

SUPPORT MEASURES

for business, trades and professionals, as well as for municipal and private investors in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern



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Dear Entrepreneurs,
Business Founders and Investors,

The economy is growing and the labor market is in the best shape it has been since reunification. Over the last 10 years, the number of employees in jobs that pay more than the social security threshold has risen by around 50,000. Despite this overall positive trend, we want to help improve career prospects for more people in the primary labor market by encouraging them to settle and expand here in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. That is why we are continually improving the business environment.

Digitalization is progressing in many aspects of life and work. A number of support programs have been launched in the Ministry of Economics, Employment and Health. We are responding to changes in the economy with the entry into force of the new guideline governing on-the-job training of employees in companies. Needs are growing, and specialization and skills are required; more and more innovations are being introduced into the production processes. That is why, in addition to the tried-and-tested education vouchers, the new program of support measures will, for the first time, also directly support businesses' training projects. Process innovations will also be supported.

The Ministry of Economics, Employment and Health's guideline on the employment of qualified staff is also new. Its purpose is to help small and medium-sized enterprises in the manufacturing industry employ graduates with technical university degrees with a view to driving forward the expansion of capacity in engineering and IT.

European guidelines specify new maximum funding levels for companies with effect from 2018. Attractive support options are available in coming years, too. The amounts of support in the district of Vorpommern-Greifswald are unchanged and will remain valid until the end of the current support period.

In research and development, we will continue to support co-operation between businesses and our universities and non-university research facilities with attractive support measures.

As you can see, we have also launched a number of programs designed in particular to strengthen small and medium-sized enterprises, which are so important for our federal state. This brochure is once again intended to give you precise information about the financial support that is available from EU, national and regional funds. Take this opportunity to invest in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, the federal state for life and work.

Welcome to Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.



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1. Commercial investments/networks

1.1 Joint Agreement for the Improvement of Regional Economic Structures (GRW): projects in business and the tourism industry*

What is supported?

Investment projects in business (including tourism) that create or secure permanent jobs or training positions in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

The following investments by SMEs¹ can be supported:

- ▶ Establishment of a new facility.
- ▶ Expansion of an existing facility.
- ▶ Diversification of production into products not previously manufactured there
- ▶ Fundamental change to the overall production process.
- ▶ Acquisition of assets directly associated with a facility, providing the facility has been closed or would have been closed without the acquisition thereof, and providing the assets are acquired by an investor completely unconnected with the vendor. In the case of small enterprises taken over by family members of the original owner or by former employees, the condition that the assets must be acquired by third parties completely unconnected to the vendor is waived.

The following initial investment plans by large enterprises in a new commercial activity can be supported:

- ▶ Investments in business assets to establish a new facility or to diversify the activity of a facility, providing the new activity is not the same as or similar to an activity previously carried out in the facility.
- ▶ Acquisition of assets in a facility that has been closed or would have been closed without the acquisition thereof and that is acquired by an investor completely unconnected with the vendor, providing the new activity to be carried out with the acquired assets is not the same as or similar to an activity previously carried out in the facility prior to the acquisition.

Who is supported?

Those entitled to apply: commercial enterprises implementing investment projects in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern that are eligible for support and that sell their products and services predominantly (more than 50% of turnover) supra-regionally, i.e. in a radius of more than 50 kilometers as well as tourism organizations whose turnover is predominantly generated from services for the tourist industry.



In addition to the sectors that are already excluded by the coordination framework of the GRW, the following industries/sectors are excluded from support:

- ▶ Horticulture and landscaping
- ▶ Asphalt and concrete mixing facilities
- ▶ Waste disposal
- ▶ Publishers
- ▶ Media, radio and TV broadcasters and similar
- ▶ Printers
- ▶ Wholesalers, mail order companies
- ▶ Manufacturers of fuels substitute fuels and biogas if not primarily intended for a business's own use
- ▶ Market and opinion research
- ▶ Agricultural and forestry contractors
- ▶ Crane companies and other businesses that provide services using vehicles or other mobile assets (mobile service providers)
- ▶ Civic halls and similar venues that are used for regional or municipal events
- ▶ Vacation apartments and homes
- ▶ Movie theaters, bars, discotheques, fitness centers, bowling centers, bowling alleys and similar facilities
- ▶ Restaurants
- ▶ Combined indoor outdoor pools, water parks and leisure pools publicly funded by municipalities or operated by them
- ▶ Renting and leasing

How is the support provided?

In principle, the support is provided as a capital grant.

The following basic funding levels apply with effect from January 1, 2018:

	MV excluding VG district	VG district
Small enterprises	25%	35%
Medium-sized enterprises	15%	25%
Large enterprises	10%*	15%

*Basic funding level is equivalent to maximum funding

For small and medium-sized enterprises according to the EU definition of SMEs¹

¹ see notes on page 205



The basic funding level can be increased by up to 5 percentage points up to the maximum level permitted by legislation on state aid and may be granted depending on the following conditions:

- ▶ Manufacturing industry project.
- ▶ Competition between locations is an aspect of the project.
- ▶ Establishment of central corporate functions.
- ▶ Establishment in/expansion into economically underdeveloped regions.
- ▶ Projects that are particularly innovative or are linked to high R&D potential.
- ▶ Efforts by the enterprise to improve work-life balance.
- ▶ Efforts by the enterprise in terms of environmental management.
- ▶ The enterprise is committed to a collective agreement under the Collective Agreement Act.

If the jobs that are created or secured are remunerated at rates below those in a collective agreement or equivalent, 5 percentage points will be deducted from the basic funding level. Large enterprises that pay less than the rates in a collective agreement or equivalent are excluded from this support.

The subsidy value of all public assistance claimed may not exceed the aforementioned maximum support rates defined in the GRW coordination framework. The number of permanent jobs to be created and secured is used to determine the proportion of total expenditure represented by investment expenditure that is eligible for support in accordance with the provisions of the guideline on support for businesses in the GRW.

Only investment expenditure up to €750,000 per job created and €500,000 per job secured is eligible for support. When ascertaining the number of jobs created and secured, we count only jobs that are or will be filled by permanent employees with whom the company concludes only employment contracts for jobs that pay more than the social security threshold and that are predominantly of indefinite duration and for which the hourly rate is not less than the applicable statutory minimum wage (employee's gross pay). Jobs that are planned to be filled by temporary staff are disregarded when determining the number of jobs created.

Furthermore, the assessment basis for this support is restricted as follows:

- ▶ In principle, the purchase of intangible assets, the acquisition of real estate and land, and the recipient's own work are not supported.
- ▶ In principle, no grants are made for wage costs.
- ▶ Investments to create additional bed capacity are not supported.
- ▶ Expenditure to acquire or manufacture assets from or by companies affiliated or partnered with the recipient of the support or closely connected with the recipient via natural persons are only eligible for support if the acquisition or manufacture has come about as a result of public tenders by the recipient of the support.
- ▶ Capitalizable financing costs (interest during construction) are not eligible for support.

Exceptions from the above restrictions may be made by the Ministry of Economics, Employment and Health in exceptional well-founded cases, providing the conditions of the coordination framework are met.



There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Recipient's own contribution free of support:

The recipient of the grant must contribute at least 25% of the expenditure that is eligible for support either from his or her own resources or from third-party resources that do not include any sort of public support.

Application/contact:

Formal application is made to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute before the investment project starts. The investment start is the conclusion of a contract for supplies or services awarded for the implementation of the project and, in the case of building projects, also the actual start of the building work. Planning work, the initiation of permit procedures or the acquisition of land are not regarded as the start of the investment project.

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1.2 Loans to support micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises including self-employed professionals in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (BMV loan)*

What is supported?

Funding for investments, holdings or resources with the aim of creating and securing jobs.

Who is supported?

Micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises, in accordance with the EU's definition of SMEs¹ including self-employed professionals, with their registered offices or facilities in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Predominantly national sales of the manufactured products or services offered (see sections 1.1 and 1.2) are not necessary. Certain sectors are excluded in principle from this support.

How is the support provided?

Loans can be granted under the following terms:

Financing proportion: Maximum of €500,000

Minimum amount: €20,000

Payment: 100%

Interest rate: Fixed-interest, pursuant to information from the Commission on changes to the method for setting the reference and discount rates, at a free-of-aid rate determined according to the risk-adjusted BMV interest system. The free-of-aid interest rate may be reduced to an individual market rate that covers the risk on a case-by-case basis within the "de minimis" limits permitted under legislation on state aid.

Term: Maximum 20 years or 8 years for loans for resources.

Fixed interest period: Maximum 10 years or 8 years for loans for resources.

Repayment: In equal quarterly installments, maximum of two repayment-free years; early repayment possible at any time.

Securities: Loans secured on property; if not available to a sufficient extent, enforceable execution of a notarized acknowledgment of a debt.

The grant of the loan is subsidiary to financing by the borrower's bank. The applicant's ability to service the debt must be demonstrated by suitable documentation. The applicant must ensure that the project is financed in full. Any capital resources that are available must be used to a reasonable extent.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made to the guarantor bank Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start.

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1.3 Support for measures to increase growth and employment in the health-care industry*

What is supported?

Support is provided for projects to fund network structures and marketing activities as well as accompanying innovation and investment projects to increase the adaptability and competitiveness of players in the health-care industry. Projects in the health-care industry to strengthen the competitiveness of enterprises in the federal state by helping SMEs¹ secure specialized staff are also supported.

Who is supported?

Natural persons and legal entities in the private and public sectors with a relevant connection to the health-care industry may receive support. In the case of businesses, the European Commission's definition of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)¹ applies.

How is the support provided?

The grant is made through pro rata financing and comprises a non-repayable grant for the eligible expenditure. In principle, the support for networks lasts up to two years for up to 75% of the eligible expenditure. A network can, in principle, receive up to a total of €150,000 in support. Support for marketing activities is geared in individual cases to the regional political interest in the measure and in principle may be up to 75% or, exceptionally, up to 90% of the eligible expenditure.

There is no legal entitlement to support. The de minimis regulations apply where relevant.



Application/contact:

The Ministry of Economics, Employment and Health of the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern plans to invite entries for a competition of ideas. Formal application before the project starts is made to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute, which can also provide information on other provisions.

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1.4 Entrepreneur loan (KfW)

What is supported?

Financing of investments and resources for medium-sized enterprises and self-employed professionals in Germany and abroad.

Who is supported?

German and foreign commercial enterprises (manufacturing industry, the skilled trades, commerce and other service industry) and professionals that have been active on the market for at least 5 years (business start-up). The annual group turnover of affiliated enterprises may not exceed €500 million. Private individuals who let or lease commercial real estate can also finance projects in this program.

The following are eligible to apply for projects abroad:

- ▶ German commercial enterprises and self-employed professionals working in Germany.
- ▶ Subsidiaries of these German companies with their registered offices abroad and
- ▶ joint ventures abroad with a substantial German holding.

Highly preferential terms are available to small and medium-sized enterprises according to the EU definition of SMEs¹

How is the support provided?

Long-term loans with favorable conditions for up to 100% of the eligible costs for investment and resources. Maximum loan amount €25 million per project. Highly preferential terms are available to small and medium-sized enterprises according to the EU definition of SMEs¹

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

Further information:

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1.5 ERP Regional Promotion Program (KfW)

What is supported?

Financing of investment for small and medium-sized enterprises in German regional promotion areas according to the EU definition of SMEs¹. This includes all locations in the new federal states.

Who is supported?

Applicants that have been active on the market for at least five years:

- ▶ Small and medium-sized enterprises in Germany and abroad according to the EU definition of SMEs¹.
- ▶ Self-employed professionals
- ▶ Natural persons letting or leasing commercial real estate.

Particularly preferential conditions may apply for small enterprises.

How is the support provided?

Long-term loans of up to 100% of the eligible investment costs and a maximum of €3 million per project in the new federal states and Berlin as well as in the regional promotion areas in the old federal states are provided.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

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2. Start-ups

2.1 Support for business succession in the skilled trades in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (master tradesperson's award)

What is supported?

The master tradesperson's award is a grant to master tradespersons in connection with their starting their first business through an acquisition.

Who is supported?

Natural persons, including shareholders in partnerships and incorporated companies, that want to acquire an existing business as a full-time occupation and hence start a new business for the first time. If the business is acquired jointly by more than one master trades person, only one master tradesperson's award will be granted per acquisition.

The applicant must have his or her primary residence and the registered office of his or her business in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and have passed the master's examination in a skilled trade, an industrial master's examination or hold an equivalent qualification from a university or technical college or submit an exception permit from the chamber of skilled trades and crafts permitting him to exercise the activity until the master's examination has been completed.

As part of the acquisition, the majority of the existing jobs in the business that pay more than the social security threshold must be maintained for at least 12 months with the same level of employment as previously, and hence be secured. If the business to be acquired does not involve any jobs that pay more than the social security threshold, at least one extra job must be created in addition to the business successor's job. This job must involve full-time employment that pays more than the social security threshold, for a period of at least 12 months. An employment relationship with the vendor of the business is disregarded in this respect. The job to be created must have minimum remuneration at least equivalent to that in collective agreements. The activity of the business to be acquired must correspond to the master's training of the business successor.

How is the support provided?

A one-off grant of €7,500. The approved support constitutes de minimis state aid within the meaning of (EU) Regulation no. 1407/2013.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

Formal application is made to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

The application documents can be downloaded on the Internet at www.lfi-mv.de.

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2.2 Support for entrepreneurship*

What is supported?

Measures aimed at improving the climate—particularly for knowledge-based start-ups, strengthening a positive attitude toward self-employment and autonomy, and encouraging innovative start-ups. The activities must have a particular structural and political significance from the viewpoint of the federal state.

This is particularly seen in measures that:

- ▶ are carried out in conjunction with universities, research institutes and technology centers, promote entrepreneurial thinking among students and academics, inform and advise them on the opportunities for establishing new businesses, and support them in doing so;
- ▶ address the topic of business succession as a meaningful alternative to establishing a new business and provide support through specialized offerings in terms of skills, consulting and coordination;
- ▶ publicly highlight opportunities for self-employment; and connect potential support offerings.

The measures must be particularly aimed at the following target groups:

- ▶ Students, graduates and academics
- ▶ People involved in a business succession

Who is supported?

Natural persons and legal entities in the private and public sectors.

How is the support provided?

Grant of up to 90% of the eligible expenditure. In exceptional cases, grants of up to 100% may be approved if the purpose of the grant can only be met if the federal state pays all the eligible expenditure.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application is made to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Office of Health and Social Affairs, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start.

**Landesamt für Gesundheit und Soziales Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
(Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Office of Health and Social Affairs)**

Erich-Schlesinger-Straße 35, 18059 Rostock

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www.lagus.mv-regierung.de



2.3 Support for business founders through grants of micro loans in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

What is supported?

Closure of a funding gap found during budgeting based on a project-related business plan that cannot be covered by other available sources of funding, e.g., available equity, other credit or loans.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Start-ups prior to starting business activity or as part of an acquisition.
- ▶ Entrepreneurs in the growth phase within the first 36 months of taking up a commercial activity, in connection with creating an additional job or training position that pays more than the social security threshold.

How is the support provided?

Loan prior to taking up the commercial activity:

- ▶ Up to €10,000 in relation to the start-up project.
- ▶ Up to another €10,000 if, in addition to the founder's job, another job or training position that pays more than the social security threshold is created.
- ▶ Up to €20,000 for a business acquisition.
- ▶ If a commercial bank participates in the financing, a loan of a sufficient amount, but not exceeding €20,000, may be granted.

Loans within the first 36 months of taking up the business activity:

- ▶ Up to €10,000 if, in addition to the founder's job, another job or training position that pays more than the social security threshold is created.
- ▶ If a commercial bank participates in the financing, a loan of a sufficient amount, but not exceeding €20,000, may be granted.

The support takes the form of a fixed-interest loan, repayable in installments, with a term of up to five years; a repayment deferment of up to 12 months is possible. The interest rate is fixed and is 5% per annum on the remaining debt for the entire term of the loan. Early repayment of the loan is possible at any time.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before work starts is made to the Structural and Labor Market Development Company which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start.

**Gesellschaft für Struktur- und Arbeitsmarktentwicklung mbH (GSA)
(Structural and Labor Market Development Company)**

Schulstraße 1-3, 19055 Schwerin

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Postfach 11 11 17, 19011 Schwerin

Phone: 0385 55775-45

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www.gsa-schwerin.de



2.4 Support for business founders and business successors to obtain qualifications through education vouchers*

What is supported?

Support is provided for participation in measures to advise and support would-be business founders or business successors and to help them obtain qualifications. Basic courses for skills, along with advice and support prior to starting or taking over the business can be supported.

Who is supported?

Natural persons who intend to become independent by starting a new business, taking over an existing business or beginning work as a self-employed professional.

How is the support provided?

The grant is awarded in the form of education vouchers. A grant of up to 80% of the eligible expenditure can be made as follows:

- ▶ For participation in a measure that provides a basic business qualification (basic course of 48 hours up to €490 per student).
- ▶ For the utilization of consulting and support (up to two days of eight hours).
- ▶ For business successors, when justified, two additional consulting and support days (of eight hours). The advice and support services must relate to the negotiation process between the potential vendor and potential buyer (fixing the purchase price, financing, development of strategies for continuing the business and so on).
- ▶ For innovative technology start-ups or business successions, two additional consulting and support days (of eight hours) may be supported when justified. The consulting and support services must relate to issues of commercial property rights, copyright, patent searches or similar.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal applications must be made to the responsible chamber of commerce and industry or chamber of skilled trades and crafts in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern before the measure starts.

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The chambers of commerce and industry and chambers of skilled trades and crafts in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions.



2.5 Support for innovative technology and science-based start-ups in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern through subsistence aid (MV business founders' grant)*

What is supported?

Support is provided in the form of subsistence aid to business founders of innovative technology and science-based start-ups from universities, research institutes, technology centers and companies.

Who is supported?

Natural persons who want to become independent by establishing a new business or have done so within the last 12 months. In particular, this includes start-ups by graduates and academic employees as defined by Section 66 of the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern universities act, providing they graduated or their last employment at a university or research institute that was subject to compulsory deductions was no longer than five years ago.

Providing the start-up meets the above conditions, persons are also eligible who have completed vocational training and can demonstrate that they have at least three years' relevant work experience.

How is the support provided?

For a maximum of 18 months; however, the start-up must be completed within 12 months. The grant is paid for the first time in the month that the business is established. If the business is established prior to application, the grant can only be paid from the date of application.

The level of the personal aid depends on the academic qualification of the founder:

- ▶ With a university degree: €1,200 per month.
- ▶ With a higher degree €1,400 per month.
- ▶ A child allowance of €100 per child and month is paid for the founder's dependent children.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

The business plan must be formally submitted to the Structural and Labor Market Development Company. The subsequent application is subject to a vote on the business plan by a specialized jury.

**Gesellschaft für Struktur- und Arbeitsmarktentwicklung mbH (GSA)
(Structural and Labor Market Development Company)**

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2.6 Venture capital for young innovative enterprises and business founders (Venture Capital Fund)*

What is supported?

Finance is provided for young technology enterprises in their early phases (seed, start-up and initial expansion phases). All costs of research and development up to the market launch of innovative products, processes or technical services are financed. In addition to the venture capital, the entrepreneurs receive professional management support.

Who is supported?

Young, innovative and growth-oriented micro- and small enterprises according to the EU definition of SMEs¹ in the legal form of an incorporated company with registered offices or significant facilities in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and that are not yet active on the market (seed phase), or companies that have been active for fewer than seven years since their first commercial sale or were registered in the commercial register no more than five years previously (start-up phase). The target enterprises should develop products, services or processes in the foreseeable future that are geared to an identifiable market need and bear the risk of a technical or industrial failure. Only businesses that are likely to help create added value in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in the foreseeable future are eligible for support.

How is the support provided?

The fund invests up to €1.5 million either as an open holding only (minority holding) or in a combination of open and silent holdings in a co-investment with private investors. This amount may be increased to a maximum of €3 million on a case-by-case basis.

The precise terms of the holding are governed in individual contracts. A clear commitment is expected from the founders.

There is no legal entitlement to venture capital from the fund.

Application/contact:

Submission of an outline of the concept/business plan to GENIUS Venture Capital GmbH is deemed to be an application.

Other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start are available from: [GENIUS Venture Capital GmbH](#)

Hagenower Straße 73, 19061 Schwerin

Phone: 0385 3993-500

E-mail: info@genius-vc.de

www.genius-vc.de

www.technologiefonds-mv.de

2.7 EXIST business founders' grant

What is supported?

The EXIST business founders' grant is provided by the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) to support students, graduates and academics from universities and non-university research facilities who would like to turn their start-up ideas into business plans. The start-up projects should be innovative-technology -oriented or science-based projects (services) with good prospects for commercial success.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Academics from public, non-profit, non-university research facilities or universities.
- ▶ Graduates and former academic staff (up to five years after graduation or departure).
- ▶ Students who have completed at least half of their degrees at the time of application.
- ▶ Teams of founders comprising up to three people. Teams consisting predominantly of students will only be supported in exceptional cases.
- ▶ One of the team members may also be granted support even with qualifications resulting from vocational training as a technician; or one of the team members may have graduated more than five years previously.

How is the support provided?

Grant of up to 100% of the eligible expenditure. Staff costs are supported in the form of personal grants for up to three people of:

- ▶ Founders with doctorate degrees: €3,000 per month
- ▶ Graduates with university degrees: €2,500 per month
- ▶ Technician: €1,000 per month
- ▶ Child allowance: €150 per month and child

Material expenses may be recognized at the level of €10,000 for individual start-ups and up to €30,000 for team start-ups. An additional €5,000 may be granted for start-up coaching and consulting. The maximum term of the support is one year.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

Universities or non-university research facilities must make a formal application before work starts in writing and in electronic form to the project sponsor, who can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start. Applications can be submitted at any time.

**Project Management Jülich
Jülich Research Center**

Berlin office

Zimmerstraße 26–27, 10969 Berlin

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<http://www.exist.de/DE/Programm/Exist-Gruenderstipendium/inhalt.html/>

2.8 Support for taking up self-employment: - Start-up grant

What is the assistance?

Employees who take up self-employment as their main occupation and thereby end a period of unemployment may be awarded a start-up grant to cover their subsistence and social security contributions in the period after start-up.

Who receives the assistance?

A start-up grant may be paid if the employee is entitled to unemployment benefits of at least 150 days prior to taking up self-employment.

