nationalism and populism.

We are all the more grateful to the Federal Foreign Office, the Federal Ministry of Finance, and our international project sponsors for their cooperation. In expert discussions, jury meetings, trips and project visits, we were able to build on a broad alliance and contribute many new ideas from our networks to strengthen the Foundation's legal mission: Commitment to the survivors of the Nationalist Socialist regime, international understanding and the future of the culture of remembrance.

**Annette Schavan**  
*Chairperson of the Board of Trustees*  
*Former Federal Minister*



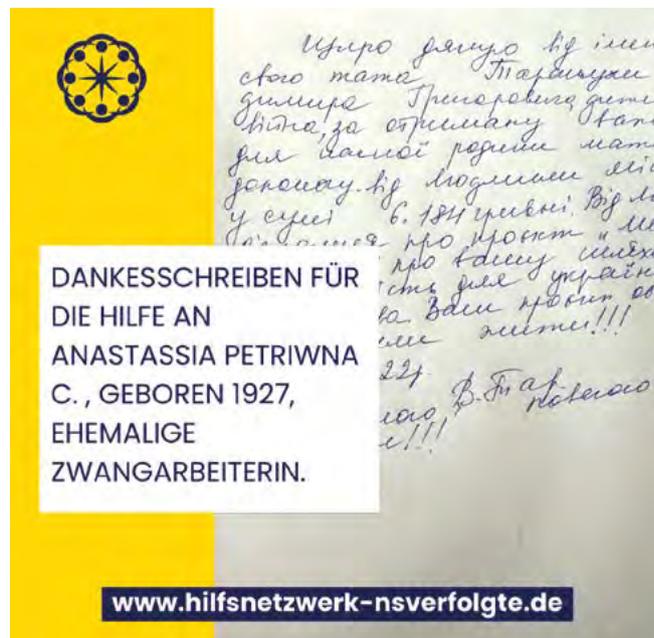
# What kept us busy

The overarching theme for us as the EVZ Foundation was the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. Within days of the start of the war, approved funding for projects already underway in Ukraine was converted into targeted **emergency relief**. As of December 31, 2022, more than 1.6 million euros had been granted to 42 projects.

In particular, we remain concerned about the situation of the estimated 42,000 elderly survivors of National Socialism on site. The survivors are exposed to acute risk of re-traumatization and death.

The **Aid Network for the victims of National Socialist persecution in Ukraine**, which we have been supporting together with some 50 other institutions since March 2022, takes care of the survivors. By the end of 2022, the network's donations of 174,600 euros had reached a total of 1,154 people. Among them was Valentina W., who was born near Augsburg in 1944 while her mother was performing forced labor there. After the start of the Russian war of aggression, her daughter Anna lost contact with Valentina for several weeks, during which time Valentina suffered several heart attacks. Shortly afterward, they managed to escape to Poland. Thanks to the donations, the family was able to buy urgently needed medication.

1.6  
million euros  
WENT AS EMERGENCY  
RELIEF TO UKRAINE  
IN 2022



Letter of thanks for help provided to the former forced laborer Anastassia Petriwna C., born in 1927

Donate now for NS survivors in Ukraine:

<https://hilfsnetzwerk-nsverfolgte.de/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Spendenaufwurf.pdf>



### Enabling New Beginnings: Vidnova Fellowships

“This fellowship was a great support in times of uncertainty,” says Iryna Malishevska Lisova, one of the 24 fellows of the **Vidnova-Fellowship program**. The program started in April 2022, when the first Ukrainian civil society stakeholders had to flee the war abroad. The one-year fellowship supports Ukrainian activists to continue advocating for their country while networking with NGOs in European countries. A third of the fellows are activists from Roma and LGBTQI communities who have spent years campaigning for human rights and equality in Ukraine. Maintaining their professional commitment, albeit far from home, and integrating their expertise into transnational networks combines new beginnings with continuity. On Instagram, the fellows report.

### Congratulations on the Nobel Peace Prize!

The Nobel Peace Prizes were a bright spot in this groundbreaking year. Two of the awards went to activists and organizations associated with us: MEMORIAL (Russia) and the Center for Civil Liberties (Ukraine). We have a long-standing partnership with MEMORIAL, for example in promoting the history competition “Man in the History of Russia in the 20th Century” or the archive of interviews with life stories of former forced laborers. We are currently funding the development of MEMORIAL’s capacity to work in exile. The Center for Civil Liberties was a cooperation partner in a German-Ukrainian youth encounter on “Press Freedom under Pressure” in the MEET UP! Youth for Partnership program. Third winner is human rights lawyer Ales Bialiatski (Belarus).



### GUEST COMMENTARY

*Dr. Anton Drobovych is the head of the Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance and represents Ukraine on the Board of Trustees of the EVZ Foundation.*

### Culture and National Memory in Ukraine in the Context of Russian Armed Aggression

Since the beginning of Russia’s military aggression against Ukraine in 2014 and the temporary occupation of Crimea and some districts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions by Russia, Ukrainian society has consolidated and actively begun to free itself from many illusions created by former Soviet propaganda, such as the myth of “brotherly peoples,” the superiority of Russian culture, or the perception of Moscow as a metropolis.

With the start of Russia’s large-scale war against Ukraine in 2022 and the numerous war crimes committed by the Russian military against the Ukrainian population, the rejection of everything Russian (imperial) has intensified to the utmost. It is a fact that the process of decommunization, which began in 2015 and has been extremely painful for Moscow – which does not recognize and even trivializes the crimes of the communist USSR – has reached its peak of public support. In addition, there has been an enormous public demand to understand and overcome Russian imperial (political and cultural) influence on Ukraine and other nations over the past 300 years. In the end, Russia has destroyed or made incredibly difficult the intercultural dialog between Russians and Ukrainians, but at the same time it has provided Ukrainian society with the strongest (existential) motive for realizing its own national identity, enhancing national culture, and resisting any form of normalization of Russian imperial chauvinism.

# How our approaches work

**Our aim is to strengthen the effectiveness of the Foundation's work. In our column "Three questions for..." we ask sponsors what they think selected funding approaches of the EVZ Foundation are achieving. An excerpt of the interviews can be found in this report. Read the full interviews at [www.stiftung-evz.de/en/three-questions-for](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/three-questions-for).**



## **Online Archive "Forced Labor 1939–1945," sub-collection Western Ukraine**

Between 1941 and 1945, some 2.4 million people from Ukraine performed forced labor for Nationalist Socialist Germany. Some 350,000 of them came from the districts of Western Ukraine. Forty of them – 17 women and 23 men – now complete the archive, which contains a total of 600 audio and video interviews.

### **What is the special value of a life history interview?**

*Dr. Kateryna Kobchenko, Member of staff at Freie Universität Berlin:*

The interviews include many details that are hard to find in other sources. The subjective perspectives of the interviewees also represent an important enrichment for the historical research of the Western Ukrainian experience of forced labor. These reported memories are especially valuable because a lot of the people interviewed in this project had not spoken publicly before. Against the background of the current war in particular, the life stories show the consequences of war and occupation for the individual people in an impressive way and provide an interesting insight into contemporary Ukrainian history.

➔ [zwangsarbeit-archiv.de](http://zwangsarbeit-archiv.de)



## Antisemitism critical education on TikTok

TikTok is one of the most popular platforms among teenagers and young adults. As its popularity grows, so does the problem of hate speech. The project has helped identify the biggest challenges on the platform and developed best practices to address them.

### Why is antisemitism critical education needed on TikTok?

*Danielle Jerry, Project Manager Antisemitism Critical Education on TikTok, Anne Frank Educational Center:* Since the beginning, the platform has been used by groups and individuals who produce and share anti-semitic content and consequently make it acceptable. Many young users are often unable to recognize the antisemitic narratives of such videos or classify them. ... It is essential to firstly develop an awareness of what is happening on TikTok, and secondly, and most importantly, to develop a counter-position. In this way, we can help to ensure that users are educated about antisemitic narratives and can identify them and take an active position against them in the future.

➔ [t1p.de/tiktok-bs-annefrank](https://t1p.de/tiktok-bs-annefrank)

## Past and present relevance of National Socialist crimes in the everyday activities of the police and law enforcement

The project invites employees of law enforcement institutions and police officers to reflect on social crimes under National Socialism against the background of their own professional experience.

### What lessons do the participants take away from the project?

*Peter Römer, scientific-pedagogical assistant of the History Place Villa ten Hompel:*

Our project "This concerns me!" focuses on the continuities of discrimination by state officials beyond the supposed caesura of 1945. ... The project reveals that all those state professional groups who were involved in National Socialist crimes also continued in the successor states – i. e. police officers, judges, etc. ... It is surprising for our seminar participants that the process of coming to terms with the burdened German history has been by no means exemplary. Those institutions that survived the caesura protected themselves – and this explicitly included staff who were implicated.

➔ [stadt-muenster.de/villa-ten-hompel](https://stadt-muenster.de/villa-ten-hompel)



# Award-winning

Several of the projects, partners and organizations funded by the EVZ Foundation have received a variety of prizes and awards for their commitment.



## Federal Cross of Merit

- Peter Schneider for his work at Maximilian Kolbe Werk
- Leonid Berezin for founding the association “Lebendige Erinnerung” [Living Memory] in the Club Dialog e.V., Berlin



## Nobel Peace Prize

- Ales Bialiatski, Belarus
- Memorial International, Russia
- Center for Civil Liberties, Ukraine



## Theodor Heuss Prize

- Memorial International



## Award of the Munich Documentation Center for the History of National Socialism

- Mnemonics, Ukraine



APP

**Buchenwald. An audio walk**

Berliner Hörspielfestival 2022, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Project sponsor:** Buchenwald and Mittelbau-Dora Memorials Foundation



THEATER PLAY

**Oasis of Impunity**

Recognized by the New York Times as one of the best European theater productions

**Project sponsor:** Munich Kammerspiele

GAME

**Hidden Codes**

SmartHero Award (Meta Germany) in the category Innovation in Digital Commitment;  
bap Award for Political Education

**Project sponsor:** Anne Frank Educational Center



DOCUMENTARY

**Der lange Weg der Sinti und Roma  
(The Long Path of The Sinti and Roma)**

German Human Rights Film Award, Short Film Category

**Project sponsor:** German Institute for Human Rights

APP, WEBSITE

**EDU-Breakout: MENSCH SEIN im Lager?  
(EDU breakout: BEING A HUMAN in the camp?)**

German Multimedia Award mb21, Category: Special Award;  
crossmedia Competition of the Bayrische Rundfunk  
[Bavarian Broadcasting Corporation]

**Project sponsor:** Staatliche Wirtschaftsschule Weiden  
[Weiden State Business School]



RADIO PROGRAM

**Perspektiven auf Vergangenheit und Gegenwart – Eine  
mehrsprachige Geschichtswerkstatt im Freien Radio  
[Perspectives on the Past and the Present – a multi-  
lingual history workshop on community radio]**

Award of the Alliance for Democracy and Tolerance

**Project sponsor:** Common Voices Radio of  
Radio Corax e. V. in Halle

APP

**Tracing Remembrance**

Second place at the Games Innovation Saxony Awards

**Project sponsor:** Theater of the Young World

SERIOUS GAME

**Train to Sachsenhausen**

Social Matter award at the BIG (Brazil's Independent Games) Festival

**Project sponsor:** Živá Paměť, Prague

# Education drives the future

International Understanding, International Youth Exchange, and Democracy Education

## Our Funding Programs:

- **YOUNG PEOPLE Remember International (2022 to 2025)**
- **MEET UP! Youth for Partnership (2021 to 2023)**

Funding is also provided for two joint projects with the German-Israeli Future Forum Foundation and the Franco-German Youth Office.



## PROJECT EXAMPLE

### **MEET UP! Youth Conference “Power of Youth”**

#### **What do the project sponsor and the EVZ Foundation intend to achieve with the project?**

In September 2022, the MEET UP! Youth conference took place in Tbilisi, Georgia. Fifty-three young people aged 18-35 from Germany, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine discussed current issues facing their generation. The aim was to strengthen their commitment and provide a platform for exchange and inspiration. Over the course of four days, there were workshops, excursions, project visits, discussions and Open Space moderation on the topics of cultures of remembrance, LGBTIQ rights, youth commitment and international project work.



“It was an exciting experience to be part of the MEET UP! Youth Conference as a young expert... Youth play a crucial role in changing the present and shaping the future. Youth should have a space to implement their ideas. The problems we face today in different countries can be diverse, but also the same.”  
Committed young people from Georgia

**Who is involved, and whom does the project reach?**

In addition to the young people from Germany and the countries of the Eastern Partnership, youth organizations from different countries became involved and designed the program content.

**Why did the Foundation implement this project in particular?**

Youth participation is an important approach in the various programs of the EVZ Foundation, especially in “MEET UP! Youth for Partnership.” The main goal is to develop projects and activities not only for, but also with young people. Youth conference attendees were allowed to participate in decision-making and planning: they supported the implementation, brought in experts for the program or took over sessions.

**Funding period:** MEET UP! Youth Conference  
“Power of Youth” September 2022

**MEET UP! Youth for Partnership program:** 2021 to 2023

**Project amount:** 75,500 euros

**Funding countries:** Germany, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine

**Websites:**

MEET UP! program: [www.stiftung-evz.de/en/meetup](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/meetup)

Conference Blog: [www.stiftung-evz.de/meetup-blog](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/meetup-blog)



Watch the video on Instagram



# Education for living memory

Strengthening Multi-perspective and Inclusive Cultures of Remembrance

## Our Funding Programs:

- **Local.history**
- **Critical Remembrance**

Funding is also provided for encounters with historical eyewitnesses and the MEMO study on the culture of remembrance in Germany.



## PROJECT EXAMPLE

### Nowy Sącz

**What do the project sponsor and the EVZ Foundation intend to achieve with the project?**

The Polish city of Nowy Sącz and its citizens underwent major changes as a result of the German occupation during the National Socialist era. However, these historical traces are largely invisible in Nowy Sącz – unlike in Warsaw, for example, where one can still trace the outlines of the Warsaw Ghetto within the city. During the project, a virtual map of the city, short films, podcasts, and audio and video testimonies in English and Polish were created to revive the memory of local evidence and events.



**Who is involved, and whom does the project reach?**

The map is used as a source in schools of all levels (including the University for Senior Citizens). The map is also intended for practical use in local and all-Polish tourism organizations. Five other civic institutions and organizations joined the project, including a cultural center, the public library and the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession.

**Why is the Foundation funding this project in particular?**

As a combination of local history and contemporary tourism, the project is of vital importance to the region and serves as best practice model for other initiatives and locations. The website content is sustainably visible and can be expanded.