Moreover, the sustainability of the start-up must be demonstrated to the employment office, including the submission of a statement by a specialized center such as, in particular, chambers of commerce and industry, chambers of skilled trades and crafts, professional chambers, trade associations and financial institutions.

The founder must demonstrate his or her knowledge and abilities to carry out a self-employed activity.

What is the level of the assistance?

The start-up grant is made in two phases.

Founders can receive a start-up grant for six months in the amount of their last unemployment benefit for subsistence plus €300 per month for social security contributions.

A total of €300 per month to cover social security contributions may be granted for another nine months if intensive business activity and entrepreneurial activity as a primary occupation can be demonstrated.

Further information:

www.arbeitsagentur.de



2.9 ERP business founders' loan, start-up capital (KfW)

What is supported?

All forms of business start-up, i.e., the foundation, acquisition of a business and the acquisition of an active holding, providing the project is expected to deliver sustainable economic success; also, a sideline that is geared to become a full-time occupation in the medium term and consolidation measures within five years of taking up the business activity.

Who is supported?

Natural persons starting up a business or self-employed living in Germany or implementing consolidation measures with a project start within five years of taking up the business activity as well as small enterprises according to the EU¹ definition of SMEs that have been in the market for fewer than five years. The prerequisite is that at least one shareholder meets the application conditions for natural persons.

How is the support provided?

Long-term loans of up to €100,000 (investment and resources), of which €30,000 for resources. Financing can cover up to 100% of the total required borrowing. A second application is possible providing the maximum amount of support has not been exceeded.

The ERP business founders' loan, universal, is available for projects requiring higher levels of borrowing (see next page).

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

Further information:

**Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe
(KfW Group information center)**

Phone: 0800 539 9001

www.kfw.de/067

2.10 ERP business founders' loan, universal (KfW)

What is supported?

All forms of business start-up, i.e., the foundation, acquisition of a business and the acquisition of an active holding, providing the project is expected to deliver sustainable economic success; also, a sideline as well as consolidation measures within five years of taking up the business activity.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Natural persons starting a business or self-employed living or implementing consolidation measures within five years of taking up the business activity. The founder must have the necessary technical and commercial aptitude for the business activity.
- ▶ Natural persons taking over a commercial business or taking or increasing a holding in the context of a business succession, even if the business is more than five years old.
- ▶ Self-employed professionals and businesses within five years of taking up the business activity who meet the conditions for small and medium-sized enterprises in accordance with the EU¹ definition.
- ▶ Self-employed professionals and larger medium-sized commercial enterprises within the first five years after taking up the business activity in majority private ownership and with group turnover not exceeding €500 million.

Medium-sized enterprises and self-employed professionals from Germany with projects abroad; subsidiaries of German enterprises with their registered offices abroad and joint ventures with a German controlling interest are eligible to apply.

How is the support provided?

Long-term loan of up to €25 million per project. Financing can cover up to 100% of eligible costs of investment and resources.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

Further information:

Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe
(KfW Group information center)

Phone: 0800 539 9001

www.kfw.de/073



2.11 ERP capital for start-ups (KfW)

What is supported?

All forms of business start-up, i.e., the foundation or acquisition of a business and the acquisition of an active holding as well as consolidation measures within three years of taking up the business activity.

A new start-up can be supported if there are no liabilities from an earlier self-employed activity.

Who is supported?

Natural persons starting up a business or self-employed living in Germany or implementing consolidation measures within three years of taking up the business activity. The criteria for small and medium-sized enterprises according to the EU definition of SMEs¹ must be met.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

How is the support provided?

Long-term loan of up to €500,000 per applicant. In the new federal states, the equity invested should be at least 10% of the eligible costs. This can be topped up with a subordinated loan of up to 50% of the eligible costs.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

Further information:

**Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe
(KfW Group information center)**

Phone: 0800 539 9001

www.kfw.de/058



3. Guarantees and participations

3.1 Guarantees from the Bürgschaftsbank Mecklenburg-Vorpommern GmbH (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern guarantee bank)

What is supported?

Securitization of loans up to an amount of €1.563 million for projects, e.g., start-ups, acquisitions, partnerships, investments, relocations, stock and order financing, equipment loans, and guaranteed credit.

Who is supported?

Small and medium-sized commercial enterprises in accordance with the EU¹ definition of SMEs, business founders, business successors and self-employed professionals.

How is the support provided?

Guarantee up to a maximum of 80% of the loan.

There is no legal entitlement to be granted a guarantee.

Application/contact:

Formal application before work starts is made by the beneficiary's own bank to the guarantor bank Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions.

Bürgschaftsbank Mecklenburg-Vorpommern GmbH

Ludwig-Bölkow-Haus
Graf-Schack-Allee 12, 19053 Schwerin

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Postfach 160155, 19091 Schwerin
Phone: 0385 39555-0
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www.bbm-v.de



3.2 Indemnity bonds issued by the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

What is supported?

Securitization of loans with a volume of between €1.5 million and €12.5 million for economically eligible and commercially viable investment projects as well as for equipment loans including guaranteed credit.

Who is supported?

Commercial enterprises and other commercial business establishments in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern with a facility pursuant to Section 12 of the German Tax Code. The need for financing must relate to the facility.

How is the support provided?

Guarantee up to a maximum of 80% of the loan.

There is no legal entitlement to be granted a guarantee.

Application/contact:

Formal application before work starts is made by the beneficiary's own bank to PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start.

PricewaterhouseCoopers AG

Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft

Werderstraße 74 d, 19055 Schwerin

Postal address:

Postfach 11 11 33, 19003 Schwerin

Phone: 0385 5924111

<https://www.pwc.de/de/offentliche-unternehmen/landesbuergschaften-mecklenburg-vorpommern.html>



3.3 Federal indemnity bonds

What is supported?

Indemnity bonds with a proportion of up to a total of 80% with parallel incorporation of the federal states for new loans of over €12.5 million to be granted for investments, equipment and guaranteed credit. The indemnity bond is a substitute for insufficient loan securitization options. The project must be economically and functionally eligible. The EU's requirements on aid must be observed.

Who is supported?

Commercial enterprises in the new federal states that are implementing projects in the new federal states and are in full or majority private ownership. The enterprises must offer a warranty that the guarantee loans will be serviced properly (affordability of the project) through a reasonable equity participation by their shareholders.

How is the support provided?

The guarantees are only accepted for projects that are not covered by the guarantee programs of the guarantor banks and for which exclusively regional guarantees cannot be considered.

There is no legal entitlement to be granted a guarantee.

Application/contact:

Informal applications must be submitted via PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, Berlin before the project starts. PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, Berlin will process these applications and manage the commitment for the term of the guarantees and provide information on other program-specific provisions.

PricewaterhouseCoopers AG

Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft

Potsdamer Platz 11, 10785 Berlin

Phone: 030 2636-1204

www.pwc.com/de



3.4 Equity capital from of the Mittelständische Beteiligungsgesellschaft Mecklenburg-Vorpommern mbH

What is supported and how is the support provided?

Improvement of the equity capitalization of small businesses and the skilled trades in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern via silent partnerships to finance cooperations, innovations, adjustments as part of structural change, formations and business successions, expansions, fundamental rationalizations or adjustments.

The holdings can also be entered into to finance research and development work in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (innovation holdings). This also includes the manufacture and piloting of prototypes; adaptation developments until market launch of technically novel or essentially improved products, procedures or technical services; and investments until market launch.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Who is supported?

Small and medium-sized commercial enterprises according to the EU definition of SMEs¹.

Application/contact:

**Mittelständische Beteiligungsgesellschaft
Mecklenburg-Vorpommern mbH**

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Graf-Schack-Allee 12, 19053 Schwerin

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www.mbm-v.de

3.5 INVEST venture capital grant

What is supported?

Support is provided to private investors (natural persons) who acquire holdings in young innovative enterprises. The support is provided in the form of a grant.

Who is supported?

Natural persons who acquire newly issued shares or stock ("shares") in an innovative, small enterprise are eligible to apply. The natural persons may make use of a limited-liability investment company or investment enterprise company ("Unternehmergeellschaft") with up to six shareholders, all of whom must be natural persons.

How is the support provided?

The level of support is 20% of the share issue price.

Grants may be awarded up to a maximum investment amount of €500,000 per investor per annum, the maximum amount of grant is €100,000.

Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of €3 million per enterprise per annum. Therefore, grants up to a total value of €600,000 per enterprise per annum may be awarded to investors. In the process, the enterprise may only have previously received no more than €15 million in total as risk capital, including the holding to be supported.

Contacts:

Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle BAFA (Federal Office of Economics and Export Control)

Referat 411 – INVEST Wagniskapital, Herstellerabschlage, Digitale Dividende
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www.bafa.de/invest

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4. Management consulting/training

4.1 Consulting for commercial enterprises in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern*

What is supported?

- ▶ Consulting on financing and securing liquidity
- ▶ Consulting on optimizing production processes including increasing efficiency of resources
- ▶ Consulting on optimizing energy efficiency
- ▶ Consulting on environmental management
- ▶ Consulting on the planning and implementation of investments during growth spurts
- ▶ Consulting on preparing for the launch of products, technologies and services in national and in particular foreign markets
- ▶ Consulting on preparing for business succession

Who is supported?

Enterprises in the manufacturing industry (including processing waste into secondary raw materials and the recovery of resources from waste), commerce, the skilled trades, the hospitality and tourist industries, the service industry and the transport industry. Self-employed professionals are excluded from the support.

Recipients of the support should have at least four full-time employees in jobs that pay more than the social security threshold (full-time equivalent, excluding trainees) at the time of approval.

The facility must be located in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The enterprise must have been active on the market for at least two calendar years at the time of application.

How is the support provided?

A grant can be awarded up to 50% of the eligible expenditure on consulting by external consultants (billed up to 15 days' work; daily rate: maximum of €900 net). The grant can only be awarded if the subject of the consulting is so complex that support by the national government under the "Framework guideline for support business expertise" is not sufficient because of its limitation to five days' consulting.

The approved support constitutes de minimis state aid within the meaning of (EU) Regulation no. 1407/2013.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

Formal application before work starts to the Structural and Labor Market Development Company, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions. The application documents can be downloaded on the Internet at www.gsa-schwerin.de.

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(Structural and Labor Market Development Company)**

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4.2 Support for business expertise in companies

What is supported?

Young companies and **existing companies** can be given support for **general consulting** on all of management's business, financial, HR and organizational issues. **Special consulting services** can also be supported. These include consulting for businesses that

- ▶ are run by women,
- ▶ are run by migrants,
- ▶ are run by entrepreneurs with a recognized disability,
- ▶ contribute to better operational integration of employees with a migration background,
- ▶ help structure work for employees with a disability,
- ▶ help recruit and retain skilled labor,
- ▶ promote equality and work-life balance,
- ▶ help structure age-appropriate work,
- ▶ contribute to sustainability and environmental protection.

Companies that are experiencing difficulties can be given support for consulting intended to safeguard the future of the company by restoring its economic performance and competitiveness. In addition, companies that are experiencing difficulties can be supported in the form of another follow-up consulting session on any of the management's business, financial, HR and organizational issues with a view to intensifying the measures.

Who is supported?

The "Support for business expertise" is aimed at

- ▶ young businesses that have been active on the market for fewer than two years (young companies),
- ▶ businesses from the third year after establishment (existing companies),
- ▶ companies that are experiencing business difficulties - irrespective of the age of the business (companies that are experiencing difficulties).

The company must have its registered office in the Federal Republic of Germany and satisfy the EU definition of small and medium-sized enterprises¹.

In addition, companies experiencing difficulties must meet the conditions set out in the current version of Section 20, sub-section a, or section 20, sub-section b, of the guidelines for state aid to rescue and restructure non-financial companies experiencing difficulties (2014/249/01).



How is the support provided?

Based on an assessment basis of €4,000, **young companies** in the new federal states (excluding Berlin and excluding the Leipzig region) can receive support of up to 80% and a maximum of €3,200.

Based on an assessment basis of €3,000, **young companies** in the new federal states (excluding Berlin and excluding the Leipzig region) can receive support of up to 80% and a maximum of €2,400. Existing companies may not claim more than five days per focus area.

Based on an assessment basis of €3,000, **companies experiencing difficulties** can receive support of up to 90% nationally and a maximum of €2,700.

All companies can make multiple applications for support in each focus area until they have exhausted the maximum consulting costs (assessment basis) that are eligible for support. The respective support measure must be implemented as individual consulting.

Application/contact:

Young companies and companies experiencing difficulties must attend a free meeting with a regional contact in a co-ordinating office about the conditions for the grant prior to submitting an application. A list of coordinating offices can be found on the website of the Federal Office of Economics and Export Control (BAFA): www.bafa.de.

Applications must be made online via the BAFA application platform. The co-ordinating offices make a preliminary assessment of the application and inform the applicant of the outcome. Only then may a contract for consulting be signed or the consulting actually begin. Retrospective support is not possible.

Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle (BAFA) (Federal Office of Economics and Export Control)

Frankfurter Straße 29-35, 65760 Eschborn

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4.3 Support for “Unternehmens Wert Mensch” (business value of people) consulting services

What is supported?

Consulting and support services under the **unternehmensWert:Mensch (uWM)** (business value of people) program, in the following areas:

- ▶ HR Management
- ▶ Equal opportunities and diversity
- ▶ Health
- ▶ Knowledge and skills

The process consulting in the uWM branch of the program must predominantly involve the stakeholders’ representatives in the company (if any) and a reasonable proportion of the employees as well as help initiate change processes.

Consulting services under the **unternehmensWert:Mensch plus (uWM plus)** program to establish a company learning and experimentation space for innovative design of the digital transformation.

The process consulting in the uWM plus branch of the program must be implemented according to the prescribed methods and with the involvement of the employees, and must relate to a need for HR policy or work organization change connected to digital transformation in the company.

Who is supported?

Small and medium-sized commercial enterprises (SMEs), self-employed professionals and non-profit SMEs according to the EU definition¹ with registered offices and facilities in Germany, that have been active on the market for at least two years.

How is the support provided?

The pre-requisite for support is a consulting voucher issued by authorized process consultants during an initial consultation.

The level of the grant is as follows:

- ▶ In the uWM branch of the program for SMEs with 10 or more employees 50% and for micro enterprises with fewer than 10 employees 80% of the agreed maximum consulting rate of €1,000 net per day for a maximum of 10 days’ consulting.
- ▶ In the uWM plus branch of the program for all SMEs 80% of the agreed maximum consulting rate of €1,000 net per day for a maximum of 10 days’ consulting.

The approved support constitutes de minimis state aid within the meaning of (EU) Regulation no. 1407/2013.

¹ see notes on page 205



Application/contact:

SMEs should contact one of the regional centers for initial consultation. Contact information for the centers for initial consultation and other information can be found at: www.unternehmens-wert-mensch.de

**Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales (BMAS)
(Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs)**

Wilhelmstraße 49, 10117 Berlin

Phone: 030 18527-1011

E-mail: unternehmenswertmensch@bmas.bund.de



4.4 Support for “go digital” consulting services for SMEs

What is supported?

Consulting services for the “IT security”, “Digital market development” and “Digitized business processes” modules. Support is provided for focused consulting as well as the specific implementation of agreed measures. In the application, a primary module must be chosen that will make up at least 51% of the consulting volume. Since some of the topics overlap, one or two secondary modules may also be chosen.

Who is supported?

Commercial enterprises (SMEs), including the skilled trades, with technological potential that have their facility or a branch office in Germany and employ fewer than 100 people at the time of signing the contract, have an annual turnover or annual balance sheet total of no more than €20 million in the year prior to the application and are eligible for support under the de minimis regulation.

The company, together with its partner and affiliate companies, may not exceed the aforementioned limits on the number of employees and annual turnover or balance sheet total.

How is the support provided?

Support is provided for consulting services at a rate of 50% of a maximum daily rate of €1,100. No more than 20 days’ consulting are eligible for support in the main module. Up to 10 additional days’ consulting are eligible for support in the secondary modules; the maximum number of days’ consulting is limited to a total of 30.

The approved support constitutes de minimis state aid within the meaning of (EU) Regulation no. 1407/2013.

Application/contact:

An authorized consulting firm and an interested company start by signing a contract for consulting. The consulting firms are then responsible for applying for the funds, billing and reporting.

The authorized consulting firms are listed on the website www.bmwi-go-digital.de.

EuroNorm GmbH

Stralauer Platz 34

10243 Berlin

Phone: 030 97003-333

Fax: 030 97003-044

E-mail: go-digital@euronorm.de



4.5 Energy consulting for medium-sized enterprises

What is supported?

Support is provided for energy consulting, which must identify economically viable potential for energy efficiency. The purpose of the program is to advance the number of energy consulting sessions carried out in SMEs and hence to increase the existing potential energy savings. Furthermore, energy consultants should assist with the implementation of the potential savings that are identified up to the commissioning of measures in order to increase the implementation rate further.

Who is supported?

Small and medium-sized commercial and other service enterprises and self-employed professionals with registered offices and business operations in Germany, employ fewer than 250 people and have a maximum annual turnover of €50 million or a maximum annual balance sheet total of €43 million.

How is the support provided?

For enterprises with annual energy costs in excess of €10,000, the grant is 80% of the eligible consulting costs including any implementation consulting that might be used, up to a maximum of €8,000. For enterprises with annual energy costs of no more than €10,000, the grant is 80% of the eligible consulting costs including any implementation consulting that might be used, up to a maximum of €1,200.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Accredited energy consultants/consulting report

The energy consulting and/or implementation assistance is only eligible for the grant if provided by an energy consultant accredited by the Federal Office of Economics and Export Control. It is the responsibility of the applicant company to select the consultant.

Contacts:

Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle (BAFA)
(Federal Office of Economics and Export Control)

Referat 512 - Vor-Ort-Beratung, Energieberatung Mittelstand
Frankfurter Straße 29-35, 65760 Eschborn
Phone: 06196 908-1240
E-mail: ebm@bafa.bund.de
www.bafa.de

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4.6 Contracting consulting

What is supported?

Orientation consulting is eligible for support. This comprises an initial analysis of whether energy-saving contracting for the property is fundamentally appropriate.

Based on this, support can be provided for consulting on either implementation or a tender process. During implementation consulting, the project developer advises on the specific implementation of an energy saving contracting project. When consulting on a tender process, he or she supports the tender process as part of an award process for other contracting projects.

The condition for the support is that the consulting is provided by a project developer accredited by the Federal Office of Economics and Export Control.

Who is supported?

Municipal communities (cities, municipalities, districts), enterprises and bodies in majority municipal ownership, non-profit organizations, accredited religious communities and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are eligible to apply.

How is the support provided?

- ▶ Orientation consultation: 80% of the eligible consulting costs (net consultant's fee), up to a maximum of €2,000.
- ▶ Implementation consulting: 50 % of the eligible consulting costs (net consultant's fee), up to a maximum of €12,500.
- ▶ For small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): 30% of the eligible consulting costs (net consultant's fee), up to a maximum of €7,500.
- ▶ Tender process consulting: 30% of the eligible consulting costs (net consultant's fee), up to a maximum of €2,000.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Contacts:

Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle (BAFA)
(Federal Office of Economics and Export Control)

Referat 525 - Kältetechnik, Energieeffizienz Kommunen

Frankfurter Straße 29-35, 65760 Eschborn

Phone: 06196 908-1005

E-mail: contracting@bafa.bund.de

www.bafa.de/cob

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4.7 BMWi innovation vouchers (go-inno)

What is supported?

The Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy (BMWi) supports external consulting services in small commercial enterprises including the skilled trades through innovation vouchers. The aim is to increase innovation and competitiveness in the businesses, to highlight potential for the management and operational organization, and to improve the efficient use of equipment and raw materials.

Who is supported?

Go-inno is intended to help increase innovation and competitiveness and to support the professionalization of innovation management. Commercial enterprises, including trades, that are legally independent and have technological potential are eligible. The annual turnover or annual balance sheet total may not exceed €20 million, there must be fewer than 100 employees and the registered office must be in Germany.

How is the support provided?

The voucher can be used to go through two consulting levels. The foundation is laid in level one with the analysis of potential, followed by an implementation plan and/or project management (Go-inno). A grant is made of up to 50% of the consulting fees incurred; enterprises pay only their own share of the consulting fees, and the rest is covered by the innovation voucher.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Interested enterprises can contact one of the consultancies authorized by the BMWi. The contact information for the authorized consultancies and other information is available from:

Projekträger des BMWi für go-inno (Federal Ministry of Trade project manager for go-inno)

Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. (German Aerospace Center)

DLR project manager

Heinrich-Konen-Straße 1, 53227 Bonn

Phone: 0228 3821-1518

E-mail: go-inno@dlr.de

www.bmwi-innovationsgutscheine.de



5. Education and continuing education/qualification

5.1 Support for on-the-job training of employees in companies*

What is supported?

- a) Support is provided for employees to attend continuing education measures that enable skills and qualifications to be maintained, extended or acquired in the context of the company. The primary instrument for this support is education vouchers.
- b) Support is provided for company-specific measures to identify employees' skills (consulting), to analyze the skills needed for jobs in the company (consulting), or to enable employees to obtain vocational qualifications (training, qualifications).

Who is supported?

Grants for measures under a) may be made to natural persons who own a company, partnerships and legal entities in the private and public sectors. Grants for measures under b) may be made to commercial enterprises that manufacture goods or provide services that are actually or, depending on their nature – regularly sold supra-regionally, and hence fulfill the primary effect pursuant to Part II A, no. 2.1, of the GRW coordination framework. Recipients of grants under a) and b) must have their registered office, their branch offices or their facilities in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

How is the support provided?

Grants under a) are financed pro rata in the form of a non-repayable grant of, in principle, 50% of the course costs invoiced by an external service provider for the qualification measure that is implemented. If the conditions for de minimis state aid under EU Regulation no. 1407/2013 are met, a grant of 75% of the eligible costs is granted. The grant is limited to a maximum of €500 per education voucher and qualification measure for qualifications with an approved certificate of attendance. The grant is limited to a maximum of €3,000 for qualifications with a final examination.

Grants under b) are financed pro rata in the form of a non-repayable grant of, in principle, 50% of the costs invoiced by an external service provider to identify the employees' skills, to analyze the need for qualifications or for to provide the qualification measure. The maximum grant may be up to €100,000 per case.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

Formal application before work starts is made to the Structural and Labor Market Development Company, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions.

The application documents can be downloaded on the Internet at www.gsa-schwerin.de.