- Project sponsor:** Fundacja Nomina Rosae Ogród Kultury Dawnej
- Funding period:** 2021 to 2023
- Funding amount:** 45,000 euros
- Funding country:** Poland
- Websites:**  
Project: [www.wojennysacz.pl](http://www.wojennysacz.pl)  
Sponsor: <https://nomina.pl/en>

**Read more in the project report**



# Education in cultural spaces

Creative and Emotional Educational Approaches to the History of National Socialism

## Our Funding Program:

- Education Agenda NS-Injustice

Funding is provided to cultural institutions in Germany that develop multidimensional educational projects as well as public exhibitions with national and European appeal.

300  
RESEARCHED  
FATES



### PROJECT EXAMPLE

#### Remembrance as Work on the Present

The project “Remembrance as Work on the Present” combines historical research with artistic work. A kaleidoscopic view of the past enriches our understanding of history and the present. The project focuses on researching and documenting the fate of employees of the Munich Kammerspiele. Moreover, three theater productions were also created. An eight-week festival consolidated all project results at the interface between memory work and theater.



Interview with Martín Valdés-Stauber, Munich Kammerspiele:

[www.stiftung-evz.de/was-wir-foerdern/drittmittel-programme/bildungsagenda-ns-unrecht/alle-projekte-der-bildungsagenda-ns-unrecht-2021/erinnerung-als-arbeit-an-der-gegenwart/drei-fragen-an-martin-valdes-stauber/](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/was-wir-foerdern/drittmittel-programme/bildungsagenda-ns-unrecht/alle-projekte-der-bildungsagenda-ns-unrecht-2021/erinnerung-als-arbeit-an-der-gegenwart/drei-fragen-an-martin-valdes-stauber/)

### What does the EVZ Foundation intend to achieve with the project?

The project expands the German understanding of history by focusing on the radically diverse, post-migrant society: How does collective remembrance function when the violent (German) past is ever less interwoven with the family biographies of many – especially young – people? Forty school students from Munich explored this topic and other questions in a theater workshop. With its theater laboratory as an experimental space in a migrant-dominated district, the Kammerspiele understands its role as a city theater that is there for everyone.

### Who is involved, and whom does the project reach?

The play “Time Busters” emerged from the theater workshop that 14 school students developed in collaboration with a young directing team. Through the performances at the renowned Kammerspiele, the project reaches a broad Munich audience and schools. The project is also internationally renowned thanks to numerous collaborations, including international theaters and artists: The New York Times praised “Oasis of Impunity” as one of Europe’s best theater productions of 2022.

### Why is the Foundation funding this project in particular?

The multifaceted project understands memory work as “work on the present,” i. e. it addresses various forms of discrimination. Artistic approaches allow for shared experiences that foster empathy, which can be a starting point for comprehending the complex history of National Socialist injustice and for engendering mutual understanding.

**Project sponsor:** Munich Kammerspiele; in collaboration with international cooperation partners

**Funding period:** 2021 to 2023

**Funding amount:** 350,000 euros

**Funding country:** Germany

**Website:** [t1p.de/MK-remembrance-work-present](http://t1p.de/MK-remembrance-work-present)

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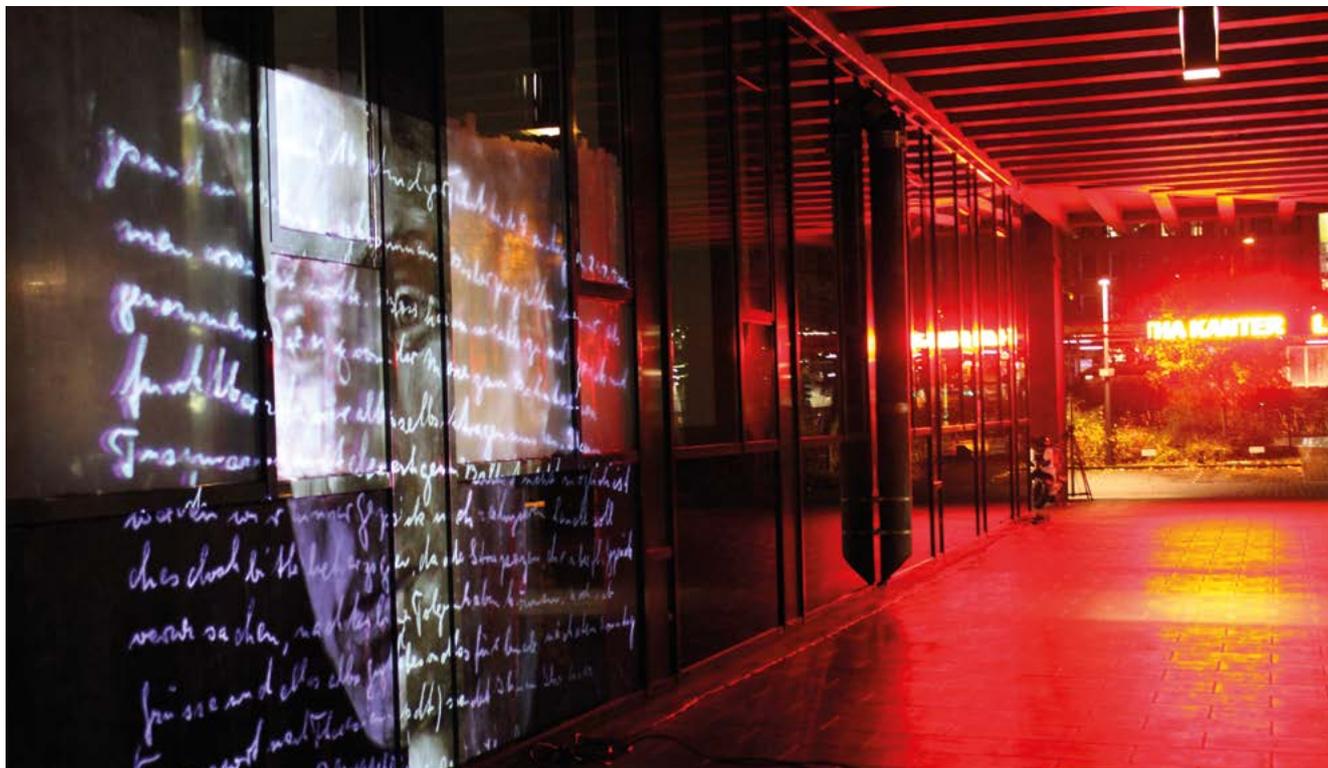
# Education in digital learning spaces

Culture of Remembrance in the Digital Sphere:  
Exemplary digital tools and formats  
for contemporary education

## Our Funding Program:

- **Education Agenda NS-Injustice**

Funding is provided for collaboration among historians, educators, and civic tech stakeholders across the country.



## PROJECT EXAMPLE

### **Sichtbar machen [Shedding light on the past] Multimedia Web Portal on Jewish Life in Cologne with Large Projections**

#### **What do the project sponsor and the EVZ Foundation intend to achieve with the project?**

Using various digital communication spaces, the project offers a new approach to Jewish life between 1933 and 1945. The web portal presents various learning, experiential and communication environments from a historical and retrospective perspective. Viewing and interacting with history, users discover individual life stories and family stories on 360-degree tours. Animated 3D graphic novel aesthetics are used to artistically stage experiential environments. Historical documents, photos and personal testimonies were projected onto selected buildings in Cologne.

#### **Who is involved, and whom does the project reach?**

The project is aimed at educators and students, as well as local stakeholders affected by history. The large projections in the city also attracted passers-by and the media. The Cologne Museum Service cooperated with the local NS-Documentation Center.

#### **Why is the Foundation funding this project in particular?**

Jewish life in Cologne, which was largely destroyed under National Socialism, is displayed to a broad public into the virtual world, but also into real places. The interventions in public space are a stimulus for social debate about these places.

**Project sponsor:** Cologne Museum Service

**Funding period:** 2021 to 2022

**Funding amount:** 497,600 euros

**Funding country:** Germany

**Website:** [www.sichtbar-machen.online](http://www.sichtbar-machen.online)



**Watch video on selected projects (3 min.)**

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# Support for survivors of National Socialist persecution

Dignified Aging of Survivors, Social Participation,  
and Voluntary Commitment

## Our Funding Programs:

- Latcho Diwes
- Pomoc
- Dialog Forum
- We are here
- Support for NS survivors in Israel and Germany



## PROJECT EXAMPLE

### **Intergenerational Encounters between Russian-speaking Holocaust Survivors and Young People in Israel**

#### **What do the project sponsor and the EVZ Foundation intend to achieve with the project?**

Many Russian-speaking Holocaust survivors migrated to Israel in the 1990s. They are often lonely due to their age, social isolation and lack of integration related to language barriers. The young participants in the project appreciate the life achievements and biographies of the elderly who in turn feel recognized and appreciated. This recognition and appreciation reduce isolation and loneliness.

550  
SURVIVORS OF  
NATIONAL SOCIALISM

650  
YOUNG PEOPLE

**Коваленчик Ханаан (1923)**

Место рождения: Белоруссия, г. Комьяль.  
Во время войны: в лесах Белоруссии, партизан  
Мать: Фейга Розин-Коваленчик (убита в гетто в 1942)  
Отец: Файбель Коваленчик (убит в гетто в 1942)  
Братья: Гриня Коваленчик (1925-2003)  
Шейла Коваленчик (убит в гетто в 1942)  
Дети: Феликс (1953), Роза (1956),  
проживают в Тель-Авиве  
Супруги: Сарра Гильберг-Коваленчик (1922)  
Год репатриации: 1991  
В городе Нетивот: с 2003



**קובלנצ'יק חנון (1923)**

מקום לידה: עיריית קומיל, איזור מינסק  
בזמן המלחמה: ערות בלרוס עם הפרטיזאנים  
האם: מינה רוזין-קובלנצ'יק ד"ר  
(נהרגה בנובמבר 1942)  
האב: מיכיל קובלנצ'יק ד"ר (נהרג בנובמבר 1942)  
אחים: גרישה קובלנצ'יק ד"ר  
מיכיל קובלנצ'יק ד"ר  
ליביל קובלנצ'יק ד"ר  
ילדים: מליקס (1953), רוזה (1956), ג'ורס בתל-אביב  
בת חוזה: שרה טולברג-קובלנצ'יק (1922)  
שנת עלייה: 1991  
מגורים: משנת 2003

Родился в 1923 году, в семье Файбеля Исидоровича и Фейги Ириновны, в поселке Комьяль, Минской области.  
В семье было четверо детей: Ханаан, Гриня (1925), Шейла (1926) и Лейбля (1929).  
Ханаан с семи лет учился в еврейской школе.  
В начале войны, 1500 евреев района согнаны в поселок, где был образован гетто. В жонья из них остались только несколько человек. Семья Коваленчик, тридцать человек, была уничтожена. Ханаан бежал от фашистов к партизанам, был разведчиком. Сражался в партизанском отряде до 1944 года. После чего служил в войсках МВЛ.  
В 1991 году репатрировался в Израиль вместе с семьей.

לרובת 1,500 מיטורי העירייה של, כל שסוקסו קומיל קומילס - בעלעלשים אויס קומילס - ג'וצות. חנון נמלט חונאנים ולחם בסודות התרטיזנים כמנסה עד שנת 1944. אחרי מנסיון עם האנסים הוא שירת כמסוקר. בשנת 1991 עלה עם משפחתו לישראל.

חנון קובלנצ'יק נולד בשנת 1923 בעיריית קומיל סובבתי מינסק. למיכיל הייתה קובלנצ'יק, סולברג ורוז ג'ורס מלחמה אחים צעירים. חנון נמלט חונאנים ולחם בסודות תרטיזנים כמנסה עד שנת 1944. אחרי מנסיון עם האנסים הוא שירת כמסוקר. בשנת 1991 עלה עם משפחתו לישראל.




**Who is involved, and whom does the project reach?**  
In five locations, 650 young people and 550 mostly Russian-speaking survivors of National Socialist persecution participate in encounters and intergenerational events. The lives of Jews from the former Soviet Union are the subject of training courses for 80 teachers, youth group leaders and advisors of senior citizens. In cooperation with schools, individual biographies of the survivors are recorded in writing by students as a practical means of communication. Local coordinators, who are confidants of the elderly survivors, bring the young people and the survivors together.

**Why is the Foundation funding this project in particular?**  
The narratives of Russian-speaking survivors of National Socialism are little known in the culture of remembrance of Israeli mainstream society. Project activities and accompanying press and public relations work in Russian and Hebrew increase visibility and raise awareness for the concerns of survivors in society. By offering creative activities, the sponsor promotes learning about the personal history of Jews from the former Soviet Union and encounters with young people.

**Project sponsor:** Atid Bamidbar  
**Funding period:** 2021 to 2024  
**Funding amount:** 45,000 euros  
(Total for entire project duration: 280,171 euros)  
**Funding country:** Israel  
**Website:** [www.bamidbar-en.org/russian-speakers](http://www.bamidbar-en.org/russian-speakers)

# Acting Together with self-organizations

Self-empowerment, Agency and Equal Participation  
of Sinti and Roma and LGBTIQ Persons

## Our Funding Programs:

- Empowering Sinti and Roma in Germany
- Strengthening of Roma self-organizations in Central and Eastern Europe
- Strengthening of LGBTIQ self-organizations in Eastern Europe



## PROJECT EXAMPLE

### Online Hate Speech against Roma: Strategic Litigation and Expansion of Competences in the Czech Republic and Ukraine

#### What do the project sponsor and the EVZ Foundation intend to achieve with the project?

The European Roma Rights Center (ERRC) brings cases of online hate speech against Roma to court. Since October 2022, criminal charges have been filed and ombudspersons involved. In addition, a network is being set up: Through monitoring, counter-speech, reporting and other measures, young activists are getting involved in the fight against hate speech. Since the start of the Russian war of aggression on Ukraine, funds earmarked for this purpose have been used in part to support refugee Roma and monitor discrimination at the borders.

### Who is involved, and whom does the project reach?

A motivated group of volunteers reports and monitors discriminatory statements on the Internet, develops content, provides counterarguments and an evidence base for legal action. High-profile public relations reports and criminal charges serve to sensitize the state and administration, owners of Internet platforms and the media to racism and hate speech in the digital space.

### Why is the Foundation funding this project in particular?

The participatory approach aligns the project with the Foundation's goals of empowering local self-organizations and Roma activists and changing structures: Legal practice changes sustainably and hate speech and racism are exposed.