**Gesellschaft für Struktur- und Arbeitsmarktentwicklung mbH (GSA)
(Structural and Labor Market Development Company)**

Schulstraße 1-3, 19055 Schwerin

Phone: 0385 55775-0

www.gsa-schwerin.de

E-mail: info@gsa-schwerin.de

Postal address:

Postfach 11 11 17, 19053 Schwerin



5.2 Support for industry-wide training of apprentices in the skilled trades in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

What is supported?

Support is provided for industry-wide training of apprentices in the foundation stage (first year of training) and the specialization stage (second to fourth years of training) and the apprentices' accommodation costs in the skilled trade.

Who is supported?

Grants are made to the chambers of skilled trades and crafts in the federal state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. These entities can then pass on the grant to organizers of industry-wide training for apprentices. Organizers may be both chambers of skilled crafts and trade associations, district skilled trades and crafts associations, craft guilds or vocational training institutes accredited by the chambers of skilled trades and crafts.

How is the support provided?

Grants for the course costs in the form of a lump sum for each trainee and course in the foundation stage or specialization stage and for the accommodation costs. The grants are only awarded for apprentices whose training contracts are entered in the register of apprentices of a chamber of skilled trades and crafts in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and who are being trained in a business entered in the Register of Crafts of a chamber of skilled trades and crafts in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Contact/application:

The trade associations, district skilled trades and crafts associations, craft guilds or vocational training institutes accredited by the chambers of skilled crafts must submit an application to the responsible chamber of skilled trade and crafts in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern each year by October 1 for the following year.

The responsible chamber of trade and crafts will combine the reviewed applications with its own application to create an overall application and will submit this application for the total amount by November 30 each year for the following year, to the Structural and Labor Market Development Company.

Gesellschaft für Struktur- und Arbeitsmarktentwicklung mbH (GSA) (Structural and Labor Market Development Company)

Schulstraße 1-3, 19055 Schwerin

Phone: 0385 55775-0

fax: 0385 55775-40

E-mail: info@gsa-schwerin.de

www.gsa-schwerin.de



5.3 Industry-wide training courses within (agricultural, forestry and domestic) vocational training*

What is supported?

- ▶ Courses and industry-wide training measures in accredited occupations requiring training in accordance with the resolutions of the vocational training committee of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment
- ▶ Overnight accommodation costs

The projects must exclusively be a part of normal agricultural, forestry and domestic vocational training.

Who is supported?

Accredited course providers (see the website of the MV Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment). The students supported for these on the courses are exclusively trainees of private agriculture and forestry, horticulture, and household-management enterprises with their primary residences or training facilities in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

The vocational training contract must be entered in the register of the center responsible for vocational training contracts as specified by the German Vocational Training Act.

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of funding of a fixed amount, as a non-repayable grant.

Courses and training measures:

- ▶ A total of 70% of the identified course costs as a flat rate amount, overnight accommodation costs
- ▶ flat rate of €72 per trainee and week - one course week comprises accommodation for five nights.
- ▶ flat rate amount of €14.40 applies to each overnight stay

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

The application must be submitted at least six weeks before the project starts. The application must cover all courses to be run in the period from August 1 to July 31 of the following year (training year).

Gesellschaft für Struktur- und Arbeitsmarktentwicklung mbH (GSA) (Structural and Labor Market Development Company)

Schulstraße 1-3, 19055 Schwerin

Phone: 0385 557750

E-mail: info@gsa-schwerin.de

www.gsa-schwerin.de



5.4 Meister Extra (master tradesperson extra)

What is supported?

The aim of “Meister Extra” is to recognize the personal commitment involved in achieving the qualification as a master tradesperson and to reinforce the title of master tradesperson as a mark of quality in the skilled trades and industry in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. In Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, anyone who successfully completes vocational training to become a master in a skilled trade or industry according to an exclusive list is eligible for “Meister Extra” from the Ministry of Economics, Employment and Health.

Who is supported?

The grant is made to all master tradespersons who can have their qualifications registered in the Register of Craftspersons, i.e., masters of skilled trades under appendixes A and B1 of the Trade and Crafts Code and masters of industry according to an exhaustive list. No support is provided for master business economists, technicians and masters outside trade and industry (hotel industry, gastronomy, horticulture, forestry, agriculture, etc.). The applicant must have had his or her place of employment and primary residence in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern for at least three months at the time the examination result is verified. Unemployed persons only need to have their primary residence in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, irrespective of whether they are using the services of the Employment Agency or Job Center.

How is the support provided?

The project support takes the form of a fixed amount of funding. Everyone who successfully completes the master’s certificate receives a “Meister Extra” of €2,000.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application to the responsible chamber of skilled trades and crafts or chamber of commerce and industry is made no later than 12 months after passing the master’s certificate. Applications can be downloaded from the chambers’ websites.

Chamber of Skilled Trades and Crafts Schwerin

Master craftspersons’ examinations
Friedensstraße 4a, 19053 Schwerin
Website: www.hwk-schwerin.de

Contact:
Sophie Markwardt
Phone: 0385-7417 118
s.markwardt@hwk-schwerin.de

Chamber of Skilled Trades and Crafts Ostmecklenburg-Vorpommern

Master craftspersons’ examinations
Schwaaner Landstraße 8, 18055 Rostock
Website: <http://www.hwk-omv.de/>

Contact:
Susann Gierer
Phone: 0381-4549 193
gierer.susann@hwk-omv.de



**Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Schwerin**

Ludwig-Bölkow-Haus
Graf-Schack-Allee 12, 19053 Schwerin
Website: www.ihkzuschwerin.de

**Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Rostock**

Education and Training Department
Ernst-Barlach-Str. 1-3, 18055 Rostock
Website: www.rostock.ihk24.de

**Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Neubrandenburg**

Education and Training Department
Postfach: 11 02 53, 17042 Neubrandenburg
Website: www.neubrandenburg.ihk.de

Contact:

Mathias Schmidt
Phone: 0385-5103 411
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koop@rostock.ihk.de

Contact:

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ilka.dittes@neubrandenburg.ihk.de



5.5 Support for human capital and social dialogue in aquaculture

What is supported?

Examples of activities for which support can be provided include:

- ▶ Vocational education, lifelong learning, dissemination of scientific and technical knowledge and innovative processes
- ▶ Acquisition of new vocational skills in aquaculture and with regard to reducing environmental pollution through aquaculture activities
- ▶ Improving conditions in the workplace and promoting safety at work
- ▶ Networking and exchanging experiences and tried-and-tested processes between aquaculture enterprises or professional organizations and other stakeholders
- ▶ Centers promoting gender equality

Who is supported?

Grants may be made to enterprises of any legal form.

Recipients of grants for marketing measures and activities to process fishing and aquaculture products and their affiliates and partners must have no more than 250 employees, and their annual turnover may not exceed €50 million or their annual balance sheet may not exceed €43 million.

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding as a non-repayable grant. A grant of up to 49% may be made.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Applications may be submitted up to April 30, 2023.

**Ministerium für Landwirtschaft und Umwelt Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
(Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment)**

Referat 560

19048 Schwerin

Philipp Zicker

Phone: 0385 588-6569

E-mail: p.zicker@lm.mv-regierung.de



5.6 Vocational education without borders (BoG)

What is supported?

Support is provided for consulting and support measures for trainees, young skilled workers and companies to prepare, implement and follow-up periods spent abroad. Measures to establish national and international co-operations to implement and consolidate mobility projects are also supported.

Who is supported?

Natural persons and legal entities with proven expertise in business-oriented consulting and support for SMEs, trainees and young skilled workers to gain experience in dual vocational education.

How is the support provided?

A pro rata grant of up to 70% of eligible expenditure is approved. Project-related staff costs in line with Civil Service Collective Agreement (TVöD) 10, necessary travel costs based on the Federal Travel Costs Act and certain project-related material costs not in excess of 7.7% of the eligible staff costs are eligible for support. At least 30% of the eligible total expenditure must be contributed by the recipient of the grant.

Contact:

Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle (BAFA)
(Federal Office of Economics and Export Control)

Referat 421 - Handwerksförderung, Institutionelle Förderung

Frankfurter Straße 29-35, 65760 Eschborn

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www.bafa.de/bog

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5.7 Tailor-made recruitment

What is supported?

Support is provided for consulting services and support measures by the chambers of skilled trades and crafts, chambers of commerce and industry, associations of self-employed professionals and other commercial non-profit organizations for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

The aim of the support program is to ensure that SMEs, future needs for skilled workers are met through "tailor-made" recruitment of German and foreign young people (without refugee status) for open training positions.

Who is supported?

Chambers of skilled trades and crafts, chambers of commerce and industry, associations of self-employed professionals and other commercial non-profit or tax-exempt organizations whose purpose is to strengthen and support the dual training system are eligible to apply.

How is the support provided?

A pro rata grant towards the eligible expenditure is approved. The necessary staff costs to implement the project according to need, up to a level in line with Civil Service Collective Agreement (TVöD) 10, flat-rate material costs not in excess of 7.7% of the eligible staff costs and necessary travel costs based on the Federal Travel Costs Act are eligible for support.

The commercial organizations must contribute at least 30% of the costs.

The consulting and support services are free of charge to the SMEs participating in the program.

Contact:

Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle (BAFA)
(Federal Office of Economics and Export Control)

Referat 413 - Beratungsförderung
Frankfurter Straße 29-35, 65760 Eschborn
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5.8 Federal student support (BAFöG) for advancement (KfW)

What is supported?

Attendance at continuing professional development activities by public and private sponsors on a full-time or part-time basis, which

- ▶ require a vocational qualification in an accredited training profession, a comparable vocational qualification governed by federal or regional law or a corresponding vocational qualification; and
- ▶ prepare for advanced qualifications in a specific field under the Trade and Crafts Code or the Vocational Education Act, equivalent vocational qualifications governed by federal or regional law or vocational qualifications at state-accredited schools based on state-approved examination regulations.

Continuing professional development activities in the medical and nursing professions are also eligible.

Who is supported?

Tradespersons, technicians and other skilled workers. There is no age limit.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided as a combination of a grant and a loan to cover the costs of the measure and, for full-time study, subsistence costs:

- ▶ For course and examination fees: up to €15,000, of which 40% as a grant; a loan is possible for the remainder
- ▶ For an examination piece or comparable work: support of up to €2,000, of which 40% as a grant and 60% as a loan.

For full-time study, a means-tested maintenance contribution up to the level required for individual circumstances. The maintenance requirement consists of a grant component and a loan component. A partial waiver of the loan is also possible in the event of passing the examination and subsequently starting a business that will lead to new jobs or training positions.

Application/contact:

Formal application before study starts via the municipal training support office, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions. The office will decide whether an entitlement to a grant and/or loan exists. If a loan is given, a corresponding loan contract is passed to the KfW with the decision on approval.

Municipal education and training assistance offices

<https://www.aufstiegs-bafoeg.de/>

Application: <https://aufstiegs-bafoeg.de/de/antrag-online-stellen-1709.html>

Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe (KfW Group information center)

Phone: 0800 539 9003

www.kfw.de/172



5.9 Student Loan (KfW)

What is supported?

Student loans to finance living costs during first and second degrees, postgraduate study and master programs, or doctor programs.

Who is supported?

Students of legal age at a state or state-accredited university based in Germany up to the age of 44 at the start of funding.

How is the support provided?

The level of the loan is between €100 and €650 per month, irrespective of the parents' income and assets.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application:

The application form is available at www.kfw.de/studienkredit. A contract offer is generated automatically using the data entered. The contract offer must be submitted to a distribution partner participating in executing the program. Distribution partners are accredited banks and student support services (see overview on the Internet at www.kfw.de/Vertriebspartnersuche).

Other program-specific information and provisions can be obtained from:

Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe
(KfW Group information center)

Phone: 0800 539 9003

www.kfw.de/174



5.10 Support for on-the-job training through the education award

What is supported?

The education award from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research supports attendance at continuing professional development courses and continuing education in primary education, languages and IT- irrespective of the employer- in the form of award and savings vouchers. An external examination under the German Vocational Training Act or Trade Crafts Code can also be supported.

Who is supported?

The award voucher is aimed at persons who are employed for at least 15 hours per week or who are on parental or caregiver leave and have a taxable income of no more than €20,000 (€40,000 when assessed jointly for tax). The income limits do not apply to a savings voucher (continuing education savings plans), and current employment status is immaterial.

How is the support provided?

The award voucher pays for 50% of the course or examination fees up to a maximum of €500. It is possible to apply for one award voucher per annum.

The savings voucher can be used to finance more expensive training programs. The prerequisite for using a savings voucher is the existence of equivalent savings under the German Capital Accumulation Act. The savings voucher can be used to make an early withdrawal of an amount to be used for continuing education without losing the entitlement to the employee savings bonus.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

An award or savings voucher can be obtained following a meeting in one of the advice centers listed under www.bildungspraemie.info/beratungsstellen.

Further information at: www.bildungspraemie.info/wbi

Free hotline: 0800 26 23 000

E-mail: bildungspraemie@buergerservice.bund.de



6. Support for the labor market/recruitment of skilled labor

6.1 Support for the labor market in the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

6.1.1 Support for SMEs when first employing staff with a university degree in a technical field

What is supported?

Grant for staff costs when creating new jobs for staff with a university degree in a technical field.

Who is supported?

Commercial enterprises with their registered offices, branch office or facilities in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern that manufacture goods or provide services that are actually or, depending on their nature, regularly sold supra-regionally and hence fulfill the primary effect pursuant to Part II A, no. 2.1, of the GRW coordination framework and satisfy the applicable EU definition of SMEs.¹

How is the support provided?

The level of the grant is 50% of the eligible staff costs (taxable gross salary and employer contributions). The potential grant is limited to a maximum of €30,000 per job in the first 12 months and €15,000 per job in the following 12 months.

The job must be the future employee's first job or he or she must have graduated not more than three years previously. The supported job must be new and in addition to the existing staff with technical degrees already employed by the company. The job must be a permanent position and must have remuneration at least equivalent to that in collective agreements.

The approved support constitutes de minimis state aid within the meaning of (EU) Regulation no. 1407/2013.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

¹ see notes on page 205



Application/contact:

Formal application is made to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

The application documents can be downloaded on the Internet at www.lfi-mv.de.

**Landesförderinstitut Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
(Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute)**

Werkstraße 213, 19061 Schwerin

Phone for initial consultation: 0385 6363-1282 or -1473

E-mail: info@lfi-mv.de

Postal address:

Postfach 160255, 19092 Schwerin



6.1.2 Support for structural development measures

What is supported?

Support is provided for measures that are likely to help provide business services for structural development and hence to achieve structural effects. The measures are aimed at strengthening focal points of economic development by creating or securing jobs in the general labor market.

Who is supported?

Legal entities in the private and public sectors.

How is the support provided?

A positive vote by the responsible regional advisory board is required for the measures to be supported. The benefit is paid as a grant of up to 70% of employer's gross expenditure for employment that pays more than the social security threshold with payment at collective-agreement or usual local rates for one year of employment in principle. The grant may not exceed €25,000 per full-time employee and employment year.

A project can be extended by a further year of support to a total of two years' support following another vote by the responsible regional advisory board.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Grants are made upon written application to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Office of Health and Social Affairs via the office of the regional advisory board in the MV Ministry of Economics, Employment and Health. The offices of the regional advisory boards can provide information about other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start.

Offices of the regional advisory boards

Westmecklenburg region	Dr. K. Schuldt	Phone: 0385/588 - 5526
Rostock region	Dr. C. Westphal	Phone: 0385/588 - 5524
Mecklenburgische Seenplatte region	Ms. S. Prokop	Phone: 0385/588 - 5525
Vorpommern region	Mr. M. Rittner	Phone: 0385/588 - 5527

Approval authority:

Landesamt für Gesundheit und Soziales Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
(Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Office of Health and Social Affairs)

Erich-Schlesinger-Straße 35, 18059 Rostock

Phone: 0381/331 - 59089

E-mail: poststelle.zentral@lagus.mv-regierung.de



6.1.3 Support for integration projects*

What is supported?

Support is provided for projects that combine advice, information and integration into work or education on the primary labor market and that are likely to increase the chances of participation in the primary labor market for the long-term unemployed or men and women who are at risk of long-term unemployment by improving their employability, in particular by taking better account of the individual problems of individual unemployed men and women in terms of the following issues:

- ▶ Motivation and focus
- ▶ Career planning and individual job search strategies
- ▶ Education and skills
- ▶ Self-mobilization through offers of practical social participation at the local level

Who is supported?

Legal entities in the private and public sectors.

How is the support provided?

Recipients of grants must be fit to implement the project, both technically and organizationally, by demonstrating project experience relevant to the issues and target groups. A positive vote by the responsible regional advisory board is required for the support to be provided. The measures must be meaningful in terms of labor market policy and a reduction in unemployment and its gender-specific causes must be expected. The benefit is paid as a grant based on the standardized unit costs for the direct staff costs (flat-rate staff costs regulated by the ESF flat-rate staff costs in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern) and a flat rate for material costs (flat-rate residual costs of 20% of the flat-rate staff costs) of 70% of the flat rates. The cofunding necessary for this is generally provided by the local Job Center.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Grants are made upon written application to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Office of Health and Social Affairs via the office of the regional advisory board in the MV Ministry of Economics, Employment and Health. The offices of the regional advisory boards can provide information about other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start.



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Approval authority:

**Landesamt für Gesundheit und Soziales Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
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6.2 Federal labor market assistance

Note:

The labor market assistance outlined in sections 6.2.1 to 6.2.2 below is not a support program. It is essentially derived from the provisions of the Third Social Security Code (SGB III) in conjunction with the regulations of the Second Social Security Code (SGB II). Labor market assistance has the fundamental goal of integrating would-be trainees and job-seekers back into the labor market. Even if support funding flows directly to the company under individual labor market measures, they are ultimately aimed at the integration of unemployed people and not at business support.

6.2.1 Services for citizens

6.2.1.1 Placement support services: Support for mobilization and professional integration (German Social Code SGB III)

What is the assistance?

Participation in measures that support professional integration by

- ▶ approaching the training and labor market;
- ▶ identifying, minimizing or eliminating obstacles to finding a job;
- ▶ placement in jobs that pay more than the social security threshold;
- ▶ approaching self-employment; or
- ▶ stabilizing a new job

may be supported under certain conditions.

The provision of vocational knowledge is possible for a period of up to eight weeks. If measures are implemented fully or partially at or by a company, the duration may not exceed six weeks.

Who receives the assistance?

People looking for a training position, job seekers under threat of unemployment and the unemployed.

What is the level of the assistance?

The support pays the reasonable costs of participation, providing this is necessary for professional integration. The support may be limited to continued payment of unemployment benefits.

Further information:

www.arbeitsagentur.de



6.2.1.2 Support for continuing professional development: Education vouchers

What is the assistance?

The education voucher is an assurance that training costs will be paid in the event of participation in continuing professional development. The condition for issuing an education voucher is that an individual need for qualification has been defined in a personal consultation with an adviser from the Employment Agency.

Who receives the assistance?

Employees may be supported if

- ▶ the training is necessary for professional integration in the event of unemployment or to avoid impending unemployment or because the employee does not hold a vocational qualification,
- ▶ employees have received advice from the Employment Agency before attending the training and demonstrated to the agency that the conditions for support through an education voucher are met, and
- ▶ the measure and its sponsor have been approved by a specialized center for the support.

The education voucher covers the educational goal and focal points of the qualification, the planned maximum duration of the training and the validity, etc. The student can then redeem the education voucher while it is still valid with an approved sponsor of his or her choice to attend an approved measure with an educational goal that complies with the education voucher.

If an employee is not entitled to unemployment benefit, only the training costs can be paid. Likewise, employees can be subsequently assisted to acquire a "Hauptschulabschluss" or equivalent school-leaving certificate through payment of the training costs if they meet the conditions for support for continuing professional development and successful attendance at the course can be expected.

What is the level of the assistance?

Payment of training costs is dependent on available funds in the budget (payments within the bounds of what is possible).

Necessary course fees, travel costs, costs for subsistence away from home and childcare costs are paid.

Students who are entitled to unemployment benefits continue to receive this during continuing professional development when attending training that is eligible for support.

Further information:

www.arbeitsagentur.de



6.2.1.3 Assistance during training under Section 75 SGB III

What is the assistance?

Trainees receive personal support for at least three hours a week:

1. To reduce language and educational deficits
2. To promote practical and theoretical skills, knowledge and abilities in the subject and
3. For social and educational support

Education providers with experienced trainers, teachers and social education workers support trainees throughout. The appointments will be agreed on with the trainees and generally take place in the afternoon or evening.

Who receives the assistance?

Young people in need of support receive assistance during in-company vocational education in accredited occupations requiring training in an entry-level qualification or in training carried out in a company under a vocational training contract pursuant to the German Care for the Elderly Act.

In addition, support should be provided to young people in need of support who aspire to enter a new vocational training program either within a company or externally following the premature dissolution of a trainee relationship or who would like to start or consolidate a job following successful completion of in-company vocational education supported with assistance during training.

What is the level of the assistance?

Assistance during training is provided for three to eight teaching hours (of 45 minutes each) per week. The costs are paid by the Employment Agency or the Job Center.

Further information:

www.arbeitsagentur.de



6.2.1.4 Budget for work

What is supported?

Support is provided for an alternative to employment in a workshop for disabled people.

What is the assistance?

The "Budget for Work" is a new measure introduced with the Federal Participation Act "Bundesteilhabegesetz" with effect starting January 1, 2018. The "Budget for Work" pays employers compensation for the permanently decreased output of the disabled employee. The necessary assistance services are also funded.

Who receives the assistance?

Disabled people who are entitled to services in the workspace of a workshop for the disabled or would have had such an entitlement in principle and to whom an employer offers a job that pays above the social security threshold and for which the remuneration is in line with a collective-agreement or the usual local rate.

What is the level of the assistance?

The budget for work generally comprises a permanent grant towards salary costs to the employer of up to 75% of the regular salary paid by the employer: a maximum of 40% of the monthly base pursuant to Section 18, paragraph 1, of the Fourth Book of the Social Security Code (SGB IV).

The level of the grant is defined individually and is geared to the nature and severity of the disability as well as the impact of the disability on the job holder's ability to perform the work.

Where can the assistance be obtained?

Generally the sponsor of the integration assistance is responsible for approving the "Budget for Work." The affected persons themselves apply to the sponsor of the integration assistance for the "Budget for Work."

Further information:

www.arbeitsagentur.de

Affected persons who move from a workshop for the disabled or another service provider to the general labor market have an unlimited right to return to the workshop.