**Project sponsors:** European Roma Rights Center (ERRC, Ukraine), in cooperation with Romea and Forum for Human Rights (Czech Republic)

**Funding period:** 2021 to 2023

**Funding amount:** 300,000 euros

**Funding countries:** Czech Republic, Ukraine

**Website:** [www.errc.org](http://www.errc.org)



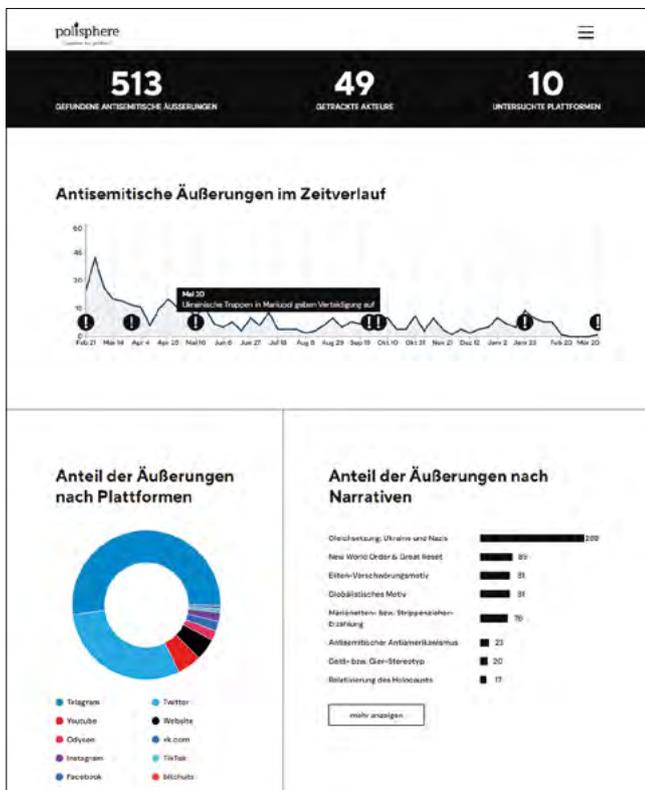
*Monitoring Report on the Human Rights Situation of Refugee Roma:*

[www.errc.org/press-releases/war-in-ukraine-errc-monitoring-report-confirms-discrimination-against-romani-refugees](http://www.errc.org/press-releases/war-in-ukraine-errc-monitoring-report-confirms-discrimination-against-romani-refugees)

# Acting against antisemitism, antigypsyism/anti-Roma discrimination and racism

Structural approaches: Transmitting of Knowledge, Intervention Skills, Example Projects and Networking Against Antisemitism, Anti-Roma Discrimination, and Racism

Funding is provided for key stakeholders in Germany who impart knowledge and intervention skills on antisemitism, antigypsyism and racism.



## PROJECT EXAMPLE

### Antisemitismus im Angriffskrieg gegen die Ukraine (Antisemitism in the War of Aggression against Ukraine): Tracking Russian Propaganda and Counter Strategies for Disseminators in Germany

**What do the project sponsor and the EVZ Foundation intend to achieve with the project?**

In the course of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, antisemitic and conspiracy theory narratives are being spread. The project makes these narratives visible, decodes disinformation campaigns and prepares them for disseminators.

39 TRACKED PLAYERS

10 PLATFORMS INVESTIGATED

### Who is involved, and whom does the project reach?

The web-based tracker allows media, politics and civil society to systematically learn about the communication of conspiracy theorists and propagandists.

### Why is the Foundation funding this project in particular?

The project is in line with the goals of the EVZ Foundation to strengthen the prevention of and the fight against antisemitism and to take a clear stand against the Russian war of aggression. It is appropriate to initiate a discussion about problematic content, to reveal the ideological network of the conspirators, and to stimulate countermeasures.

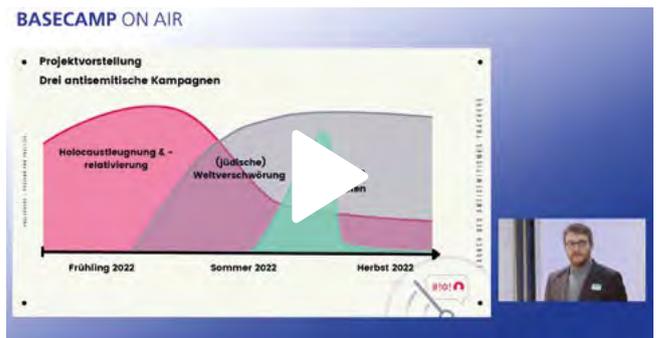
**Project sponsor:** polisphere e.V.

**Funding period:** 2022 to 2023

**Funding amount:** 96,427 euros

**Funding country:** Germany

**Website:** <https://antisemitismus-im-ukrainekrieg.de>



Watch launch and panel discussion on YouTube:

# EVZ Academy expanded

**The EVZ Academy is a platform and forum for exchange, acquisition of knowledge, interaction and commitment to the Foundation's themes. It organizes meetings for networking, exchange and learning from the fields of activity Action and Education.**

## **EVZ Fellowships**

Russia's war of aggression has threatened the security of our partners in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia and severely disrupted their work. Many of our partners had to leave the country at short notice and still want to continue supporting their country. For this reason, the EVZ Fellowships program for "Activists at Risk" was set up in a hurry: One fellowship enabled 13 people to spend three months abroad. They were able to continue their social commitment in organizations in Germany, Hungary, Poland, Austria, the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Georgia and the UK:

[www.stiftung-evz.de/en/info-library](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/info-library)



“The fellowship gave me the opportunity to stay in Germany and be politically active – to speak out against the war without fear of being arrested.”

Aleksandra Tikhonova, Russia

## EVZ Academy expanded Learning, Commitment, Encountering

info:media

expanded:lab

evz:networks

Digital knowledge and  
learning platform

Laboratory for topics and  
innovative formats

Agile networking

### Info and Media library: Digital Formats and Thematic Dossiers

The Info and Media library offers publications from the EVZ Foundation and our project partners in various languages and formats: teaching and learning materials, studies, audio and video recordings. In 2022, **digital formats** such as apps and games were added, as well as two other thematic dossiers. The thematic dossier

**Support for Roma and Sinti and their Self-Organizations & Combating Antigypsyism** explains how the EVZ Foundation works for Sinti and Roma and against the discrimination they face.

The thematic **dossier Commitment to Survivors of NS Injustice** focuses on international work with elderly survivors, who need psychological, physical and social support to age with dignity.

[www.stiftung-evz.de/infothek](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/infothek)

### “EVZ Conversations!” Discussion Series

What does the war in Ukraine mean for the German, Jewish and Ukrainian cultures of remembrance? How can the voice of Ukrainian civil society be heard in the current war of aggression? The EVZ Foundation has launched a new series of events called “EVZ Conversations!” In four episodes, experts from the fields of memory work, history policy, the media and academia discussed the instrumentalization of history.

[www.stiftung-evz.de/evz-conversations](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/evz-conversations)



### “Digital Collective Memory”: Expert Network

The “Digital Collective Memory” platform is a virtual meeting place for experts in the digital culture of remembrance, created in collaboration with iRights.Lab in 2021. It currently brings together around 200 stakeholders from 13 countries. The aim is to create a space in which people can exchange ideas and information about digital formats and tools for historical-political education.

To register, click here:

<https://memory-collective.org>



# MEMO Studies

## MEMO Germany – Multidimensional Remembrance Monitor – and MEMO Youth Study

From 2017 to 2022, five representative surveys of the general population on the state and status of the culture of remembrance in Germany were published. In 2022, a survey of young people between the ages of 16 and 25 supplemented the study series.

The Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Conflict and Violence (IKG) at Bielefeld University developed and conducted the studies. More than 80 experts from science and practical historical-political education – especially from the field of memorial sites – advised on the development of the questions and analysis of the results.