6.2.1.5 Employer support

What is supported?

Support is provided to enable companies to meet severely disabled job seekers with no obligation.

What is the assistance?

The aim of the measure is to enable the employer to check the aptitude for employment directly in the workplace or to train the employee prior to starting work.

Who receives the assistance?

The assistance is provided to the participant (job seeker) in the form of a “mobilization and placement voucher.”

What is the level of the assistance?

The company does not pay the disabled participant. The participant continues to receive unemployment benefits type 1 or unemployment benefits type 2.

The measure can last a maximum of six weeks, or up to eight weeks with training. In practice, however, a shorter period is usually sufficient. For people who have been employed for more than one year or for whom professional integration is particularly difficult due to serious mobilization barriers, a measure can be implemented with an employer for up to 12 weeks.

The participant can be reimbursed for the necessary costs, e.g., travel to work and work clothing, by the Employment Agency or the Job Center. The employer can be reimbursed for costs incurred. An application for reimbursement must always be made before the grant is paid.

Where can the assistance be obtained?

The participant (job seeker) must apply to his or her responsible employment agency or job center for a “mobilization and placement voucher” prior to the measure. The voucher must be completed by the employer and submitted to the employment agency or job center.

Further information:

www.arbeitsagentur.de

The employer will insure the participant with the responsible trade association and assign a skilled worker to support the participant. If the person is ultimately not employed, the Employment Agency expects a brief report from the company stating reasons for not employing the person and describing the skills or knowledge that were taught.



6.2.2 Services for companies

6.2.2.1 Appointment of employees - Integration grant (EGZ)

What is the assistance?

In order to support integration of employees for whom placement is made difficult for personal reasons, companies can apply for a grant towards their remuneration to offset any decreased output (integration grant).

Who receives the assistance?

The integration grant can be made to employers.

What is the level of the assistance?

The level and duration of the support is geared to the extent of the employee's limitations and the requirements of the job in question (decreased output). The level of the grant can be up to 50% of the eligible remuneration for a duration of up to 12 months. The duration of the support may be up to 36 months for employees aged 50 and over, providing the support has started by December 31, 2019.

The scope of support can be extended for disabled and severely disabled people: For severely disabled employees, the integration grant may be up to 70% of the wage or salary including the agreed employer contribution to the total social security contributions. The support will be reduced by at least 10% after 12 months. The integration grant can be paid for up to 24 months for severely disabled employees and up to 60 months for very severely disabled people. There may be additional support options for severely disabled employees aged over 55.

The regular remuneration that is paid is eligible for support, providing it does not exceed the remuneration in line with a collective-agreement or the usual local rate and the income threshold in the employment support. The employer's agreed contribution to the total social security contribution is included in the calculation of the grant.

Where can the assistance be obtained?

An application for support must be submitted to the responsible Employment Agency before the job starts; the offices of the Federal Labor Office and the Job Center can provide information about the current requirements for the support.

Further information:

www.arbeitsagentur.de

6.2.2.2 Introductory training programs

What is the assistance?

Support can be provided to companies that run entry-level in-company introductory training programs in the form of grants to pay for internships. The purpose of an introductory training program is to provide the fundamentals for acquiring vocational proficiency. The content is geared to the content of accredited training occupations (Section 4 of the Vocational Training Act, Section 25 of the Crafts Code and the Care for the Elderly Act).

The support covers an internship lasting for at least six months up to a maximum of 12 months.

The company should strive to keep on the interns as trainees.

Target groups:

- ▶ Applicants for training with individually restricted placement prospects who have not yet found a training position even after September 30 each year following the national follow-up placement campaigns run by chambers and the Employment Agency.
- ▶ Apprenticeship seekers who are not yet fully qualified for training.
- ▶ Persons with learning difficulties and socially-deprived traineeship seekers.
- ▶ Applicants over the age of 25 and people holding entrance qualifications for university and higher education can only be supported in justified exceptional cases.
- ▶ Young people who are still required to be in full-time education cannot be supported in an introductory training program.

Who receives the assistance?

Companies that run an in-company introductory training program.

What is the level of the assistance?

Grant of up to €231 per month, plus an agreed proportion of the average total social security contribution.

Further information:

www.arbeitsagentur.de



6.2.2.3 Training for low-skilled and employed older employees in the company: Unskilled employees' wage grant

What is the assistance?

The Employment Agency can pay a grant towards the remuneration for employees who do not yet hold any vocational qualification and can acquire one as part of their existing job.

Who receives the assistance?

The grant is paid to the company.

What is the level of the assistance?

The grant is paid for the period in which the employee cannot work due to attendance at the training course. The amount of support depends on the need for qualifications and the loss of working hours.

The wage grant can be paid up to a maximum limit of 50% for purely in-company training.

Further information:

www.arbeitsagentur.de



6.2.2.4 Training for “Low-skilled and employed older employees in the company” - Support for employees’ vocational training

What is the assistance?

This relates to training held as part of the existing employment with continued payment of remuneration. The training courses must convey knowledge that can be used in the general labor market and must be approved for continuing professional development support. No support will be paid for qualifications that the employer is obliged by law to provide.

Who receives the assistance?

Employees without a vocational qualification, or with a vocational qualification if they have been performing unskilled or semi-skilled work for at least four years and can no longer perform the profession for which they have trained, and who can attend a training course within an existing job that will lead to a vocational qualification. The sponsor and course must be approved for the vocational training support.

Employees with a vocational qualification if

- ▶ they are 45 or over at the start of the course;
- ▶ they are entitled to continued payment of their salary as part of their existing jobs for the period of their attendance at the course;
- ▶ the company they work for employs fewer than 250 people;
- ▶ the courses they attend are run outside the company;
- ▶ knowledge and skills are taught that go beyond exclusively short-term, job-related training;
- ▶ the vocational training sponsor and course are approved.

Employees who have not yet reached the age of 45 can also be supported with full or partial payment of the cost of vocational training courses. In addition to the conditions above, the employer must pay at least 50% of the course costs and the course must start before December 31, 2019.

What is the level of the assistance?

The full course costs are paid for low-skilled employees. Up to 75% of the course costs can be paid for employees 45 or older with a vocational qualification. Up to 50% of the course costs can be paid for employees with a vocational qualification who have not yet reached the age of 45. Furthermore, costs for travel, childcare, accommodation and subsistence that are incurred through attendance at the training course will be reimbursed.

Further information:

www.arbeitsagentur.de



6.2.2.5 Assisted training under Section 130 SGB III

What is the assistance?

Young people in need of assistance and their training companies can be supported during an in-company vocational training program (training phase) with assisted training courses with the goal of successful completion of the vocational training. The measures may also contain a preliminary phase in preparation for the traineeship, which is optional before the compulsory traineeship phase.

The assisted training contains support for companies for the administrative and organizational costs relating to running the training and to stabilize the vocational training relationship.

Companies that would like to train a young person in need of support can be helped to start vocational training in the preliminary phase in preparation for the traineeship. Assisted training is limited to trial of measures that start by September 30, 2018.

Who receives the assistance?

Support as a **participant** is aimed at young people with learning difficulties or who are socially deprived and

- ▶ generally have no initial vocational training;
- ▶ have the qualifications and aptitude for an traineeship; and
- ▶ are not required to be in full-time education and
- ▶ are generally below the age of 25; and
- ▶ cannot start, for personal reasons, continue or successfully complete vocational training in a company without the support.

Any **company** that declares its willingness to accept a participant for vocational training (preliminary phase in preparation for the traineeship) or has already done so (traineeship phase) is eligible for support.

What is the level of the assistance?

Preliminary phase: maximum of six months, 39 hours a week
Traineeship phase: On average at least four and at most nine contact hours per week for exchange and learning opportunities. The amount of time required to help and support companies that would like to take on participants or have already done so is determined on a case-by-case basis. The costs are paid by the Employment Agency or the responsible Job Center.

Further information:

www.arbeitsagentur.de



6.2.2.6 Trial employment

What is supported?

Support is provided for the professional integration of severely disabled employees.

What is the assistance?

Employers can employ a severely disabled employee for a trial period of up to three months in order to improve the employee's professional integration.

Who receives the assistance?

The assistance is paid to the employer for support for the trial employment.

What is the level of the assistance?

The severely disabled person is employed by the employer in a job that pays more than the social security threshold and receives a wage/salary during the trial employment. In addition to the wage or salary, all costs incurred that are directly related to the job may be reimbursed (e.g., wage or salary costs including the employer's contribution to social security, other benefits based on legal or collective-agreement regulations, levies and trade association contributions).

Where can the assistance be obtained?

Employers apply to the Employment Agency/Job Center for the trial employment before appointing the severely disabled person.

Further information:

www.arbeitsagentur.de

The special protection against termination of employment for the severely disabled only applies after six months and is therefore immaterial here.



6.2.2.7 Creation of new jobs and training positions for the severely disabled

What is supported?

Support is provided to create new jobs and training positions for severely disabled people.

What is the assistance?

In addition to the general capital expenditure (i.e., all the costs that arise as a result of setting up a new workstation such as machines, office equipment, or a PC) for a new job or training position, there are also costs that arise as a result of an employee's disability. It is possible to apply for grants and loans for these costs too, providing the employer is not obliged under Section 164 of SGB IX to provide relevant aid.

Support for the capital expenditure costs: Employers can be given loans or grants to create new jobs or training positions for severely disabled people.

Disability-related costs: Costs for aids are paid if this aid is necessary to offset a disability for a particular job or is required for a very special form of work/vocational training.

Who receives the assistance?

Support for the capital expenditure costs: The assistance is paid to the employer.

Disability-related costs: The assistance is paid to the employee.

What is the level of the assistance?

Support for the capital expenditure costs: Payments can only be made if the employer makes a reasonable contribution to the total capital expenditure costs. The level and form of the support is defined individually by the integration office.



Where can the assistance be obtained?

Support for the capital expenditure costs: The employer applies to the integration office for support to set up a new workspace or training position for a severely disabled person. Disability-related costs: The disabled employee applies to the responsible rehabilitation institution (e.g., Employment Agency, DRV) for participation in working life (rehabilitation application) and explains his or her need for aid.

Further information:

www.arbeitsagentur.de

The commitment period for supported jobs varies depending on the individual situation and the level of support. If the severely disabled person leaves the job during the commitment period, the supported job must be filled with another severely disabled person for the rest of the commitment period, otherwise a pro rata repayment of the grant may be made.



7. Trade fair support

7.1 Trade fair support to individual businesses from the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern*

What is supported?

Participation in up to three trade fairs and exhibitions per enterprise in a calendar year. The costs of renting the stand area are eligible for support. Regional trade fairs held in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern are excluded from the support.

Who is supported?

Small and medium-sized commercial enterprises in accordance with the EU¹ definition of SMEs with their registered office or facilities in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

How is the support provided?

Grant of up to 50% of the rental of the stand area: maximum of: €6,000. The rate of support depends on the size of the applicant's enterprise. Measures with eligible expenditures of less than €1,000 are excluded from the support.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Applications must be received by the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute before the project starts (conclusion of the contract to exhibit at the trade fair). The Regional Business Promotion Institute must confirm receipt of the application in writing before the project starts.

Landesförderinstitut Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute)

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www.lfi-mv.de



7.2 Foreign trade fair program

What is supported?

Support is provided for enterprises to attend selected international trade fairs and exhibitions abroad at shared stands under the umbrella brand "Made in Germany."

Who is supported?

Enterprises with their registered offices in Germany and their foreign branches and agencies with exhibition goods that were manufactured in Germany or by German branches abroad or under German license.

How is the support provided?

The enterprises taking part must pay an exhibitor's fee for support by the implementing company at home and at the event venue for the exhibition space and for other organizational and technical services. The foreign trade fair program will indirectly benefit the companies. No direct payments will be made to an exhibitor.

Contact:

Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle (BAFA)
(Federal Office of Economics and Export Control)

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7.3 Trade fair program for young innovative businesses

What is supported?

Participation by young, innovative enterprises at shared stands arranged by the exhibition organizers at leading international trade fairs in Germany is eligible for support.

Who is supported?

Beneficiaries are legally independent young, innovative enterprises with new product and process developments that

- ▶ have their registered offices and business operations in the Federal Republic of Germany,
- ▶ meet the applicable EU definition of a small enterprise¹ and
- ▶ are less than ten years old.

How is the support provided?

The costs for stand rental and construction charged by the exhibition organizer as part of the shared stand are eligible. The exhibitor must pay at least 30% or 40% of these eligible costs.

Contact:

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7.4 New markets program

What is supported?

The new markets program offers various modules and measures to help German suppliers market their offerings internationally:

- ▶ Information events
- ▶ Market exploration
- ▶ Establishing businesses
- ▶ Procurement trips
- ▶ Fact-finding missions with foreign multipliers
- ▶ Pilot projects

Who is supported?

The target group is SMEs, self-employed people and self-employed professionals in commerce and business-oriented services with their business operations in Germany.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided to the enterprises indirectly and is geared to the nature of the measure in question. In particular, it is provided by

- ▶ conveying technical and country-specific information and specialized knowledge, advising participating enterprises on the basis of industry profiles that have been compiled and on the basis of specific comprehensive country, market and industry information and analyses;
- ▶ identifying and making contact with potential business partners
- ▶ preparing and holding business meetings in Germany or the target country in question; and
- ▶ following up for the participants.

Contact:

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7.5 Energy export initiative

What is supported?

A comprehensive range of information on selected international markets, seminars, business trips abroad, making contact with cooperation partners in the target country, marketing support and much more provided as assistance for starting up activities abroad.

Who is supported?

German manufacturers and suppliers of systems and methods for using renewable energies and German manufacturers and suppliers of energy-efficiency services.

How is the support provided?

German enterprises can present their services in presentations in the target country and take part in a business trip tailored to their interests. These trips focus on meetings with potential cooperation partners and customers and are organized individually for the enterprises by the chambers of foreign trade in the target country.

Contact:

Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle (BAFA)
(Federal Office of Economics and Export Control)

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8. Technology and innovation

8.1 Support for research, development and innovation in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern*

The Federal State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern makes grants for research, development and innovation for the purpose of sustainable consolidation and improvement of the competitiveness of commercial enterprises and for employment and growth in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

Application/contact:

A formal application must be made to the TBI Technologie-Beratungs-Institut GmbH (www.tbi-mv.de) before the project starts.

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(TBI Technology Advising Institute)

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8.1.1 Research and development projects (individual companies and collaborative projects)

What is supported?

Support is provided for research and development projects in the categories of industrial research and experimental development. These may be implemented as single-company projects by an enterprise or as collaborative projects between an enterprise and one or more research facilities.

Who is supported?

Support may be given to the following:

- ▶ Small and medium-sized enterprises according to the definition of SMEs in EU Regulation¹ no. 651/2014 and large enterprises that have a facility or branch office in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- ▶ Universities in the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and non-profit research facilities with their registered office or a branch in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, which disseminate their findings through teaching, publication or knowledge transfer

How is the support provided?

The support is provided by way of pro rata funding in the form of a non-repayable grant for a specific purpose to support the project.

The level of the grant cannot generally exceed €1.5 million for single-company projects and €2.0 million for collaborative projects.

Eligible expenditure by companies covers costs for:

- ▶ Staff plus 25% overhead
- ▶ Instruments and equipment with an individual value of €25,000 or more
- ▶ Commissioned research and technical knowledge
- ▶ Other equipment/services with an item/order value of €1,000 or more

Eligible expenditure by research facilities covers costs for:

- ▶ Staff plus 25% overheads
- ▶ Instruments and equipment with an individual value of €25,000 or more
- ▶ Third-party technical knowledge (in justified cases)

8.1.2 Feasibility studies

What is supported?

Support is provided for feasibility studies by enterprises to evaluate and analyze the potential of a project. The aim is to simplify decisions through an objective and rational presentation of the project's strengths and weaknesses and the associated opportunities and risks. The studies are intended to help ascertain the technical and economic prospects for the success of a project.

Who is supported?

Support can be provided to small and medium-sized enterprises according to the definition of SMEs in EU Regulation no. 651/2014¹ and large enterprises that have a facility or branch in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided by way of pro rata funding in the form of a non-repayable grant for a specific purpose to support the project. The level of the grant cannot generally exceed €100,000.

The following are eligible for support:

- ▶ Staff costs plus 25% overhead
- ▶ Costs for external study authors



8.1.3 Registration of intellectual and industrial property rights

What is supported?

Support is provided for the registration of international patents by enterprises. The invention must be described in sufficiently concrete detail in an application document; must relate to improved products, processes or services; and must have prospects for economic success based on an evaluation plan to be written.

Who is supported?

Support can be provided to small and medium-sized enterprises according to the definition of SMEs in EU Regulation no. 651/2014.¹ The enterprise must have a facility or branch in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided by way of pro rata funding in the form of a non-repayable grant for a specific purpose to support the project. The level of the grant cannot exceed €50,000.

The following are eligible for support:

- ▶ Fees for international patent applications
- ▶ Attorney costs
- ▶ Costs for translation and research

8.1.4 Innovation consulting and innovation support services

What is supported?

Innovation consulting services comprise advice, support and training in technological knowledge transfer, including improving resource efficiency and environmental sustainability, as well as introducing current results from research facilities into basic research, industrial research and experimental development. Innovation support services comprise the provision of laboratories, tests and certifications for the purpose of developing innovative products, processes and services.

Who is supported?

The following are entitled to apply:

- ▶ Small and medium-sized enterprises according to the definition of SMEs in EU Regulation no. 651/2014¹ that have a facility or branch office in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- ▶ Research facilities that have their registered offices or branches in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

The beneficiaries of this support are small and medium-sized enterprises that take advantage of the service. The service provider gives them a discount on the service provided and invoiced. The level of the discount is equivalent to the rate of support granted.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided by way of pro rata funding in the form of a non-repayable grant for a specific purpose to support the project. The level of the grant is a maximum of €200,000 within three years.

The following are eligible for support:

- ▶ Staff costs plus 25% overhead
- ▶ Costs for the use of laboratories, machinery and plant to perform tests, including the required test materials.



8.1.5 Process innovations

What is supported?

Support is provided for planning, design and demonstration of the implementation of

- ▶ the use of modern information and communication technologies, the introduction of which is associated with a new or substantially improved method for production or the provision of new services as well as
- ▶ the introduction of new or substantially improved technologies in the production process.

Who is supported?

Small and medium-sized commercial enterprises according to the definition of SMEs in EU Regulation no. 651/2014¹ that have a facility or branch in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern are eligible to apply. Large enterprises can only be supported if they work with small and medium-sized enterprises in the supported activity and the small and medium-sized enterprises bear at least 30% of the total eligible costs.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided by way of pro rata funding in the form of a non-repayable grant for a specific purpose to support the project. The level of the grant is a maximum of €200,000.

The following are eligible for support:

- ▶ Staff costs plus 25% overhead
- ▶ Commissioned research and technical knowledge
- ▶ Other equipment with an item value of €1,000 or more

8.1.6 Investment resulting from process innovations

What is supported?

Benefits can be granted for investments made to implement process innovations. The process innovations must be the result of a measure listed under section 8.1.5 of this brochure. Examples of assets that can be considered are plants and machinery; robotics and automation technology such as sensors, data transmission and distribution technology and the specific hardware and software required for this. This list is not exhaustive. Purely organizational innovations are not eligible for support.

Who is supported?

Small and medium-sized commercial enterprises. The term commercial enterprise used here is based on the applicable German Trade Tax Act and does not include enterprises that are exempted from trade tax under this act.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided by way of pro rata funding in the form of a non-repayable grant for a specific purpose to support the project. The total costs for the investment project must be at least €100,000. The level of the grant is a maximum of €100,000.



8.2 Granting of investments to support corporate research and development in micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern from funds issued by the European Regional Development Fund and the the Mittelständische Beteiligungsgesellschaft Mecklenburg-Vorpommern mbH (MBMV); innovation investment fund (BFIMV)*

What is supported?

Support is provided to strengthen the market position and consolidate business relationships of enterprises and to strengthen their ability to operate in the financial market in all phases of the enterprise, providing these are related to the operational research and development projects to develop new areas of business.

Investments are granted with the intention of countering the difficulty of financing innovations. The planned fund will improve access to equity and third-party capital and hence remove a key barrier to innovation and trigger additional innovative processes.

Who is supported?

The recipients of investment (end beneficiaries) are existing micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) according to the EU definition¹ from Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and already active on the market. Certain sectors are, in principle, excluded from the support.

How is the support provided?

Investments can be granted under the following terms:

Financing proportion:	Maximum of €400,000
Minimum amount:	€50,000
Payment:	100%
Interest rate:	Depending on credit rating and risk, between 7% and 12% fixed fee per annum and between 1.5% and 3% per annum profit share each year, both relative to the amount of the investment
Term:	Maximum of 10 years
Repayment:	The silent investment is repaid on final maturity at the nominal value; pro rata repayments are possible from the sixth year. If the investment is repaid before the end of the term, a premium of 4% of the investment is payable for every incomplete investment year in the fixed contract term.

Kicker:	A payment (in percent or euros) can also be agreed on for the investments that are made. It is payable additionally to the repayment of the investment in the event of the successful sale (e.g., sale, flotation) of the business during the investment term ("kicker"). This payment is credited to the fund assets and is itemized separately.
Collateral:	None

The framework conditions for the project must be shown in the documentation of the technical and market prospects for the success of the research and development project. Furthermore, the innovative approach and novelty of the project as well as the competence of the enterprise to implement the project must be demonstrated. The measure must be commercially viable. Investments can only be made if their repayment can be expected under normal economic conditions (repayment forecast) or the proof of concept is likely to be achieved within three years. The total funding of the project must be clearly demonstrated by the applicant through appropriate documentation.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made to the Mittelständische Beteiligungsgesellschaft Mecklenburg-Vorpommern mbH, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start.

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8.3 Federal support for research and development

What is supported?

As part of its specialized programs, the Federal Government supports basic technologies for development in key applications that act as drivers in many industries. Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are also assisted through special open technology support programs.

Who is supported?

Enterprises, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), research facilities and universities.

How is the support provided?

The support is generally based on support programs combined with support guidelines, which are published in the Federal Gazette.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

The Federal Research and Innovation funding advisory service is the first point of contact for all questions relating to federal support for research and innovation. Its range of information and advice is geared to support novices in businesses, research institutes and universities. It can inform potential applications about the federal research structure, the support programs and their contacts and about current funding focuses and initiatives.

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8.3.1 Central innovation program for medium-sized businesses (ZIM)

What is supported?

The Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy's (BMWi) central innovation program for medium-sized businesses (ZIM) is a national support program across technologies and industries for medium-sized enterprises and business-related research facilities working with them.

ZIM is intended to provide sustainable support for innovation and competitiveness in enterprises, including the skilled trades and self-employed professionals, and hence help their growth connected with creating and securing jobs.

The focus is on the following projects:

- ▶ **ZIM individual projects**
Single-company R&D activities to develop innovative products, processes or technical services
- ▶ **ZIM collaborative projects**
Collaborative R&D projects between companies and by businesses co-operating with research facilities
- ▶ **ZIM co-operation networks**
Support for network management services and development projects by a network
- ▶ Market launch services within the implementation of R&D projects

Who is supported?

Support is provided to small and medium-sized enterprises with

- ▶ fewer than 250 employees and
- ▶ an annual turnover not exceeding €50 million or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding €43 million

Other medium-sized enterprises are enterprises employing fewer than 500 people and with either an annual turnover of less than €50 million or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding €43 million.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided by way of pro rata funding in the form of a non-repayable grant relating to the eligible costs (staff costs, costs for project-related commissions to third parties, costs for R&D commissions to scientifically qualified third parties and other costs). For enterprises, the eligible costs per project (or per sub-project in collaborations) are limited to €380,000; for research facilities, the eligible costs per sub-project are limited to €190,000.

The rate of support depends on the size of the enterprise and the nature of the projects: research facilities are supported at the rate of 100%. The support for network management is tapered. The maximum grant is €380,000, of which no more than €160,000 can relate to phase I.



Market launch services can only be claimed by small and medium-sized enterprises whose R&D projects have been approved; enterprises with 250 or more employees are not eligible to apply. Costs for innovation consulting and innovation support services are eligible for support up to a maximum of €50,000. The maximum rate of support is 50%.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Application forms are available on the Internet at www.zim-bmwi.de or in paper form from the project sponsors AiF Projekt GmbH, EuroNorm GmbH and VDI/VDE Innovation+Technik GmbH. Applications can be submitted at any time to the project sponsors, who can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start.

Project sponsor for ZIM collaborative projects:

AiF Projekt GmbH, Berlin office

Tschaikowskistraße 49, 13156 Berlin

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Project sponsor for ZIM individual projects:

EuroNorm GmbH

Stralauer Platz 34, 10243 Berlin

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E-mail: zim@euronorm.de

Project sponsor for ZIM co-operative networks:

VDI/VDE Innovation+Technik GmbH

Steinplatz 1, 10623 Berlin

Phone: 030 310078-380

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8.3.2 “KMU-innovativ ” (innovative SME) support initiative

What is supported?

With its KMU-innovativ support initiative, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) is launching a series of non-subject-specific specialized programs for leading-edge research projects in small and medium-sized enterprises in the following technological fields:

- ▶ Biotechnology
- ▶ Electronics, self-driving electric vehicles
- ▶ Information and communication technologies
- ▶ Materials research
- ▶ Medical technology
- ▶ Human-technology interaction
- ▶ Photonics
- ▶ Production
- ▶ Resource efficiency and climate protection

Support is predominantly given to industrial research projects with high market implementation potential.

SMEs that have little or no experience setting up research and development projects within the framework of BMBF support are supported via an entry-level module. A separate application procedure is involved that has these evaluation dates of: January 15, 2018; July 15, 2018; and January 15, 2019.

Who is supported?

Small and medium-sized enterprises according to the EU definition of SMEs¹ that are engaged in research. Research facilities, universities and large enterprises are also eligible to apply as part of a collaboration.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided in the form of a non-repayable grant: The rate of support is a maximum of 50%; small and medium-sized enterprises may be given a bonus of 10%.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

The support process is a two-stage process: First, an outline of the project must be submitted. Submitted project proposals will be assessed competitively. The criteria for support are the excellence and degree of innovation of the projects and good prospects for application. The submitted outlines are evaluated twice a year, on April 15 and October 15. The results of the evaluation of the outlines will be announced within two months. Applications can be submitted for the best project ideas.

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8.3.3 Unternehmen Region¹: Entrepreneurial Regions innovation initiative for the new Federal states from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research

What is supported?

As part of the Entrepreneurial Regions innovation initiative for the new German federal states from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), support is provided for the establishment of regionally organized, sustainable processes that generate and implement ideas for technical and technological innovations. Alliances between businesses and research institutes are supported in two modules:

- ▶ **Growth centers core module** supports research, development and education projects by regional entrepreneurial alliances that already have excellent core competencies with a clear thematic focus (technologies or processes with particular unique selling points). There are no restrictions to specific technologies and industries.
- ▶ **Potential growth centers module** supports the transfer of research results with high innovation potential from public research facilities to regional businesses as well as the construction of a regional technology platform.

Who is supported?

- ▶ **Growth centers core module:** Commercial enterprises, universities and non-university research and educational facilities with registered offices within a shared region.
- ▶ **Potential growth centers module:** Universities, public research facilities, and small and medium-sized enterprises according to the EU¹ definition of SMEs in the new federal states with their registered office within a shared region (geographic distance: about 50 km).

How is the support provided?

The support is provided in the form of a grant; the level of the grant is project dependent.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

The selection process for both modules is open to any subject. Applications can be submitted at any time. There are no application deadlines. The support process in the growth centers core module has multiple stages. In the first stage, an outline of the idea must be submitted. This is followed by an application interview and an assessment center, etc. There is just one stage to the process in the potential growth centers module. A network plan (maximum of 10 pages) must be submitted initially.

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8.3.4 EXIST research transfer

What is supported?

The EXIST research transfer is an initiative by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy (BMWi) to support excellent research-based start-up projects that are associated with complex and high-risk development work. EXIST research transfer comprises two support phases. In the first phase of support, research results with the potential to form the basis of a business start-up should be developed further. The aim is to assure the fundamental technical feasibility of the product idea and to prepare for the establishment of the business. The second phase of support focuses on starting activity on the market and securing external follow-on financing.

Who is supported?

Support phase I provides support to teams of researchers at universities and non-university research facilities (no more than three academics and technical assistants) and one person with business skills. The applicants in support phase II are technology-oriented enterprises that were founded in the course of support phase I.

How is the support provided?

Support phase I

- ▶ Staff costs for a maximum of four members of staff and material costs up to €250,000 can be funded. The material costs include commodities, consumables, investment goods, property rights, market research and the award of contracts and coaching work.
- ▶ Start-up projects by non-university research facilities are funded up to 90% by the BMWi. Support phase I lasts 18 months. For highly innovative development projects that are demonstrably particularly time-consuming, it is possible to apply for a term of 36 months in individual cases.
- ▶ The “Business Founders” seminar, which has been tried and tested in the EXIST business founders’ grant program, is also carried out for EXIST research transfer projects.

Support phase II

- ▶ A non-repayable grant of up to €180,000, but not exceeding 75% of the specific project costs, can be made.
- ▶ As a condition for the support, the enterprise must provide equity and, potentially, investment capital in a ratio of one to three (€60,000). Support phase II lasts a maximum of 18 months.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

This is a two-stage process. In the first stage, project outlines for support phase I must be submitted to the project sponsor, Projektträger Jülich (PtJ) between January 1 and January 31 and between July 1 and 31 of a calendar year. The application for support in support phase II can be submitted six months prior to the end of support phase I, providing the start-up is pursued. The project sponsor, Projektträger Jülich (PtJ), can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start.

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8.3.5 Knowledge and technology transfer through patents and standards (WIPANO)

What is supported?

The Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy's (BMWi) WIPANO program supports a better economic use of inventions resulting from public research. The aim is to achieve this goal by supporting projects to apply for and use property rights (including patents) to further develop inventions resulting from public research, to increase their chances in the market, and to disseminate innovations via standardization.

The support focuses on:

- ▶ Patent support (for SMEs and public research facilities with support for the patent application)
- ▶ Public research in terms of further development of inventions (for further development and testing of the technical viability of R&D results that are protected by property rights)
- ▶ Standardization (transfer of research results into standards in order to make them available for dissemination)

Who is supported?

Universities, public research facilities, and small and medium-sized enterprises according to the EU definition of SMEs¹

How is the support provided?

Patent support:

The support is provided in the form of a non-repayable grant. The level of the grant is a fixed amount for the majority of the supported packages; pro rata financing is provided for individual packages. Packages include screening of the invention disclosure, a detailed check and consulting on the patent application.

Public research - further development of inventions:

The support is provided in the form of a non-repayable grant (project support) of pro rata financing (up to 70%). Maximum amount of support per project: €84,000.

Standardization:

The support is provided in the form of a non-repayable grant of pro rata financing, the total amount of which per alliance partner and project does not exceed €200,000.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

¹ see notes on page 205

Application/contact:

Patent support and public research - further development of inventions:

The application must be submitted electronically via the “easy online” form and in paper form. There is an ongoing application process that closes on September 30, 2019. There are no application deadlines.

Standardization:

The support process is a two-stage process: In the first step, a project outline must be submitted in electronic and written form. A full application follows if this is evaluated positively. The outline can be submitted at any time. The project duration should be between 6 and 36 months.

www.wipano.de



8.4 Cross-section technologies

What is supported?

Individual measures

Replacement of individual systems or units with high-efficiency systems or units with a net investment volume of €2,000 to €30,000 per applicant in the following cross-section technologies:

- ▶ Electric motors and drives
- ▶ Pumps
- ▶ Fans and heat-recovery systems in air-conditioning systems
- ▶ Compressed air systems and heat-recovery systems in air compressors

System optimizations

Replacement and renewal of at least two cross-section technologies and the technical systems into which they are incorporated, with a net investment volume starting from €30,000. Additional investments to renew lighting systems, investments in heat-recovery and waste-heat plants and investments in insulating pipes, pumps and fittings can be supported within the framework of system optimizations.

Who is supported?

Small and medium-sized enterprises according to the EU¹ definition of SMEs and other enterprises with up to 500 employees and an annual turnover not exceeding €100 million are eligible to apply. Energy service providers of a comparable business size are eligible to apply if they provide or implement the aforementioned energy efficiency measures and other energy services to a business that is eligible to apply and bear a certain amount of the financial risk.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided in the form of a grant as de minimis state aid. The level of the de minimis support is as follows:

- ▶ For individual measures: Up to 30% of the eligible costs for small and medium-sized enterprises and 20% for other enterprises
- ▶ For system optimizations Depending on the size of the enterprise and the ultimate energy savings, up to 30% of the eligible costs but no more than €100,000 per applicant

A grant of 60% of the eligible consulting costs, up to a maximum of €3,000 can also be made for the external energy consulting required for system optimization. The measurement technology required for the installation is eligible accordingly.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

¹ see notes on page 205

Application/contact:

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Source and edition of the text:

Brochure "Subsidy compass: The BAFA - Partner for Medium-Sized Enterprises"
by the Federal Office of Economics and Export Control (BAFA), July 2015 edition



8.5 Innovative shipbuilding

What is supported?

Shipbuilding innovations that are eligible for support are specifically lead ships, components and the development and use of processes. The basis for the support is the costs resulting from planning, preparation and implementation etc. of specific shipbuilding innovations. These include both development and manufacturing costs arising in the shipyard and the costs for supplies from third parties, for example system suppliers, suppliers of turnkey installations and sub-contractors, providing they relate directly and exclusively to the innovative parts of the project.

Who is supported?

Innovation support can be provided to existing shipbuilders and repair and refitting yards with registered offices and manufacturing facilities in the Federal Republic of Germany that execute the shipbuilding contracts or parts thereof in the Federal Republic of Germany.

How is the support provided?

Innovation support is provided in the form of non-repayable grants of pro rata financing (project support). The rates of support range from a maximum of 15% to a maximum of 50% of the eligible costs. The respective rate of support depends on the size of the enterprise (e.g., SME), the capability of the applicant enterprise and the nature of the shipbuilding innovations.

Contact:

**Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle (BAFA)
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Brochure "Subsidy compass - At a glance: The program of support measures from BAFA"
By the Federal Office of Economics and Export Control (BAFA), August 2017 edition

8.6 Innovation forums for small and medium-sized enterprises

What is supported?

The "Priority for small and medium-sized enterprises" is a 10-point program from the Federal Ministry of Research to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in developing new ideas and using current research results for themselves. A key component of the SME program is the "Innovation forums for small and medium-sized enterprises."

This support initiative is a way for the Federal Ministry of Research to create networks between academia and SMEs that go far beyond just project work and result in sustainable, strategic alliances.

Who is supported?

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), state and non-state universities, non-university research and education facilities, federations, associations and other organizations providing they are dedicated to research and development.

How is the support provided?

The alliance partners spend nine months positioning themselves in the supra-regional competition, working on their strategy, organizing knowledge transfer and seeking potential fellow campaigners. The central element is a two-day innovation forum that resembles a technical conference and brings together all the relevant players. The event provides the initial spark for networks that are forming and for those that want to substantially expand their partnership structure or enter into long-term close collaborations with other networks.

The Federal Ministry of Research supports projects if:

- ▶ they are particularly relevant to SMEs,
- ▶ they are aimed at economic use in the future,
- ▶ the network is open to new players, and
- ▶ the results can primarily be used here in Germany and hence strengthen the country as a location.



Application/contact:

The selection process is a multi-stage competition. The project outlines submitted are evaluated by the ministry on the basis of criteria that include the novelty of the conceptual approach, the proposed partnership structure, the openness of the network and their contribution to raising the profile of the region.

An application can be submitted at any time. Selection rounds are held several times each year. The deadlines for the next selection rounds will be announced at least two months in advance.

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8.7 ERP mezzanine for innovation

What is supported?

Projects that stand out from the state-of-the-art in the EU and those that are new for companies. The heart of the innovation must lie in the company. The company must either implement the innovative project itself or be involved in it with an innovative contribution that is essentially its own.

Support is provided for investments and resources such as:

- ▶ staff, travel, equipment and IT costs that are attributable to the project;
- ▶ costs for research and development commissions and for consulting and similar external costs;
- ▶ costs for further development and improvement based on experience in commercial use and for costs for test series;
- ▶ quality-assurance measures; and
- ▶ overhead, e.g., pro rata depreciation and leasing costs.

Who is supported?

Private enterprises and self-employed professionals that have been active on the market for at least two years.

The maximum limit for group turnover is €500 million.

How is the support provided?

The funding comprises 2 tranches:

- ▶ A conventional loan (external capital)
- ▶ A loan with a largely equity-style character (subordinate capital)

Proportions of the tranches:

Turnover	Funding package	Feature
Up to and including €50 million	60% subordinate capital 40% external capital	Large proportion of subordinate capital
Over €50 million	50% subordinate capital 50% external capital	

Benefits of the subordinate capital:

- ▶ Any bank lending the subordinate tranche is fully freed from liability and is therefore more willing to provide the funding.
- ▶ No collateral is required for the subordinate tranche.
- ▶ The equity-style nature of the subordinate tranche generally tends to improve the structure of the balance sheet and the credit rating of the business.
- ▶ The company's collateral remains free and can be used for other loans.
- ▶ The long term and the initial grace period protect the liquidity of the business.
- ▶ KfW has very limited foreclosure rights.



Funding purely from external capital within this program is also possible if the project is “new for the European Union.” If the project is just “new for the business,” the ERP digitalization and innovation loan is recommended.

Interest rates and term:

- ▶ The interest rate is fixed for the entire term.
- ▶ The interest rates are set by a bank on the basis of the individual economic situation and the quality of the collateral.
- ▶ The term is generally 10 years.
- ▶ There is no arrangement commission.

The program envisages that projects “new for the EU” should benefit from an additional interest-rate reduction. However, in the current period of low interest rates, there is no difference in interest rate offered.

Level of the loan and payout:

- ▶ Up to €5 million per project: at least €25,000
- ▶ Up to 100% of the eligible costs
- ▶ Payout: 100% of the loan amount according to project progress

Repayment:

- ▶ During the initial grace period, only interest is payable; thereafter, equal quarterly installments plus interest on the outstanding loan amount is to be paid.
- ▶ Early repayment is only possible for the funding that comprises purely external capital (on payment of an early redemption fee).

It is not possible to combine the funding package with other liability-exempt KfW loans.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

Further information:

**Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe
(KfW Group information center)**

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www.kfw.de/360

8.8 ERP digitalization and innovation loan

What is supported?

Funding needs connected with a digitalization and innovation project:

- ▶ Investments
- ▶ Resources

The entire funding needs of innovative companies:

- ▶ All investments
- ▶ All resources, irrespective of a specific innovation or digitalization project

An innovative project means the development of new or improved products, processes or services.

For example:

- ▶ Networking of ERP and production systems for the production of tomorrow (Industry 4.0)
- ▶ Development and implementation of an IT and/or data-security concept to protect company data successfully and to repel cyber-attacks
- ▶ Digital platforms, apps and digital sales channels to construct digital platform concepts and electronic trading
- ▶ Additive manufacturing processes, such as 3-D printing, as a new, innovative production method in manufacturing
- ▶ Expansion of internal broadband networks for higher-speed data transmission in companies

Who is supported?

- ▶ Small and medium-sized enterprises, and self-employed professionals deemed to be "digital" or "innovative" that have been active on the market for at least two years
- ▶ Enterprises implementing an innovation or digitalization project or that meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - ▶ More than 20% growth per annum by turnover or number of employees over an average of the last three years
 - ▶ At least 10% operating costs for research and development in each of the last three years
 - ▶ EU innovation prize in the last 24 months
 - ▶ Innovation support by the state or the EU in the last 36 months

How is the support provided?

The minimum term is generally two years.

Level of the loan and payout:

- ▶ Minimum loan amount: €25,000
- ▶ Up to €25 million per project
- ▶ Up to 100% of eligible costs of investment and resources
- ▶ Payout: 100% of the loan amount



Repayment:

- ▶ During the initial grace period, only interest is payable; thereafter, equal quarterly installments plus interest on the outstanding loan amount is to be paid.
- ▶ Unscheduled repayment of the loan in full or in part is possible (on payment of an early redemption fee).
- ▶ Repayment is made via the relevant bank.

On request, companies can receive the ERP digitalization loan with a 70% liability exemption. That means that the KfW assumes 70% of the loan default risk; the bank takes on the remaining 30%. Banks are frequently only prepared to fund a project with this assumption of risk. As the borrower, companies are 100% liable for the repayment.

It is possible to combine funding from the ERP digitalization and innovation loan with other support programs, providing this does not lead to over-financing. The cumulation provisions under the law on state aid should be noted.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

Further information:

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9. Environment/energy

9.1 Support for investments to implement climate-protection projects in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in economically active organizations*

What is supported?

Measures intended to reduce greenhouse gases, e.g.:

- ▶ Investments in energy saving and improving energy efficiency that go beyond the legal standard
- ▶ The use of regenerative energies for heating (biomass, near-surface and hot dry-rock geothermal energy, solar energy)
- ▶ Infrastructure measures for the use of renewable energies (storage systems, local heat and green gas networks, hydrogen)
- ▶ The use of alternative non-fossil fuels and drive propulsion systems as well as electric mobility

Who is supported?

Commercial enterprises, public bodies, foundations, associations and federations engaged in commercial activities.

How is the support provided?

Grant of 20% to 50% of the eligible expenditure for commercial activities (bonus system). The eligible expenditure must be at least €20,000.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

The formal application must be submitted for approval in duplicate before work starts to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start.

Landesförderinstitut Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
(Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute)

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9.2 Support for investments to implement climate-protection projects projects in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in non-commercially active organizations*

What is supported?

Measures intended to reduce greenhouse gases e.g.:

- ▶ Investments in energy saving and improving energy efficiency that go beyond the legal standard
- ▶ The use of regenerative energies for heating (biomass, near-surface and hot dry-rock geothermal energy, solar energy)
- ▶ Infrastructure measures for the use of renewable energies (storage systems, local heat networks, hydrogen)
- ▶ The use of alternative non-fossil fuels and drive propulsion systems as well as electric mobility

Who is supported?

Public bodies, foundations, associations and federations.

How is the support provided?

Grant of 50% of the eligible expenditure. The eligible expenditure must be at least €20,000.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

The formal application must be submitted for approval in duplicate before work starts to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start.

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9.3 Support for measures to encourage a regenerative energy supply for municipalities in rural areas

What is supported?

Measures intended to reduce greenhouse gases such as:

- ▶ Investments in the use of regenerative energy for heat generation and cooling, in particular:
 - ▶ Use of biomass (e.g., wood pellets, log burners)
 - ▶ Use of solar energy (solar thermal energy)
 - ▶ Near-surface geothermal energy, heat pumps
- ▶ Small infrastructure measures relating to the use of biomass for heat generation, in particular:
 - ▶ Local heat networks
 - ▶ Storage systems
- ▶ Preliminary studies or feasibility studies on the construction of local, regenerative energy supply structures and energy-management investigations

Who is supported?

Municipalities and associations of municipal authorities with up to 10,000 residents, providing they are not commercially active.

How is the support provided?

The effective rate of support is 67.5% for investments and 75% for non-investment measures (such as studies).

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

The formal application must be submitted to the approval authority before work starts.

Approval authority:

Staatliches Amt für Landwirtschaft und Umwelt Mittleres Mecklenburg
(Central Mecklenburg State Office for Agriculture and the Environment)

Erich-Schlesinger-Straße 35, 18059 Rostock

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9.4 Renewable energies: - Standard (KfW)

What is supported?

Projects to utilize renewable energy for power generation and storage, and power and heat generation in combined heat and power plants (CHP plants).

Who is supported?

- ▶ German and foreign commercial enterprises in majority private ownership
- ▶ Enterprises in which municipalities, churches or charitable organizations have a holding
- ▶ Self-employed professionals
- ▶ Farmers (only certain components)
- ▶ Private individuals and non-profit organizations that feed in the generated power or sell the generated heat

How is the support provided?

Long-term, low-interest loans with initial grace periods, up to 100% of the eligible net investment costs and a maximum amount of €50 million per project.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

Further information:

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9.5 Renewable energies: Premium (KfW)

What is supported?

Highly eligible larger facilities for utilizing renewable energy in the heating market in Germany are supported as projects to utilize renewable energy under the Premium program.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Private individuals who use the generated heat and/or power exclusively for their own needs (no renting)
- ▶ Non-profit applicants and associations
- ▶ Self-employed professionals
- ▶ Farmers (only certain components)
- ▶ Enterprises
- ▶ Municipalities, municipal administrative bodies and associations of municipalities (e.g., municipal interest groups)

The applicant is either the owner, the lessee or the tenant of the property on which the supported investment measure will be carried out (exception: energy service providers). Investors are only eligible to apply if they are also the operator of the systems. If this does not apply, support can only be provided if the investor and operator accept joint and several liability for the loan.