The MEMO studies show the most quantitatively empirically differentiated perspective on the German culture of remembrance – primarily related to National Socialism. Half of the respondents are **interested in history** (MEMO V). This makes it clear that 53% are open to historical arguments and narratives in terms of their sociopolitical positioning. An analysis of the responses of participants in the MEMO Youth Study reveals that 83% consider National Socialism and World War II to be a central event. This shows how relevant the work of the EVZ Foundation and its funded projects is.

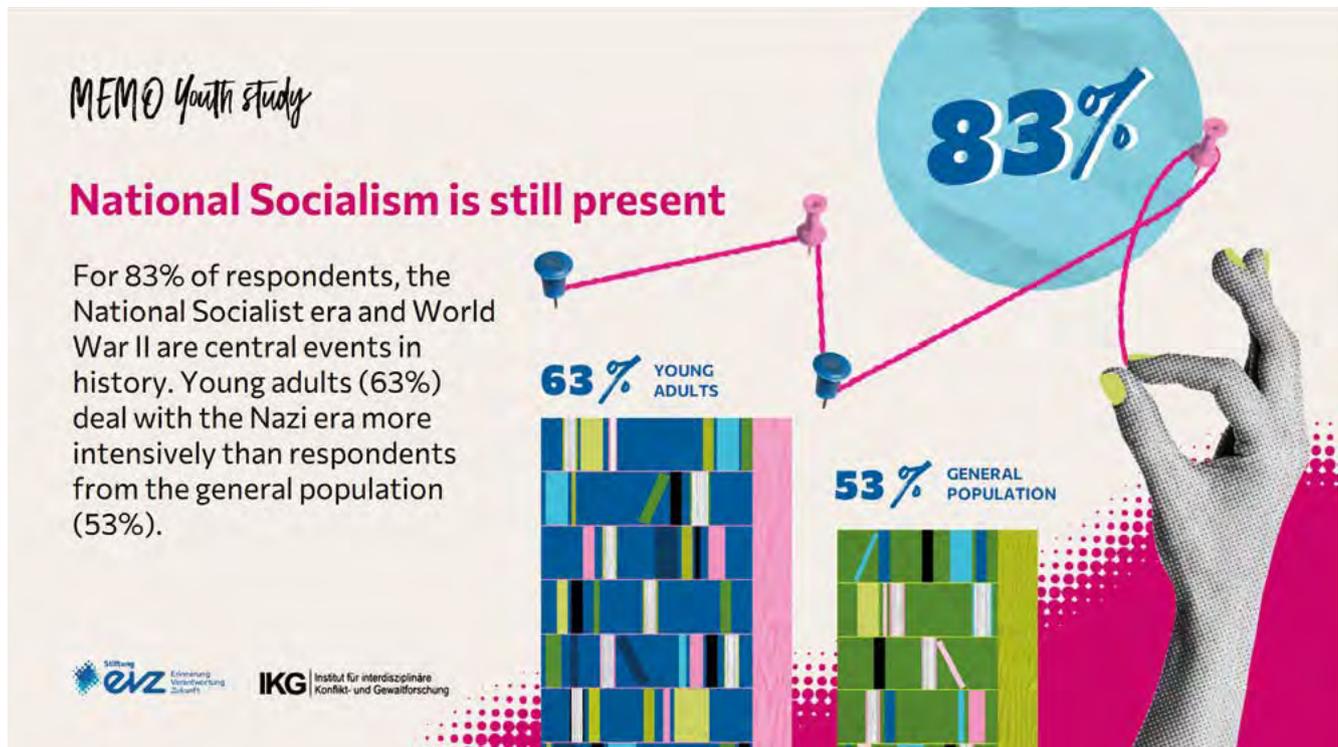
*Read the study findings:*

MEMO 5:

[www.stiftung-evz.de/en/memo](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/memo)

MEMO Youth Study:

[www.stiftung-evz.de/en/memo-youth-study/](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/memo-youth-study/)



# Donations & Transparency

“What can we do to live up to this past – or rather to the responsibility that has arisen from this past?”

This was the thinking behind a donation of Flex-Elektrowerkzeuge to the EVZ Foundation in 2022. The company celebrated its 100th anniversary last year. While researching its history, the company discovered that forced laborers under National Socialism were used in the production of armaments, and thus learned about the EVZ Foundation. The company decided to take a stand against discrimination and to educate about the injustices of National Socialism. Since the EVZ Foundation's inception, many donors – both companies and private individuals – have been supporting it with their contributions.

*Donation from Flex-Elektrowerkzeuge GmbH:*

[www.stiftung-evz.de/wer-wir-sind/neuigkeiten-aus-der-stiftung/neuigkeit/flex-elektrowerkzeuge-spendet-der-stiftung-evz-20000-euro/](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/wer-wir-sind/neuigkeiten-aus-der-stiftung/neuigkeit/flex-elektrowerkzeuge-spendet-der-stiftung-evz-20000-euro/)

## **EVZ Foundation: Transparent and Audited**

The EVZ Foundation publishes its earnings and expenses, including third-party funds, in its annual Activity Report. As a foundation under public law, it is subject to audit by the legal supervisory body (Federal Ministry of Finance) and by the Federal Office for Central Services and Unresolved Property Issues (BADV).

The EVZ Foundation is also a member of Transparency International Deutschland, the national chapter of Transparency International. The signatories undertake to publish key transparency information, thus creating trust and credibility with the public and donors. The EVZ Foundation endorses the Principles of Good Foundation Practice of the Federal Association of German Foundations and conducts its foundation work in an effective, transparent and diversity-sensitive manner.

[www.stiftung-evz.de/en/network](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/network)



## Donations

Learn more about how you can support the work of the EVZ Foundation on our donation page.

[www.stiftung-evz.de/spenden](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/spenden)

*Image caption: Sven Meier, Commercial Director of Flex-Elektrowerkzeuge (left) with Dr. Andrea Despot, CEO of the EVZ Foundation, and Jakob Meyer, Director of the EVZ Foundation, at the symbolic handover of the check*

# Committees

## Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees decides on all fundamental questions that fall within the scope of the EVZ Foundation. It shapes the focus of the Foundation's funding and activities, and establishes guidelines for the use of resources: [www.stiftung-evz.de/en/board-of-trustees](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/board-of-trustees)



## Board of Directors



The Board of Directors is responsible for current business activities of the EVZ Foundation and implements the resolutions of the Board of Trustees. It is responsible for designing the Foundation's strategy, developing the organization, and ensuring its resources are used for the designated economic purpose:

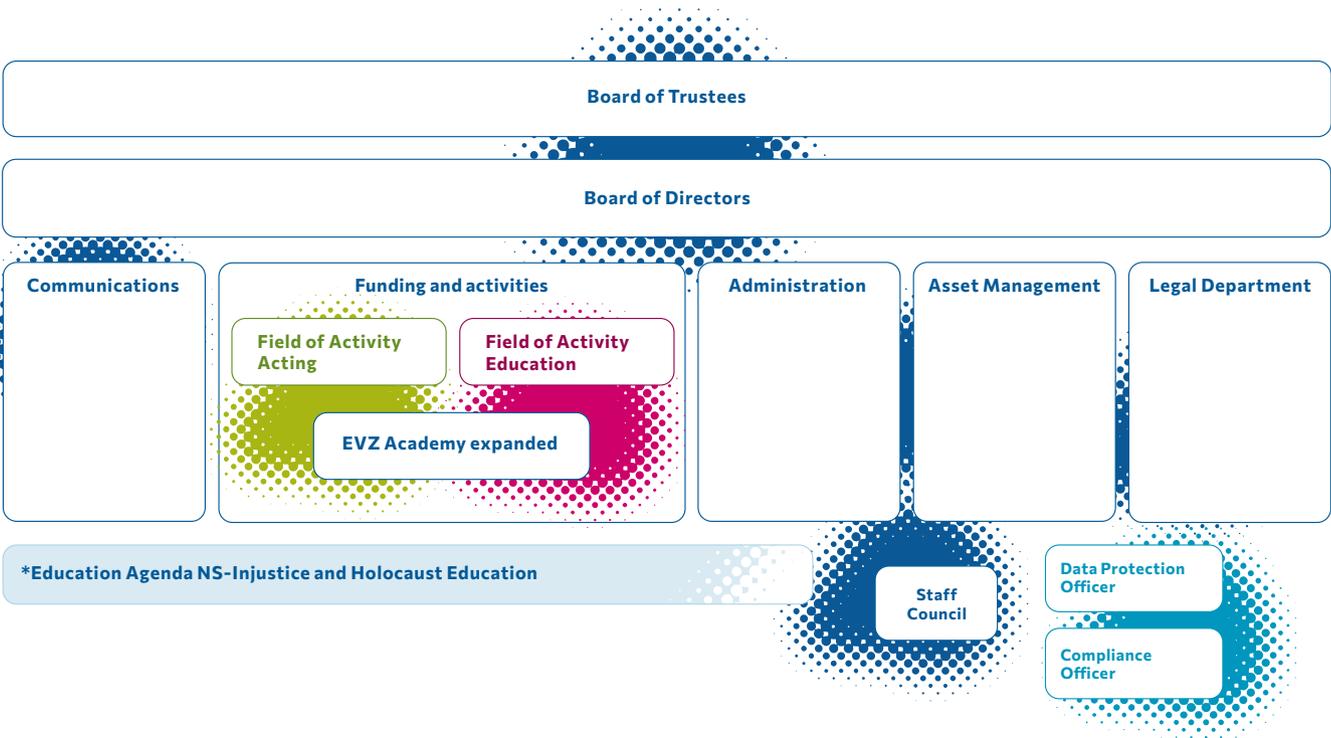
[www.stiftung-evz.de/en/board-of-directors](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/board-of-directors)

## Other Committees

The EVZ Foundation works with experts from various areas in addition to the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees. In the area of asset management, the Asset Management Advisory Committee and the Investment Commission convene. Also, external experts advise the Foundation, in juries for example, on the selection of projects. [www.stiftung-evz.de/en/finance-bodies](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/finance-bodies) | [www.stiftung-evz.de/en/network](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/network)

# Team EVZ

In 2022, almost 70 employees in the Berlin head office worked on the EVZ Foundation's projects and topics:  
[www.stiftung-evz.de/en/departement](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/departement)



# Financial report

## Foundation capital

When the EVZ Foundation was established, 700 million German marks (357.9 million euros) were set aside from the total assets as funding capital. The EVZ Foundation

finances its funding activities from the proceeds of this capital.

## Investment principles

The EVZ Foundation pursues three main objectives in the investment of its assets:

1. Capital investments are to generate sufficient ordinary net income and institutional expenses to cover the Foundation's funding activities at a controllable level of risk.

2. The capital is to retain its real, inflation-protected value over the long term.

3. The availability of adequate liquidity for the Foundation's ongoing business must be ensured at all times.

## Sustainability and transparency

The Board of Trustees of the EVZ Foundation adopted ESG Investment Guidelines in November 2021, paving the way for a more sustainable investment of the Foundation's assets. The focus is on environmental, social and corporate governance aspects that are linked to the Foundation's purpose. This includes, in particular, the exclusion of current forms of unfree labor and human rights violations in the financial investments. In this way, the Foundation aligns its Capital Investment Strategy with key social and political goals, as defined

in particular by the Paris Climate Agreement, the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the UN Global Compact.

The EVZ Foundation is a member of Transparency International's initiative Transparent Civil Society. The signatories of the initiative commit themselves to publishing ten transparency reports in order to strengthen trust and credibility for the public and donors: [www.stiftung-evz.de/en/transparency](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/transparency)

# Capital Investment Strategy

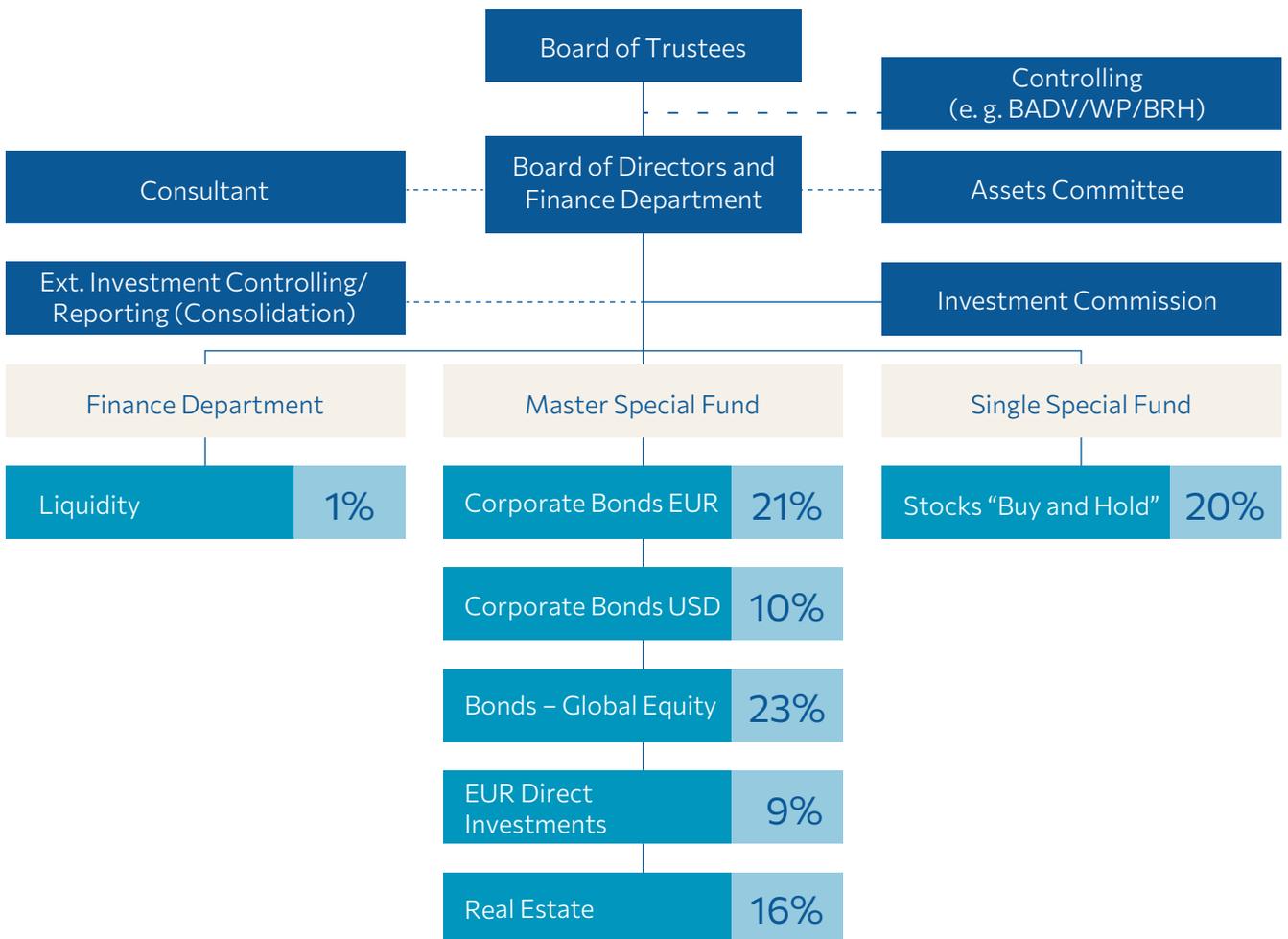
The EVZ Foundation’s investment strategy seeks to diversify risks as broadly as possible by investing in highly diversified asset classes including equities, pensions, property, and infrastructure. The EVZ Foundation’s asset management pursues the principle of a “steady hand.” Strategies and earnings targets are based on a long-term approach. Short-term disruptions on the capital markets do not lead to modifications of the EVZ Foundation’s Capital Investment Strategy. Nonetheless, the Capital Investment Strategy undergoes an in-depth review every year. Modifications to support tactical measures are still permitted. The Foundation’s asset investment process is documented in full, follows modern compliance requirements, and is designed so that decisions can be made on