How is the support provided?

Long-term, low-interest loans with initial grace periods, up to 100% of the eligible net investment costs and up to €10 million. For hot dry rock thermal energy projects, the support available is up to 80% of the net investment costs. Repayment grants can be made from federal funds. The amount of the support depends on the nature of the measure.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

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Further information:

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www.kfw.de/271 (Renewable energies - Premium)

www.kfw.de/272 (Renewable energies - Premium - Hot dry rock geothermal energy)



9.6 Environmental protection program (KfW)

What is supported?

Investment measures that help substantially improve the environmental situation: investments aimed at increasing resource efficiency and material savings; maintaining air cleanliness, noise control or climate protection, avoiding, handling and treating waste; sewage treatment, reduction and avoidance, environmentally friendly transportation; soil and groundwater protection; and decontamination and restoration of land. In addition, costs for planning and implementation support arising in conjunction with an eligible operational environmental protection investment can also be supported.

Who is supported?

The following are eligible to apply for projects **in Germany**:

- ▶ German and foreign commercial enterprises in majority private ownership
- ▶ Self-employed professionals
- ▶ Companies providing services for a third party under a contracting agreement

The following are eligible to apply for projects **abroad**:

- ▶ German commercial enterprises and self-employed professionals working in Germany
- ▶ Subsidiaries of these German companies with their registered offices abroad
- ▶ Joint ventures abroad with a substantial German holding

How is the support provided?

Long-term, low-interest loans with initial a grace periods. Support can be provided up to 100% of the eligible investment costs and generally a maximum amount of €10 million per project. Small enterprises according to the EU¹ definition will be offered a reduced interest rate.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

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9.7 IKK energy-efficient construction and renovation (KfW)

What is supported?

Energy-related renovation of buildings that are part of the municipal and social infrastructure to create KfW energy-efficient houses, individual measures to save energy and reduce the CO₂ emissions of buildings, and the new construction or initial purchase of KfW energy-efficient houses.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Municipal administrative bodies
- ▶ Operating units that are legally dependent on municipal administrative bodies
- ▶ Associations of municipal authorities (e.g., municipal interest groups), which, according to the ordinance on supervisory requirements for banks and investment firms, have a weighted risk of zero using the standard approach to credit risk

How is the support provided?

Low-interest loan up to a maximum amount of 100% of the eligible investment costs. The following are funded:

- ▶ Energy-related renovations to meet KfW energy-efficient house 70, 100 or historic-monument standards
- ▶ New construction or initial purchase of a KfW energy-efficient house 55 or 70

A reduction is made from federal funds for the first fixed-interest period up to a maximum of 10 years. If renovation to create a KfW energy-efficient house can be demonstrated, a repayment grant of up to 17.5% of the approved amount may be paid depending on the energy-efficient house level achieved (maximum €175 per m²); for the new construction of a KfW energy-efficient house 55, up to 5% of the approved amount will be paid (maximum €50 per m²).

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts directly to the KfW, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions.

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9.8 IKU energy-efficient construction and renovation (KfW)

What is supported?

Energy-related renovation of buildings that are part of the municipal and social infrastructure to create KfW energy-efficient houses, individual measures to save energy and reduce the CO₂ emissions of buildings, and the new construction or initial purchase of KfW energy-efficient houses.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Companies with a predominantly municipal shareholder background (direct or indirect holding by one or more municipal administrative bodies or federal states with a total of more than 50% whereby there's a minimum municipal holding of 25%).
- ▶ All non-profit organizations including churches that are sponsors of the building to be renovated. The non-profit nature of the organization must be demonstrated through an appropriate confirmation by the responsible tax office of exemption from corporation tax.
- ▶ Companies (irrespective of legal form and share ownership ratio) and natural persons as part of public-private partnerships (PPP models, e.g. contracting). For companies, the group turnover may not exceed €500 million. The investment goods to be financed with KfW funds must be used by a municipal administrative body, a legally dependent operating unit or association of municipal authorities (e.g., a municipal interest group), a non-profit organization or an enterprise with a predominantly municipal shareholder background for the term of the KfW loan.

How is the support provided?

Low-interest loan with up to 100% of the investment costs for:

- ▶ Energy-related renovations to meet KfW energy-efficient house 70, 100 or historic monument standards
- ▶ New construction or initial purchase of a KfW energy-efficient house 55 or 70

A reduction is made from federal funds for the first fixed-interest period up to a maximum of 10 years. If renovation to create a KfW energy-efficient house can be demonstrated, a repayment grant of up to 17.5% of the approved amount may be paid depending on the energy-efficient house level achieved (maximum of €175 per m²); for new construction of a KfW energy-efficient house 55, up to 5% of the approved amount will be paid (maximum of €50 per m²).

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts of to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

Further information:

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9.9 BMUB environmental innovation program (KfW)

What is supported?

Large-scale pilot projects for production processes and products aimed at reducing environmental impact as sustainably as possible. The focus is on pilot projects in the areas of sewage treatment or hydraulic engineering, waste avoidance, recycling and elimination as well as the renovation of old waste deposits, soil protection, maintaining air purity, reduction in noise and vibrations, energy savings, energy efficiency and use of renewable energies as well as environmentally friendly power supply and distribution, resource efficiency, and material savings.

Who is supported?

- ▶ German and foreign commercial enterprises and other natural persons and legal entities in the private sector and enterprises with a predominantly municipal shareholder background. Particular support will be given to small and medium-sized enterprises according to the EU¹ definition.
- ▶ Municipal local authorities and their legally dependent operating units and municipal interest groups

How is the support provided?

Loan with an interest grant, up to 70% of the eligible investment costs and a maximum term of 30 years. Investment grants are generally made up to 30% of the eligible expenditure and costs.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project is made starts to the KfW via a financing partner of choice or, in the case of municipal administrative bodies, directly to the KfW. Applications for investment grants are also made directly to the KfW, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions. The KfW and the Federal Environment Agency will check whether the project is generally eligible for support.

Further information:

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9.10 IKK - Energy-related urban renovation, quarter utilities (KfW)

What is supported?

Investments in the heating supply for a quarter as well as in energy-efficient water supply and sewage in the quarter to achieve a sustainable improvement in the energy efficiency of the municipal utilities. A quarter comprises a grouping of multiple buildings within an urban district: municipal facilities, commerce, trade, services, industry and private households. This also includes the public infrastructure. The particular focus is on heat, water and sewage.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Municipal administrative bodies
- ▶ Operating units that are legally dependent on municipal administrative bodies
- ▶ Municipal associations (e.g., municipal interest groups)

How is the support provided?

Long-term loan, no maximum amount, financing proportion up to 100% of eligible investment costs. The interest on the loan will be reduced for up to 10 years from federal funds.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made directly to the KfW, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions.

Further information:

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9.11 IKK - Energy-related urban renovation, quarter utilities (KfW)

What is supported?

Investments in Germany in the quarter heating supply as well as in energy-efficient water supply and sewage in the quarter to achieve a sustainable improvement in the energy-efficiency of the municipal utilities. A quarter comprises a grouping of multiple buildings within an urban district - municipal facilities, commerce, trade, services, industry and private households. This also includes the public infrastructure. The particular focus is on heat, water and sewage.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Companies with a predominantly municipal shareholder background (i.e., direct or indirect holding by one or more municipal administrative bodies or federal states with a total of more than 50% with a minimum municipal holding of 25%)
- ▶ Companies (irrespective of legal form and share ownership ratio) as part of public private partnerships (PPP).

How is the support provided?

Long-term loans of up to €50 million per project. Financing proportion up to 100% of eligible investment costs. The interest on the loan will be reduced for up to 10 years from federal funds.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

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9.12 Energy-related urban renovation: Grant (KfW)

What is supported?

The preparation of integrated quarter concepts for energy-related renovation measures, including solutions for the heating supply, energy savings, storage and extraction, taking particular account of interests relating to urban development, preservation of historic monuments, architecture, housing and social concerns, plus a renovation manager who will support and coordinate the planning and implementation of the measures envisaged in the concepts.

Who is supported?

Municipal administrative bodies and their legally dependent operating units. These can pass on grants to

- ▶ Companies with a predominantly municipal shareholder background
- ▶ Housing companies and housing associations
- ▶ Owners of owner-occupied or rented residential buildings (in particular, owner community associations)

How is the support provided?

Grant of up to 65% of the eligible costs for a period of up to

- ▶ one year for preparing integrated concepts and
- ▶ two years for the renovation manager; the maximum amount of the grant for the renovation manager is €150,000 per quarter.

The de minimis limit is €5,000.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made directly to the KfW, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions.

Further information:

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9.13 Renewable energies: storage systems

What is supported?

The use of stationary battery storage systems combined with photovoltaic systems to generate environmentally friendly electricity from solar energy. This support is intended to boost the market and technological development of battery storage systems. The supported systems help integrate small to medium-sized photovoltaic systems better into the electricity grid.

The support comprises two parts:

- ▶ A low-interest loan from the KfW
- ▶ A repayment grant from funds provided by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy (BMWi)

Retrofits of stationary battery storage systems are also supported if the photovoltaic system was commissioned after December 31, 2012. There must be a period of at least six months between the commissioning of the photovoltaic system and the commissioning of the battery storage system to claim the increased level of support for retrofitting.

The requirements for the battery storage system and photovoltaic system are as follows:

- ▶ The peak output of the installed photovoltaic system connected to the battery storage system may not exceed 30 kWp
- ▶ Only one battery storage system can be supported for each photovoltaic system,
- ▶ The battery storage system must be located in Germany and will be operated for at least five years.

Who is supported?

- ▶ German and foreign commercial enterprises
- ▶ Enterprises in which municipalities, churches or charitable organizations have a holding
- ▶ Self-employed professionals
- ▶ Farmers
- ▶ Private individuals and non-profit applicants who feed some or all of the electricity into the grid.

How is the support provided?

It is possible to apply for the loan for the combined system. The repayment grant is only granted for the battery storage system, not for the photovoltaic system.

The **minimum term** is generally two years.



Level of the loan and payout:

- ▶ Up to 100% of the investment costs for the battery storage system and the photovoltaic system including VAT (if not eligible for input tax deduction)
- ▶ Payout: 00% of the loan amount.
- ▶ Can be drawn either a lump sum or in installments.
- ▶ The loan may be drawn up to 12 months after approval.

Application period

Level of repayment grant

July 1-September 30, 2017	16%
October 1-December 31, 2017	13%
Jan. 1, 2018 - Dec. 31, 2018 (program end)	10%

Repayment:

- ▶ During the initial grace period, only interest is payable there-after, equal quarterly installments plus interest on the outstanding loan amount are to be paid.
- ▶ Unscheduled repayment of the loan in full or in part is possible (on payment of an early redemption fee).
- ▶ Repayment is made via the relevant bank.

Repayment grant:

The repayment grant is calculated as a proportion of the eligible costs of the battery storage system. It reduces the balance of the loan and thereby reduces its term. The repayment grant is not paid out.

It is possible in principle to combine this support with other public support funding. However, it is not possible to combined the "Renewable energies: - Storage systems" support product with other KfW or ERP programs.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

Further information:

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9.14 Energy management systems

What is supported?

Support is provided for initial certification of an energy management system under DIN EN ISO 50001 as well as the necessary associated consulting and training costs. It is also possible to apply for support for the purchase and installation of the measuring equipment and associated software required to implement the energy management system.

Who is supported?

In principle, all companies with their registered office or a branch office in the Federal Republic of Germany are eligible to apply except companies that are obliged to introduce an energy management system based on another legal foundation (e.g., the German Renewable Energies Act [EEG]).

How is the support provided?

Within 36 months, a company can receive grants for several measures:

- ▶ For initial certification of an energy management system under DIN EN ISO 50001: 80% of the eligible expenditure, up to a maximum of €6,000.
- ▶ For external consulting: up to 60% of the eligible expenditure, with a maximum of €3,000.
- ▶ For training staff to become energy and management officers: up to 30% of the eligible expenditure, maximum €1,000.
- ▶ For the purchase of measuring equipment: 20% of eligible expenditure, maximum €8,000.
- ▶ Expenditure for the installation of the measuring equipment is also deemed an eligible expenditure up to a maximum of 30% of the purchase costs.
- ▶ For the purchase and installation of and training on software: 20% of the eligible expenditure, up to a maximum of €4,000.

However, the total amount is limited to a maximum of €20,000 within this period.

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9.15 Heat from renewable sources

What is supported?

Support is provided for the installation and expansion of

- ▶ solar panel systems,
- ▶ facilities for the combustion of solid biomass,
- ▶ efficient heat pumps,
- ▶ particularly innovative technologies for generating heat and cooling from renewable energies,
- ▶ systems to deliver commercial process heat and
- ▶ further optimization of systems that have already been supported.

The support focuses on existing buildings with heating systems that are at least two years old. However, high-tech solar facilities, biomass heating systems and heat pumps are eligible for support even in new construction (innovation support).

Who is supported?

Enterprises, municipalities, municipal administrative bodies and municipal interest groups, self-employed professionals, non-profit organizations, associations and private individuals are eligible to apply. The national government, the federal states and their institutions and manufacturers if eligible systems or their primary components are not eligible for support (exception: contractors)

How is the support provided?

Solar panel systems, biomass facilities and heat pumps are supported in the form of fixed amounts depending on the panel area or the nominal thermal output:

- ▶ Solar panel systems purely for heating water, up to 40 m² gross panel area: €500 to €2,000
- ▶ Solar panel systems as support for heating systems, up to 40 m² gross panel area: €2,000 to €5,600
- ▶ Solar panel systems purely for heating water, between 20 m² and 100 m² in apartment buildings and large non-residential buildings: €1,500 to €10,000
- ▶ Solar panel systems as support for heating systems, between 20 m² and 100 m² in apartment buildings and large non-residential buildings: €3,000 to €20,000
- ▶ Solar panel systems for commercial process heat up to 50% of the net investment costs.
- ▶ Automatically fed biomass facilities for thermal use up to and including 100 kW nominal thermal output: €2,000 to €8,000
- ▶ Particularly low-emissions firewood gasification boilers: €2,000 (with innovation support: up to €5,250)
- ▶ Wood chip heating systems: €3,500 (with innovation support: up to €5,250)
- ▶ Efficient heat pumps for water heating and room heating up to and including 100 kW nominal thermal output: €1,300 to €15,000
- ▶ Efficient heat pumps for process heat generation: maximum of €18,000

In addition to the basic support, there is also **additional support**: A “combined renewable energy bonus” is available for combining various regenerative measures or connecting the eligible system to a heat network, an “efficiency bonus” for systems in energy-efficient buildings, and a “boiler replacement bonus” for combining solar thermal energy with condensing boilers.

Additional support can also be granted for the energy-related optimization of the heating system (“optimization bonus”). Heat pumps with load management capability are supported with an additional “load management bonus.” The grants for process heat from solar thermal energy are up to 50% of the net investment costs and up to 30% for biomass facilities and heat pumps. The net investment costs also include planning costs for the system and the process integration costs.

In addition to the grant approved as part of the “market incentive program,” there is a bonus of 20% if old inefficient heating systems are replaced by a biomass facility or heat pump or modernized by integrating a solar panel system. This grant is tied to the implementation of specific measures to improve the energy efficiency of the heating system, for which a further bonus of €600 can be paid. This provides even greater support for switching to more efficient heating based on renewable energies. This additional support cannot be combined with the optimization bonus under the MAP guidelines.

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9.16 Refrigeration and air-conditioning systems

What is supported?

Support is provided for new installations or complete or partial renovation of refrigeration and air-conditioning systems, providing the following specifications in the guideline are met:

- ▶ The output limits are not exceeded
- ▶ Requirements for the greenhouse effect of the refrigerant are met.
- ▶ Energy-efficiency components and measures are incorporated and implemented.

Support can also be provided for heat storage systems or heat pumps to use waste heat and cold reservoirs or free cooling systems as part of the “bonus support” if these make practical sense.

Who is supported?

Companies that are either the owner, lessee or tenant of the property at which the system is located or an energy service provider commissioned by the owner, lessee or tenant of the property (contractor) are eligible to apply. Public legal entities and their operating units are eligible to apply, providing they are legally independent and are engaged in commercial activities in competition with companies.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided in the form of a non-repayable grant, the level of which depends on the nature of the measure, the nature of the system and the greenhouse effect of the refrigerant. There is an online support calculator on the BAFA website that can be used to calculate the potential level of support.

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9.17 Electric mobility (environmental bonus)

What is supported?

The acquisition (purchase or leasing) of a new, never previously registered electric vehicle pursuant to Section 2 of the German Electric Mobility Act, specifically

- ▶ a purely electric vehicle,
- ▶ an externally charged hybrid electric vehicle (plug-in hybrid), or
- ▶ a fuel-cell vehicle

in classes M1 and N1 or N2, providing it can be driven in Germany with a driver's license for category B vehicles. Vehicles with any form of power unit with CO₂ emissions of than 50 g per km are also eligible for support.

The vehicle model must be on the list of eligible electric vehicles on the BAFA website. The net list price of the base model may not exceed €60,000.

Who is supported?

Private individuals, companies, foundations, bodies and associations are eligible to apply.

How is the support provided?

The federal proportion of the environmental bonus is €2,000 for pure electric fuel-cell vehicles (no local CO₂ emissions) and €1,500 for plug-in hybrids (less than 50 g of CO₂ emissions per km). The support is only granted if the car manufacturer deducts at least the same amount of environmental bonus from the price that the buyer pays. In the case of leasing, the car manufacturer's proportion over the term of the leasing contract must be calculated and submitted to BAFA at the time of application.

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9.18 Heating optimization

What is supported?

Support is provided for the replacement of heating circulating pumps (glandless and glanded pumps) and hot water circulation pumps with highly efficient pumps. This includes carrying out hydraulic balancing on existing heating systems. The following low-investment measures can also be supported in conjunction with the hydraulic balancing:

- ▶ Pre-settable thermostat valves
- ▶ Individual room temperature controls
- ▶ Balancing valves
- ▶ Volume flow control technology
- ▶ Separate measurement, management and control technology and user interfaces
- ▶ Buffer storage and adjustment of the heating curve

Who is supported?

Private individuals, companies, self-employed professionals, municipalities, municipal administrative bodies and municipal interest groups and other private legal entities (in particular associations, foundations, non-profit organizations or federations) are eligible to apply.

How is the support provided?

The grant is 30% of the net investment costs per process.

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9.19 Cogeneration: electricity payment

What is supported?

Support is provided for new construction, modernization and retrofitting of combined heat and power plants (CHP plants), the market launch of fuel cells, and the new construction and expansion of heating and refrigeration networks and heat/cold reservoirs into which heat or cold from CHP plants is fed.

Operators of CHP plants, heating/refrigeration networks and heat/cold reservoirs receive a payment for the CHP electricity generated (known as the CHP supplement) from their grid operators based on approval from the BAFA.

Who is supported?

Operators of eligible CHP plants, heating/refrigeration networks and heat/cold reservoirs are eligible to apply.

How is the support provided?

For CHP plants, the level of the supplement is geared to the nature of the plant and the time of commissioning. Under the current CHP Act, payments are made for the CHP electricity fed into the grid and used by the CHP plant itself for new plants up to 100 kWel. For new plants up to 50 kWel, the duration of support is 60,000 full hours of use; for plants over 50 kWel, this is 30,000 full hours of use. For plants with an electric CHP output greater than 100 kWel, only the offtake CHP electricity is subsidized. The level of the supplement is geared to the electric CHP output. It begins at 8 ct per kWh for the proportion of output up to 50 kWel and drops to 3.1 ct per kWh from the proportion of output over 2 MWel. For heating and refrigeration networks, the level of supplement depends on the average diameter (DN value) of all new heating or refrigeration pipes laid. For projects with DN less than or equal to 100 the basic supplement is €100 per meter route length up to a maximum of 40% of the allowable investment costs. For projects with DN greater than 100 the supplement is 30% of the allowable investment costs. For heat or cold reservoirs, the supplement is calculated on the basis of the volume of the reservoir. In principle it is €250 per m³ of storage volume, but no more than 30% of the investment costs for reservoirs greater than 50 m³.

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9.20 Mini-CHP plants

What is supported?

Support is provided as part of the national climate-protection initiative for the new installation of mini-CHP plants in existing buildings in the output range up to 20 kWel. The support is provided in the form of an investment grant.

Who is supported?

Private individuals, self-employed professionals, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) as defined by the European Union,¹ municipalities, municipal administrative bodies, municipal interest groups and non-profit investors are eligible to apply. Large energy service providers are eligible to apply if they are making the application on behalf of one of the aforementioned groups that are eligible to apply for which they are acting as an energy service provider (contractor).

How is the support provided?

The level of support depends on the output of the plant and was increased substantially with effect from the beginning of 2015.

For example, very small plants that are particularly suitable for detached and semi-detached houses receive €1,900 for output of 1 kWel, whereas large plants with output of 20 kWel receive €3,500. Bonus support can be paid in addition to this basic support for particularly energy-efficient mini-CHP plants. The heat efficiency bonus is 25% of the basic support, and the electricity efficiency bonus is 60% of the basic support.

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9.21 Broad-spectrum technologies

What is supported?

Individual measures:

Replacement and new purchase of individual systems or units with high-efficiency systems or units with a net investment volume of at least €2,000. The maximum amount of support for individual measures is €30,000 per project (e.g., the total of all individual measures) at one site.

Investment in the following broad-spectrum technologies is supported:

- ▶ Electric motors and drives
- ▶ Pumps for industrial and commercial use, providing they are not used in building heating circuits for heating water and hot water supply
- ▶ Fans and heat-recovery systems in air-conditioning systems
- ▶ Compressed air systems and heat-recovery systems in air compressors
- ▶ heat recovery and waste heat plants in processes within the enterprise
- ▶ Insulation of industrial plants and plant parts

Optimization of technical systems:

Replacement, renewal and new purchase of the cross-section technologies listed under individual measures and the technical systems into which they are incorporated, from a net investment volume of €20,000. The optimization of technical systems relates exclusively to plants or plant parts that help improve the energy efficiency of a technical system by using highly efficient cross-section technologies or that enable industrial waste heat to be used. Expenditure for the installation of the necessary measuring equipment to record the energy consumption is also eligible for support. The application for the optimization of technical systems must include an energy saving plan prepared by an external energy consultant from the list for the "Energy consulting for medium-sized enterprises" program. Enterprises with a DIN EN ISO 50001-certified energy management system can also prepare the energy saving plan internally.

Who is supported?

Commercial and industrial enterprises with a facility or branch office in Germany are eligible to apply. Contractors are also eligible to apply if they provide or implement the energy efficiency measures and other energy services to a business that is eligible to apply and bear a certain amount of the financial risk.



How is the support provided?

The support is provided in the form of a non-repayable grant. Applications for individual measures can be supported both under the provisions of the “De Minimis” Regulation and under Article 38 of the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER). The same applies to enterprises with up to 500 employees in the case of applications for the optimization of technical systems. Large enterprises with more than 500 employees that implement measures to optimize technical systems are only supported under Article 38 of the GBER. The level of the grants is as follows:

- ▶ 30% of eligible expenditure for small and medium-sized enterprises
- ▶ 20% of eligible expenditure for other and large enterprises

A grant of 60% of the eligible consulting costs up to a maximum of €3,000 can also be made for the external energy consulting required for the optimization of technical systems.

Application/contact:

**Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle (BAFA)
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Referat 526 - Energieaudit, Querschnittstechnologien
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9.22 Heating networks 4.0

What is supported?

Support is provided in the first instance for feasibility studies and, in a second step, for the implementation of a heating network 4.0.

Who is supported?

Enterprises, municipal operating units, municipal interest groups, registered associations and registered federations are eligible to apply if they have a facility or branch office in Germany. In addition, consortia can apply if they are led or represented by an organization that is eligible to apply as a member of one of the aforementioned groups. Contractors implementing projects as part of a contracting agreement with one of the aforementioned groups are also eligible to apply.

How is the support provided?

The level of support for feasibility studies is up to 60% of the eligible costs up to a maximum of €60,000. The level of support to implement a heating network 4.0 is up to 50% of the eligible project costs up to a maximum of €15 million.

Application/contact:

Bundesamt für Wirtschaft und Ausfuhrkontrolle (BAFA)

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10. Municipal infrastructure

10.1 Joint Agreement for the Improvement of Regional Economic Structures (GRW): Expansion of the business-oriented infrastructure*

What is supported?

Predominantly investment measures in business-related (including tourism) infrastructure that are necessary in connection with the direct and prompt creation and safeguarding of commercial jobs. Projects to build, expand or modernize research infrastructure can also be supported, although infrastructure that is supported in this context must predominantly be for the purpose of developing commerce and for research and dissemination of knowledge or generation of new knowledge. Integrated regional development concepts, planning and consulting services for the preparation or implementation of eligible infrastructure measures and co-operation networks are also eligible for support as non-investment measures.

Who is supported?

Preferably municipalities and municipal associations. Grants for research infrastructure projects are only awarded to business-oriented non-profit, non-university research and development facilities accredited as competence centers by the Ministry of Economic, Labor and Health. Consortia of at least three partners are required for co-operation networks and cluster management, at least one of which must be a commercial enterprise and other partners with business-oriented facilities.

How is the support provided?

In principle, investment grants of up to 75% of the eligible costs may be approved for business-oriented infrastructure measures.

Furthermore, in exceptional cases, grants of up to 90% may be made if the following conditions are met:

- ▶ The supported infrastructure measure is implemented as an inter-municipal collaboration.
- ▶ The supported infrastructure measure is integrated into a regional development strategy.
- ▶ Abandoned industrial sites (derelict land for industrial, commercial, conversion or traffic use) are revitalized

The grant is up to 75% to a maximum of €50,000 for integrated regional development plans and up to 75% of eligible expenditure for planning and consulting services. Business networks can be supported for a period of up to three years with a grant of up to 75% to a maximum of €200,000 if there are at least three partners. For research infrastructure projects, the grant is up to 90% of the eligible expenditure, but the amount of state aid may not exceed 50% of the expenditure that is eligible for state aid.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

Formal application before work starts is made to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions: The project may not be started until written consent has been given by the Ministry for Economics, Employment and Health.

Approval authority:

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10.2 Support for local public transportation in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern using funds from the European Regional Development Fund*

What is supported?

- ▶ Measures to create or improve barrier-free access to the infrastructure such as the construction, expansion and conversion of barrier-free access to local public transportation stations and stops
- ▶ Construction, conversion, expansion and equipping of local public transportation stations and stops
- ▶ Clearance and redevelopment including creation of green areas around local public transportation stations and stops
- ▶ Park-and-rid and bike-and-ride
- ▶ Investments and measures relating to the integration of new forms of transportation and the development of alternative local public transportation concepts

Who is supported?

The support is aimed at municipalities and districts. As far as the rules on European state aid allow, it is also possible to support transportation companies in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

How is the support provided?

Investment grant of in principle up to 75% of the eligible expenditure. In a departure from this, grants of up to 80% of the eligible expenditure are available for projects that are part of the "Accessible stations and stops in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern" special program. Grants are also generally up to 80% of the eligible expenditure for projects in Rural Development Areas under the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern rural development program. The basis for the support is the support guideline for making grants for investments and measures in local public transportation using funds from the European Regional Development Fund in the federal state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

The formal application must be submitted before work starts to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions.

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10.3 Municipal road-building in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

What is supported?

- ▶ Measures to build new or extend existing municipal traffic infrastructure
- ▶ Measures to maintain existing municipal traffic infrastructure
- ▶ Intersection measures pursuant to the Federal Highways Act, the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Highways Code, the Railway Crossings Act and the Federal Waterways Act

Who is supported?

Municipalities, districts or municipal consortia for the roads they are obliged to build and maintain.

How is the support provided?

Grant of 50% to 75% of the eligible expenditure from federal state funds. The eligible expenditure must be at least €20,000. The basis for the support is the Guideline for Awarding Grants for Municipal Road-Building Measures in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (municipal road-building guideline, KommStrabauRL M-V), which is valid until December 31, 2019.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal registration must be submitted by January 31 and the formal application by July 31 of the year prior to the planned start of work, to the responsible highways departments in Schwerin, Stralsund or Neustrelitz. Further information is also available from the highways departments or from the MV Ministry of Energy, Referat 240.

Straßenbauamt Neustrelitz (Neustrelitz highways department)

Hertelstraße 8, 17235 Neustrelitz

Postal address:

Postfach 1246, 17222 Neustrelitz

Phone: 03981 460-0

E-mail: sba-nz@sbv.mv-regierung.de

Straßenbauamt Schwerin (Schwerin highways department)

Pampower Straße 68, 19061 Schwerin

Postal address:

Postfach 160142, 19091 Schwerin

Phone: 0385 511-40

E-mail: sba-sn@sbv.mv-regierung.de



Straßenbauamt Stralsund (Stralsund highways department)

Greifswalder Chaussee 63b, 18439 Stralsund

Postal address:

Postfach 2543, 18412 Stralsund

Phone: 03831 274-0

E-mail: sba-hst@sbv.mv-regierung.de

Ministerium für Energie, Infrastruktur und Digitalisierung

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

(Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Ministry of Energy, Infrastructure and Digitalization)

Referat 240

Schloßstraße 6 – 8, 19053 Schwerin

Phone: 0385 588-8240

E-mail: poststelle@em.mv-regierung.de

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10.4 Municipal bicycle-path building in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern*

What is supported?

- ▶ Construction or extension of a bicycle path needed because of the traffic situation, adjacent to a road adopted by the municipality (roadside bicycle path)
- ▶ Construction or extension of an autonomous municipal bicycle path that connects and links cities and suburbs
- ▶ Extension of existing paths for bicycle traffic that are within a reasonable distance of an adopted road
- ▶ Construction of new bicycle paths to link the bicycle paths indicated in the previous bullet point

Who is supported?

Municipalities, districts or municipal associations for the roads they are obliged to build and maintain.

How is the support provided?

Grant of up to 75% of the eligible expenditure using funds from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) support period 2014 to 2020 in the federal state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The eligible expenditure must be at least €20,000. The basis for the support is the Guideline on the Co-Financing of Investment in the Construction of Adopted Bicycle Paths (municipal bicycle path-building guideline, KommRadbauRL M-V), which is valid until December 31, 2023.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

The preliminary registration must be submitted to the Ministry of Energy, Infrastructure and Digitalization by October 31 for the following year. The formal application must be submitted to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute before work starts. Further information is also available from the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute or from the MV Ministry of Energy, Unit 240.

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10.5 Support for building sports facilities in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

What is supported?

The federal state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern supports the construction of sports facilities within the framework of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) using EU and state funds (funding area I) and the construction of sports facilities using state and federal funds (funding area II).

Support is provided in particular for modernization and repair, as well as for new construction, expansion and conversion of municipal and club sports facilities and provision of sports equipment.

Who is supported?

Funding area I grants may be awarded to:

- ▶ Districts and municipalities (except the cities of Rostock, Schwerin, Greifswald, Neubrandenburg and Stralsund)
- ▶ Non-profit sports organizations that are members of the MV state sports federation

Funding area II grants may be awarded to:

- ▶ Districts, independent cities and municipalities
- ▶ Non-profit sports organizations that are members of the MV state sports federation
- ▶ The state sports federation itself
- ▶ Other non-profit sponsors with their registered office and sphere of influence in MV

How is the support provided?

In funding area I:

- ▶ For municipal sports facilities: Grants of 40% of the eligible expenditure up to a maximum of €300,000 (gross support), exceptions are possible on a case-by-case basis
- ▶ For construction work by non-profit sports organizers:
 - ▶ With national co-financing using state funds: grants of 60% of the eligible expenditure (net) up to a maximum of €100,000
 - ▶ With national co-financing using municipal funds: grants of 80% of the eligible expenditure (net) up to a maximum of €100,000

Exceptions are possible on a case-by-case basis if there is a particular interest for the federal state.

The grant comprises 75% EAFDR funds and 25% co-financing funds, which must come from public funds (municipality or federal state).

In funding area II:

- ▶ Construction work by non-profit sports clubs and other non-profit sponsors: grant of up to 60% of the eligible expenditure
- ▶ Construction work by the state sports federation: Grant of up to 100% of the eligible expenditure
- ▶ Construction work on elite sports facilities: Grant in addition to federal support of up to 70% of the eligible expenditure.

The maximum grant for construction projects by sports clubs is €100,000. Exceptions are possible in justified cases.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

- a) Informal application for information by municipal and other non-profit sponsors by November 30 for the following year, to:

Ministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Kultur Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
(Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Ministry of Education, Science and Culture)

Abteilung 4

Referat VII 450, Sportangelegenheiten

Werderstraße 124, 19055 Schwerin

Phone: 0385 588-7450

E-mail: poststelle@bm.mv-regierung.de

- b) Informal application for information by sports clubs and associations to:

Landessportbund Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e. V.
(Mecklenburg-Vorpommern state sports federation)

Wittenburger Straße 116, 19059 Schwerin

The contacts can also provide information on other program-specific aspects.

The Guideline on Support for the Construction of Sports Facilities (Sports Facilities Guideline, SportstbRL M-V) of March 25, 2015, and all relevant documentation for the application can be found on the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute website (www.lfi-mv.de) in the "Förderungen" (support) section.



10.6 Support for electronic administration in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

What is supported?

Electronic administration projects that help improve the use and usability of the Internet and online administrative procedures for the population and companies are eligible for support. The principles of the national e-government strategy and the implementation planning for the respective versions of the e-government master plan in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern must be taken into account.

The following projects in particular are suitable for this:

- a) Creation of services with the goal of executing administrative procedures electronically via the Internet with and without electronic signature (transaction and integration)
- b) Development and launch of methods and models for processing and implementing transactions taking specific account of data security and data protection
- c) Adoption of previously developed results of infrastructure support projects by municipal bodies
- d) Projects to increase the user-friendliness and acceptability of electronic administration and its (software) usability
- e) Organization of integral information services via Internet applications and online administrative procedures (for example, building an information platform, electronic information, online payment process and an online street index service)
- f) Measures to build up the communications infrastructure from the perspective of service orientation
- g) Adoption or delivery of basic services for co operative use for the municipal bodies listed below

Who is supported?

Only municipalities, departments, districts, independent cities, relevant active interest groups, public municipal institutions and the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern regional municipal associations are eligible to receive support and hence to submit an application.

How is the support provided?

The grant is made as project support from Mecklenburg-Vorpommern state funds. The grant is made in the form of pro rata financing. The level of the grant is generally up to 65% of the eligible expenditure for projects that are eligible for support. The grant may be up to 75% for co-operative projects and/or those that extend beyond administration level.



Application/contact:

A grant is only awarded if a formal written application is submitted. The application for a grant must be sent to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute. Work on the project may not start until written consent is received from the Ministry of Energy, Infrastructure and Digitalization.

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10.7 Support for investment to improve business-oriented Infrastructure and to reduce CO₂ emissions in municipal ports

What is supported?

Support can be provided for investments to improve port infrastructure as the basis for commercial use and to reduce CO₂ emissions in ports. These include:

- ▶ construction, conversion and expansion of public port infrastructure (in particular wharves, landing stages and ramps including the necessary equipment and facilities, e.g., dolphins, fenders, bollards and rail tracks)
- ▶ equipping and securing wharf and transshipment areas with lighting
- ▶ rail and road connections in the ports with security technology and lighting
- ▶ supply systems for the public port infrastructure (e.g., power and water) and to connect the port commercial areas
- ▶ waste disposal, cleaning and sewage systems for public port areas and for to connect the port commercial areas
- ▶ dredging the harbor seabed, entrances and moorings as part of port expansion including movement and treatment of the dredged materials
- ▶ port security systems
- ▶ construction, conversion and expansion of public port infrastructure relating to the use of low-emissions propulsion systems in ships and shore-based power plants
- ▶ systems for an environmentally friendly power supply
- ▶ planning and consulting services to prepare for and implement eligible port infrastructure measures and measures to reduce CO₂ emissions (no support is provided for the urban development planning)

Who is supported?

Support is provided to municipalities, districts and municipal interest groups in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

How is the support provided?

The support is approved as project support (pro rata financing in the form of a non-repayable grant). In principle, the investment grant is up to 75% of the eligible expenditure, and up to 90% in justified cases. Ancillary construction costs can be supported up to 10% of the eligible expenditure (12% for ancillary construction costs of less than €1 million). A grant of up to €50,000 per measure can be made for planning and consulting costs that the sponsors incur with third parties to prepare for or implement eligible infrastructure measures.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

A formal application must be submitted before work starts to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions and provisions prior to the start.

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10.8 IKK: Investment loan for municipalities (KfW)

What is supported?

Investments in the municipal and social infrastructure including land purchases if the purchase took place no more than two years ago.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Municipal administrative bodies
- ▶ Operating units that are legally dependent on municipal administrative bodies
- ▶ Associations of municipal authorities (e.g. municipal interest groups), which, according to the ordinance on supervisory requirements for banks and investment firms, have a weighted risk of zero using the standard approach to credit risk

How is the support provided?

Long-term loan of up to €150 million per annum and applicant. The financing proportion is up to 50% of the eligible investment costs for loans over €2 million and up to 100% for loans under €2 million.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the start is made directly to the KfW, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions.

Further information:

Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe

(KfW Group information center)

Info center for municipalities

Phone: 0800 539 9008

www.kfw.de/208

10.9 IKU: Investment loan for municipal and social enterprises (KfW)

What is supported?

In principle, any investments in the municipal and social infrastructure in Germany can be funded.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Companies with a predominantly municipal shareholder background
- ▶ All forms of non-profit organization including churches
- ▶ Under certain conditions, companies (irrespective of legal form and share ownership ratio) and natural persons within the framework of investor-operator models
- ▶ Public bodies, institutions and public foundations, each with a predominantly municipal background

How is the support provided?

Long-term loan up to 100% of eligible investment costs. The maximum loan amount is €50 million per project.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

Further information:

[Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe](#)
(KfW Group information center)

Phone: 0800 539 9008

www.kfw.de/148



10.10 IKK: Accessible City (KfW)

What is supported?

Barrier-free or low-barrier redesign of cities and municipalities with all necessary ancillary work including consulting and planning services:

- ▶ public buildings and public spaces such as lifts, ramps, door openers, communications systems, lighting, wider passageways, non-slip floor coverings, lowered sidewalks, guidance and orientation aids
- ▶ transportation such as underground and suburban railway stations, bridges and underpasses

Who is supported?

- ▶ Municipal administrative bodies and their legally dependent operating units
- ▶ Associations of municipal authorities (e.g. municipal interest groups), which, according to the ordinance on supervisory requirements for banks and investment firms, have a weighted risk of zero using the standard approach to credit risk

How is the support provided?

Long-term loan, no maximum amount, financing can cover up to 100% of eligible investment costs.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application is made directly to the KfW, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions.

Further information:

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10.11 IKU: Accessible City (KfW)

What is supported?

Barrier-free or low-barrier redesign of cities and municipalities in Germany with all necessary ancillary work including consulting and planning services:

- ▶ Public buildings and public spaces e.g., lifts, ramps, door openers, communications systems, lighting, wider passageways, non-slip floor coverings, lowered sidewalks, guidance and orientation aids
- ▶ Transportation such as underground and suburban railway stations, bridges and underpasses

Who is supported?

- ▶ Companies with a predominantly municipal shareholder background
- ▶ Under certain conditions, companies (irrespective of legal form and share ownership ratio) and natural persons within the framework of investor-operator models
- ▶ Non-profit organizations and churches
- ▶ Public bodies, institutions and public foundations, each with a predominantly municipal background

How is the support provided?

Long-term loan of up to €50 million per project. Financing proportion up to 100% of eligible investment costs.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

Further information:

Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe
(KfW Group information center)

Phone: 0800 539 9008

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11. Agriculture, fishing and aquaculture

11.1 Knowledge transfer and information measures

What is supported?

- ▶ Vocational education projects (e.g., courses of study, training courses, seminars)
- ▶ Projects for the acquisition of qualifications (e.g., extra qualifications in technology, class T driving license for trainees, training in forest-related education or certified skilled workers for equestrian tourism)
- ▶ Demonstration projects, information measures, workshops and coaching

The projects may not be part of the normal vocational education in agriculture and forestry.

Who is supported?

Accredited training facilities or accredited providers of consulting services (see website of the MV Ministry of Agriculture, the Environment and Consumer Protection). The students are employees, entrepreneurs or trainees in agriculture and forestry, horticulture and household management with their place of work or primary residence in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. In principle the minimum number of students should be 10. The minimum duration is 8 x 45 minutes for educational measures and 3 x 60 minutes for information events.

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

Educational measures:

- ▶ 70% for employees and entrepreneurs for travel, subsistence and teaching materials
- ▶ 90% for trainees and volunteers for travel, subsistence and teaching materials
- ▶ 100% for organization and implementation

Demonstration projects and other information measures:

- ▶ Minimum €500 support per application
- ▶ 100% of expenditure that is not student-dependent (e.g. professional fees, rent or representation costs)

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Applications deadlines March 1, June 1, September 15 and December 1 each year, but no later than four weeks prior to the start of the project.

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11.2 Consulting, management and representation services

What is supported?

Consulting projects in individual companies and work on recommended actions aimed at developing the rural area and that focus on certain consulting areas (statutory management requirements or standards of good agricultural conditions, climate-related and environmental agricultural practices, stemming of climate change, maintenance of biodiversity, maintenance of genetic resources, water and soil protection, farming methods that take particular account of animal welfare, diversification, organic farming).

The following consulting areas are also eligible for support for organic farms:

- ▶ Improvement of processing and marketing structures
- ▶ Land cultivation tailored to the market and location

Who is supported?

Providers of consulting services. A framework agreement is drawn up between the consulting providers and the federal state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern after the award procedure. The consulting services are provided to agricultural enterprises and producer unions (SMEs) with the registered office of their business in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ Depending on the consulting area 60% - 90% of the eligible expenditure: professional fees, material and travel costs
- ▶ For the first consultation 100% (except diversification) up to a maximum of €1,500
- ▶ Up to three consulting projects per annum per agricultural enterprise

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Accounting office/contact

Costs are reimbursed on March 31 and September 30 each year.

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11.3 Agricultural investment funding program (AFP)

What is supported?

- ▶ Investments in durable assets for producing, processing and marketing agricultural products
- ▶ Construction work to improve the overall performance and sustainability of the agricultural business and irrigation systems
- ▶ Purchase of new plant and equipment in foreign trade that leads to a significant reduction in emissions when spreading farm manure or a significant reduction in the environmental impact of the use of pesticides or through targeted weed control using new-style mechanical procedures
- ▶ Ancillary costs for architectural and engineering services and for support and consulting

The supported investments must meet particular requirements in at least one of the areas consumer, environmental, climate or animal protection.

Who is supported?

Agricultural enterprises in which the key part of their business activity involves harvesting animal or vegetable products through land management or associated animal husbandry. The minimum size cited in the law on old-age insurance for farmers "Gesetz über die Alterssicherung der Landwirte" must be met. Moreover, the criteria for small and medium-sized enterprises must be met.

The minimum pre-requisites are as follows:

- ▶ Evidence of competence to run a business
- ▶ Viability of the business and cost-effectiveness of the investment measure
- ▶ Anticipated accounts for at least three years, presented in an investment plan
- ▶ Minimum investment volume of €20,000, maximum eligible investment volume €1.5 million
- ▶ The livestock density may not exceed 2 LU/ha of agricultural land
- ▶ Other specific requirements apply incl. for projects and/or start-ups, support for cooperations and young farmers, irrigation systems, animal husbandry or pig production

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ 20% of eligible expenditure for the construction or improvement of immovable property and machinery
- ▶ 40% for particularly humane animal husbandry (premium support)
- ▶ an additional 10% as part of support for young farmers (maximum €20,000) and co-operations
- ▶ an additional 20% for projects within the framework of European Innovation Partnerships
- ▶ 60% of the eligible advisory fees (maximum amount of grant €10,500)

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

Applications must be submitted by August 31 each year.

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11.4 Processing and marketing of agricultural products

What is supported?