the basis of scientific findings and up-to date knowledge at any time. Activities are consistently subjected to the multiple-control principle and the requirements for corporate governance in the capital investment area.

**As of December 31, 2022, the Foundation’s assets amounted to 557.4 million euros.**

**In 2022, the Foundation generated current income amounting to 16.6 million euros.**

All facts and figures on the Foundation’s assets can be found here: [www.stiftung-evz.de/en/finances](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/finances)



## Financial committees

The EVZ Foundation is supported by two financial committees: The Asset Management Advisory Committee and the Investment Commission. The Asset Management Advisory Committee generally meets once a year and provides the Board of Directors of the Foundation with advice regarding strategic matters and topics.

Operational decisions relating to the management of the EVZ Foundation's assets are made by the Investment Commission. The Board of Directors bears full responsibility for the decisions made by the body. The members of the financial committees can be found at:

[www.stiftung-evz.de/en/committees](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/committees).

## Audited

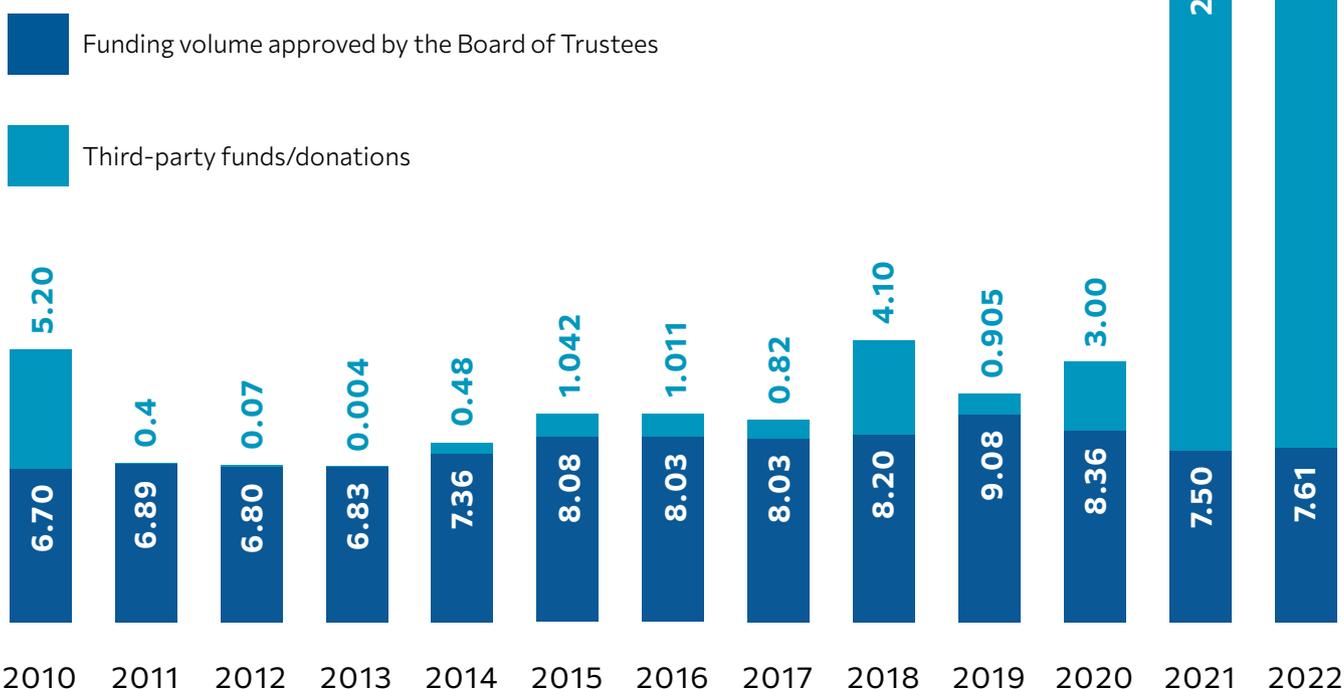
A total of 7.6 million euros were available for project funding in 2022 from the investment income of the Foundation's assets. This amount was supplemented by third-party funds and donations (see chart below). The annual financial statements of the EVZ Foundation are compiled in accordance with the provisions of the German Commercial Code (HGB). An audit of the execution of the EVZ Foundation's budget is conducted annually as per the German Federal Budget Act by the Federal Office for Central Services and Unresolved Property Issues

(BADV) and the Federal Central Tax Office (BZSt), which are commissioned by the legal supervisory body of the EVZ Foundation. In accordance with the EVZStiftG (law establishing a Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future) and the EVZ Foundation's Statutes, the Federal Audit Office also has the right to conduct audits, which is exercised at irregular intervals.

All project funding facts and figures can be found at [www.stiftung-evz.de/en/facts-and-figures](http://www.stiftung-evz.de/en/facts-and-figures).

## Funding activities as of 31.12.2022

(in million euros)



The funding activities of the Foundation EVZ are financed by funds from the Foundation and third-party funds. The increase in third-party funding in 2021 and 2022 is largely attributable to funding from the Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF). Another third-party donor is the Federal Foreign Office.

Approved projects (399), total:	<b>17.557 million euros</b>
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## Key figures for 2022\*

Excerpt from the balance sheet (acc. to German Commercial Code, HGB)

<b>Assets</b>	
Financial assets	<b>467.1 million euros</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Basic assets	<b>357.9 million euros</b>
Revenue reserves	<b>103.2 million euros</b>
Payables resulting from project funding	<b>26.7 million euros</b>
Annual net profit	<b>6.7 million euros</b>
<b>Balance sheet total</b>	<b>512.8 million euros</b>

\* as of 10.05.2023

## Cost expenditure at a glance

Purpose of the Foundation	<b>7.6 million euros</b>
Personnel	<b>2.3 million euros</b>
Public relations work	<b>0.1 million euros</b>
Administration	<b>1.4 million euros</b>

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*Last winter, more than 200 survivors of Nazi persecution were given camping lanterns to help them even during power outages due to the Russian attacks on the power grid. Pictured is NS survivor Yaroslav Bitsch (b. 1938) from the village of Yevhenivka in the Mykolaiv region.*

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