Investments for recording, storage, refrigeration, sorting, preparation, packaging, labeling, processing or marketing of agricultural products to build new capacity and expand existing capacity or for rationalization or modernization within the operation.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Producer unions (must be accredited on the basis of a business plan)
- ▶ 40% capacity utilization of the supported products over at least five years must be demonstrated through supply contracts
- ▶ Processing and marketing companies whose activities are not simultaneously related to the production of agricultural products
- ▶ Micro-, small, medium-sized and medium-to-large enterprises
- ▶ The minimum investment volume is €100,000, or €20,000 for micro- and small enterprises
- ▶ Evidence of the economic viability of the project and a presentation of the improved use of resources must be submitted
- ▶ Investment projects by operational groups within the framework of an EIP (European Investment Partnership) up to December 31, 2018; the operational group must be accredited

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata financing

- ▶ For producer unions up to 35%, for SMEs up to 25% and for medium-to-large enterprises up to 20%
- ▶ For projects within the framework of operational groups, up to 55%
- ▶ For processing into non-Appendix I products, 20% for micro- and small enterprises and up to 10% for medium-sized enterprises

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Applications can be submitted at any time of year, selections are made on March 31 and August 31.

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11.5 Diversification

What is supported?

- ▶ Investments to create additional sources of income in agricultural businesses from self-employment outside agriculture
- ▶ Vacations on the farm up to a total capacity of 25 guest beds
- ▶ Short rotational plantations up to 10 ha per applicant (except power generation in the business itself or remuneration under EEC)
- ▶ Investments in direct marketing of distilleries with an output of 10 hl per year
- ▶ General expenses, e.g., for architectural, engineering and consulting services

Who is supported?

Agricultural enterprises in which the key part of their business activity involves winning animal or vegetable products through land management or associated animal husbandry. The minimum size cited in the law on old-age insurance for farmers "Gesetz über die Alterssicherung der Landwirte" must be met. Furthermore, owners of agricultural sole traderships whose spouses or family members work in the business can be supported if they are establishing a business for the first time or developing a self-employed activity in the geographical vicinity of the agricultural business. The criteria for micro- or small enterprises must be met.

The minimum pre-requisites are as follows:

- ▶ Demonstration of the viability of the business and cost-effectiveness of the investment measure through an investment plan
- ▶ Minimum investment volume of €10,000, or €7,500 for short rotational plantations
- ▶ The total value of the state aid that is granted may not exceed €200,000 relating to a period of three tax years (de minimis)

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ Up to 25% of the eligible expenditure
- ▶ Up to 40% for short rotational plantations up to a maximum one-time amount of €1,200 per ha

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Applications must be submitted by August 31 each year (time limit for KUP support until December 31, 2018).

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11.6 Establishment and development of micro-enterprises in rural areas

What is supported?

- ▶ Investments to establish and develop micro-enterprises outside agriculture and forestry in order to strengthen and maintain the structure of the rural economy and range of services in rural areas
- ▶ Necessary expenditure for the purchase or manufacture of tangible assets pertaining to the investment project; consumables are excluded from support

Who is supported?

Commercial micro-enterprises (no agriculture or forestry) in trade (excluding the building industry), the service industry and tourism located outside the main towns and villages of regional centers and medium-sized towns, with fewer than 10 employees and an annual turnover or annual balance sheet not exceeding €2 million.

The minimum pre-requisites are as follows:

- ▶ Evidence of competence to run a business
- ▶ Demonstration of the profitability of the business and cost-effectiveness of the investment measure through an investment plan
- ▶ A relatively high investment volume must be brought in or an appreciable number of new jobs must be created
- ▶ The main turnover must be generated in the local market within a radius of 50 km
- ▶ The minimum amount of eligible expenditure is €10,000
- ▶ The total value of the state aid that is granted may not exceed €200,000 relating to a period of three tax years (de minimis)

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ Up to 30% of the eligible expenditure
- ▶ Up to 35% of the eligible expenditure for start-ups

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Applications must be submitted by November 30 each year.

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11.7 Integrated rural development

The Mecklenburg-Vorpommern ILERL support guideline (to which sections 11.7.1 to 11.7.5 relate) is expected to come into force in 2018.

11.7.1 Land consolidation and reorganization

What is supported?

The organization of rural areas and the reorganization of rural land structures in process pursuant to the Farmland Consolidation Act and Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act. The purpose of the project must be the implementation of an ILEK (integrated rural development plan) or part of the local development plan within a process pursuant to the Farmland Consolidation Act or Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act. Projects in mandated processes pursuant to the Farmland Consolidation Act or Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act are eligible for support.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Individual involved parties pursuant to Section 10 of the Farmland Consolidation Act
- ▶ Participating communities pursuant to Section 16 of the Farmland Consolidation Act and consortia thereof
- ▶ Water and soil associations
- ▶ Exchange partners in the case of voluntary land exchange under the Farmland Consolidation Act of Section 54 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ In processes under the Farmland Consolidation Act
 - ▶ 85%, or 90% in the case of a special environmental objective of the farm consolidation process, providing the project goal is to implement an integrated rural development plan otherwise
 - ▶ 75%, or 80% in the case of a special environmental objective of the farm consolidation process, of the eligible expenditure
- ▶ In processes under Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, 90% of eligible expenditure

Grants for investments are only made if they are not less than €5,000.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Applications to be submitted by August 31, selection by October 31 using the project selection criteria.

The local responsible land reorganization authority
Staatliches Amt für Landwirtschaft und Umwelt
(State Office for Agriculture and the Environment)



11.7.2 Infrastructure measures tailored to the rural character

What is supported?

Improvement of the infrastructure in rural areas through small investments (projects with total expenditure not exceeding €2.5 million) relating to infrastructure tailored to the rural character, in particular to tap the potential for agricultural, economic or tourism development. Infrastructure tailored to the rural character refers to roads outside towns pursuant to Section 3, paragraph 3, clause b, and Section 4 of the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern highways act, including any necessary connections to streets within towns.

The purpose of the project must be the implementation of an ILEK (integrated rural development plan) or part of the local development plan within a process pursuant to the Farmland Consolidation Act or Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Who is supported?

Municipalities or associations of municipal authorities.

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ 75%, providing the project goal is to implement an integrated rural development plan, otherwise
- ▶ 65% of the eligible expenditure.

Grants for investments are only made if they are not less than €5,000.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Applications to be submitted by August 31, selection by October 31 using the project selection criteria.

- ▶ **Within the areas** of processes under the Farmland Consolidation Act and Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the local responsible land reorganization authority

Staatliches Amt für Landwirtschaft und Umwelt (State Office for Agriculture and the Environment)

- ▶ **Outside the areas** of processes under the Farmland Consolidation Act and Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act

Head of the district authority of the district in which the project will be implemented.



11.7.3 Village revitalization and development, leisure and culture

What is supported?

Maintenance, design and development of rural towns through small investments (projects with total expenditure not exceeding €2.5 million) to improve living conditions for the rural population.

- ▶ Maintenance and design of buildings (excluding interior design)
- ▶ Creation, maintenance and expansion of village community facilities
- ▶ Creation, maintenance and expansion of multi-functional buildings
- ▶ Creation, maintenance, improvement and expansion of leisure and local recreational facilities for the local population

The purpose of the project must be the implementation of an ILEK (integrated rural development plan) or part of the local development plan within a process pursuant to the Farmland Consolidation Act or Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Natural persons, partnerships and legal entities in the private sector
- ▶ Religious groups whose communities and organizations have achieved the status of a public body in the federal state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ for non-profit registered associations and non-profit limited liability companies, 75% if the project goal is to implement an integrated rural development plan, otherwise 65% of the eligible expenditure;
- ▶ for other organizations, 45% if the purpose of the project is to implement an integrated rural development plan otherwise up to 35% of the eligible expenditure.

Grants for investments are only made if they are not less than €5,000.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Applications to be submitted by August 31, selection by October 31 using the project selection criteria.

- ▶ **Within the areas** of processes under the Farmland Consolidation Act and Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the local responsible land reorganization authority

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(State Office for Agriculture and the Environment)**

- ▶ **Outside the areas** of processes under the Farmland Consolidation Act and Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act

Head of the district authority of the district in which the project will be implemented.



11.7.4 Provision of basic services

What is supported?

Creation, safeguarding, improvement and expansion of facilities, providing basic services to the rural population through small investments (projects with total expenditure not exceeding €5 million).

- ▶ Stationary and mobile local stores supplying everyday goods and services including preliminary studies into their economic viability
- ▶ Measures to create the physical premises for doctors' practices and other medical facilities that do not extend beyond the local needs of the population in rural towns
- ▶ Renovation, conversion, expansion and new construction of existing childcare facilities and schools, providing general education

The purpose of the project must be the implementation of an ILEK (integrated rural development plan) or part of the local development plan within a process pursuant to the Farmland Consolidation Act or Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Local stores must meet the requirements of the "Mecklenburg-Vorpommern new village center" regional initiative. Measures relating to medical facilities must plug an existing gap in provision or prevent an impending one. Projects relating to childcare facilities and schools must comply with the respective youth welfare and school development plans.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Municipalities or associations of municipal authorities
- ▶ Participating communities pursuant to Section 16 of the Farmland Consolidation Act and consortia thereof
- ▶ Natural persons, partnerships and legal entities in the private sector
- ▶ Religious groups whose communities and organizations have achieved the status of a public body in the federal state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ For municipalities, associations of municipal authorities and participating communities pursuant to Section 16 of the Farmland Consolidation Act and their consortia, 75% of the eligible expenditure providing the purpose of the project is to implement an integrated rural development plan, otherwise 65% of the eligible expenditure
- ▶ For other recipients 100% for preliminary studies, otherwise 100% of the eligible expenditure if the purpose of the project is to implement an integrated rural development plan, otherwise 90% of the eligible expenditure

Grants for investments are only made if they are not less than €5,000.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

Applications to be submitted by August 31, selection by October 31 using the project selection criteria.

- ▶ **Within the areas** of processes under the Farmland Consolidation Act and Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the local responsible land reorganization authority

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- ▶ **Outside the areas** of processes under the Farmland Consolidation Act and Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act

Head of the district authority of the district in which the project will be implemented.



11.7.5 Small tourist infrastructure facilities

What is supported?

Small investments (projects with total expenditure not exceeding €2.5 million) and non-investment projects relating to rural tourism.

- ▶ Renovation, conversion, expansion and interior design of exhibition buildings, museums or other buildings used to provide tourism services and tourist information, providing they are intended for public use.
- ▶ Creation, expansion and renovation of tourist routes including the related support infrastructure facilities to improve their accessibility or to facilitate or encourage their use.
- ▶ Development and production of conventional publications to provide information about tourist services.

The purpose of the project must be the implementation of an ILEK (integrated rural development plan) or part of the local development plan within a process pursuant to the Farmland Consolidation Act or Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Municipalities or associations of municipal authorities
- ▶ Participating communities pursuant to Section 16 of the Farmland Consolidation Act and consortia thereof
- ▶ Natural persons, partnerships and legal entities in the private sector

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ For municipalities, associations of municipal authorities and participating communities pursuant to Section 16 of the Farmland Consolidation Act and their consortia, 90% of the eligible expenditure providing the purpose of the project is to implement an integrated rural development plan, otherwise 80% of the eligible expenditure
- ▶ For registered associations for conventional publications, 80% of the eligible expenditure
- ▶ For other organizations, 50% if the purpose of the project is to implement an integrated rural development plan otherwise up to 40% of the eligible expenditure

Grants for investments are only made if they are not less than €5,000.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

Applications to be submitted by August 31, selection by October 31 using the project selection criteria.

- ▶ **Within the areas** of processes under the Farmland Consolidation Act and Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the local responsible land reorganization authority

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- ▶ **Outside the areas** of processes under the Farmland Consolidation Act and Sections 53 to 64b of the Agricultural Adjustment Act

Head of the district authority of the district in which the project will be implemented.



11.8 Support for fishing ports, landing stages, auction halls and safety equipment

What is supported?

1. To improve the quality, control and traceability of the products that are landed, to increase energy efficiency, to contribute to environmental protection and improved safety and working conditions; support can be provided for investments:
 - ▶ to improve the infrastructure in fishing ports, auction halls, landing stages and safety equipment
 - ▶ in systems for collecting waste, marine garbage and lost fishing gear
2. Support can be provided for investments in fishing ports, auction halls, landing stages and safety equipment to facilitate compliance with the obligation to land all catches and to use neglected parts of the catch.
3. Support can be provided for investments to construct or modernize safety equipment to improve the safety of fishermen
4. Planning services in connection with eligible investments can be supported.

Who is supported?

Support is provided to the federal state, public municipal bodies or private municipal bodies with an exclusively public-sector shareholder structure as well as natural persons and private legal entities.

Recipients of grants must have their registered office and business operations in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ For investment projects by natural persons and private legal entities, a grant of up to 49% may be made
- ▶ For public bodies and private bodies with an exclusively public-sector shareholder structure, a grant of up to 100% can be made
- ▶ Within this support program, planning costs can be considered up to 15% of the eligible expenditure

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Accounting office/contact

Applications may be submitted up to April 30, 2023.

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11.9 Support for aquaculture investments

What is supported?

Examples of activities for which support can be provided include:

- ▶ New construction or modernization of closed-circulation and flow-through systems, fish ponds or cage systems
- ▶ Investments to improve the quality of aquaculture products such as holding systems or technical devices to reduce the geosmin content in the fish flesh
- ▶ Investments to reduce water consumption or improve the water quality
- ▶ Potential sources of income relating to and supplementing the core business of the aquaculture enterprise such as angling tourism or environmental services (note: at least 51% of revenue must be generated by the core business even after the investments e.g. in angling tourism)
- ▶ Education, training and CPD for employees of aquaculture projects to improve the economic results of the aquaculture enterprises
- ▶ Improving working such as improving health and safety at work
- ▶ Exchange of experiences with other aquaculture enterprises, trade organizations, scientists or centers promoting gender equality
- ▶ Expenditure for fighting and eradicating diseases in aquaculture
- ▶ Development of processes to meet animal health and animal protection standards

Who is supported?

Grants may be made to enterprises of any legal form that make investments in aquaculture in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Recipients of grants must have their registered office and business operations in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ A grant of up to 49% can be made for investments in aquaculture up to €1 million. For projects over €1 million up to €5 million, a grant of up to 30% can be made for the amount between €1 million and €5 million. The maximum possible support is therefore €1.69 million per investment project.
- ▶ Planning costs in connection with eligible construction investments can be considered within this support program up to 15% of the eligible expenditure.
- ▶ For other measures, based on the principle of economic viability, measures that fulfill the intended purpose with the minimum acceptable expenditure. For architectural and engineering services, the maximum eligible costs are the minimum fees in the schedule of fees for architects and engineers.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

Applications may be submitted up to April 30, 2023.

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11.10 Support for innovations in aquaculture

What is supported?

Examples of activities for which support can be provided include:

- ▶ The development of technical, scientific or organizational knowledge in aquaculture enterprises, in particular those to reduce the environmental impact of and dependence on fish oil, foster a sustainable use of resources in aquaculture, improve animal protection or facilitate sustainable production methods
- ▶ The development or market launch of new farmed species with good market potential
- ▶ The development or market launch of new or substantially improved products, processes or administrative or organizational systems
- ▶ Testing the technical feasibility of economic viability of innovations, products or processes
- ▶ Planning services in connection with eligible investments

Who is supported?

Grants may be made to both natural persons and legal entities as well as to public organizations. The projects must be implemented by or in conjunction with accredited scientific or technical facilities. Recipients of grants must have their registered office and business operations in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ A grant of up to 49% can be made for investments in innovation in aquaculture. This grant can increase to up to 100% for accredited public scientific or technical facilities.
- ▶ Within this support program, planning costs can be considered up to 15% of the eligible expenditure

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Applications may be submitted up to April 30, 2023.

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11.11 Support for animal health and animal protection in aquaculture enterprises

What is supported?

Examples of activities for which support can be provided include:

- ▶ Projects to fight and eradicate diseases in aquaculture including the operating costs to meet the conditions of an eradication plan
- ▶ The development of general and species-specific best practice or codes of conduct for biosafety or animal health and animal protection standards in aquaculture
- ▶ Initiatives to reduce dependence on veterinary medical products in aquacultures
- ▶ Veterinary studies or drug studies and the dissemination and exchange of information and best practice on animal diseases in aquaculture enterprises aimed at fostering an appropriate use of veterinary medical products.

Who is supported?

Grants may be made to enterprises of any legal form. Recipients of grants must have their registered office and business operations in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. No bankruptcy proceedings must have been applied for or opened against them. The supported enterprise must have no more than 250 employees and an annual turnover of no more than €50 million or an annual balance sheet total of no more than €43 million.

The eligible expenditure of each project must be at least €5,000.

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ A grant of up to 49% can be made to support animal health and animal protection in aquaculture. This grant can increase to up to 100% for accredited public scientific or technical facilities.
- ▶ Within this support program, planning costs can be considered up to 15% of the eligible expenditure

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Applications may be submitted up to April 30, 2023.

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11.12 Support for sustainable development of fishing

What is supported?

Innovations in the fishing industry:

- ▶ The development or introduction of new or substantially improved products and equipment
- ▶ The development or introduction of new or improved processes and methods
- ▶ The development or introduction of new or improved administrative or organizational systems (except marketing activities)

Innovations to conserve marine biological resources:

- ▶ Projects to develop or introduce new technologies or organizational forms that reduce the environmental impact of fishing, including improved fishing methods and better selectivity of fishing gear, or with the aim of achieving more sustainable use of marine biological resources and better co-existence with protected predators

Stock conservation measures:

- ▶ Planning, development and implementation of stock conservation measures
- ▶ Involvement of interested parties and collaboration between member states
- ▶ Direct stock measures, providing these are planned as a conservation measures in a union legal instrument (based on the Federal Republic of Germany's eel management plan, eel stocks must be replenished with elvers or nursery eels with a length of up to 20 cm)
- ▶ Stocking trials

Conservation and restoration of marine biodiversity and marine ecosystems:

- ▶ Design, construction or modernization of systems to protect and build up marine flora and fauna
- ▶ Measures to improve management or conservation of marine biological resources
- ▶ Development, support and updating of fishing management plans for Natura 2000 areas and other special marine protected areas
- ▶ Raising environmental awareness with the cooperation of fishermen

Conservation and strengthening of biodiversity and ecosystem services such as restoring particular marine habitats in order to achieve sustainable protection of fish stocks.

Who is supported?

Support can be provided to natural persons or legal entities for innovations in the fishing industry (Section 2.1.1 of the MV fishing support guideline), for stock conservation measures (Section 2.1.7 *ibid*) and innovations relating to the conservation of marine biological resources (Section 2.1.9 *ibid*). The projects must be implemented by or in conjunction with accredited scientific or technical facilities. For stock conservation measures, a collective applicant comprises at least three members. Support can be provided to public scientific or technical facilities, fishermen or accredited producer organizations in fishing for measures to protect and restore marine biodiversity and ecosystems (Section 2.1.10, *ibid*).

Recipients of grants must have their registered office and business operations in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

How is the support provided?



Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ For investment projects by natural persons and private legal entities, a grant of up to 49% may be made
- ▶ For stock conservation measures, a grant of up to 60% may be made if the project is implemented by associations of fishermen or other collective beneficiaries (collective applicant)
- ▶ For accredited scientific or technical facilities, the grant may be up to 100%
- ▶ Within this support program, planning costs can be considered up to 15% of the eligible expenditure

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Applications may be submitted up to April 30, 2023.

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11.13 Support for diversification and new sources of income

What is supported?

Examples of activities for which support can be provided include:

The development of activities supplementary to fishing and refocusing on supplementary activities such as

- ▶ Investments on board
- ▶ Angling tourism
- ▶ Restaurants
- ▶ Environmental services in connection with fishing
- ▶ Training about fishing
- ▶ Planning services in connection with eligible investments

Who is supported?

- ▶ Coastal fishermen (as their primary occupation or as a sideline)
- ▶ Freshwater fishermen (as their primary occupation or as a sideline)

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant:

- ▶ For eligible investments, a grant of up to 49%* may be made up to a maximum of €75,000 per beneficiary
- ▶ Planning services can be considered up to 15% of the eligible expenditure

*The rate of support can be increased by 30% for projects within the framework of small-scale coastal fishing (Baltic fishing with passive gear and vessels < 12 m LOA).

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Applications may be submitted up to April 30, 2023.

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Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (LALLF)**

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11.14 Support for production and marketing plans by producer organizations

What is supported?

Expenditure for preparing production and marketing plans pursuant to Regulation (EU) 1379/2013 on the common organization of the markets in fishery and aquaculture products.

The support is provided for expenditure related to projects that

- ▶ Involve innovative aspects
- ▶ Are of collective interest
- ▶ Go beyond the normal business operations of the producer organization

The grant recipient's own efforts in the form of work and contributions in kind are eligible for support.

Who is supported?

Accredited producer organizations and associations of producer organizations.

How is the support provided?

A grant of up to 75%, up to a maximum of €150,000 per annum per producer organization, can be awarded to prepare production and marketing plans. The grant for investments is at least €5,000.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

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11.15 Funding to support businesses founded by young fishermen and women

What is supported?

Support can be provided to young fishermen for the purchase of their first fishing vessel.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Young coastal fishermen (as their primary occupation or as a sideline)
- ▶ Young freshwater fishermen (as their primary occupation or as a sideline)

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant. A grant of up to 25%, up to a maximum of €75,000 per beneficiary, can be awarded to support start-ups by young fishermen. The grant for investments is at least €5,000.

* The rate of support can be increased by 30% for projects within the framework of small-scale coastal fishing (Baltic fishing with passive gear and vessels < 12 m LOA).

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

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11.16 Support to limit the consequences of fishing for the marine environment, to limit the impact of freshwater fishing on the environment, to change fishing in the interests of the protection of species

What is supported?

- ▶ Investments in equipment to improve the size and species selectivity of fishing gear
- ▶ Investments on board or in equipment to prevent discards by avoiding and reducing unwanted by-catches in commercial stocks or for handling unwanted catches that must be landed according to Art. 15 of Regulation (EU) no. 1380/2013.
- ▶ Investments in equipment to restrict and, if possible, prevent the physical and biological consequences of fishing on the ecosystem or the seabed.
- ▶ Investments in equipment to protect the fishing gear and the catches against mammals and birds that are protected by the EU's flora and fauna and bird protection directives, providing that the equipment does not impair the selectivity of the fishing gear and that all appropriate measures are taken to prevent injury to these mammals and birds.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Owners of fishing vessels in the EU whose vessels are registered with the LALLF as vessels used for a primary or secondary occupation and that have been at sea for the purpose of fishing for a total of at least 60 days in each of the two calendar years prior to the date of submission of the application for support.
- ▶ Fishermen (primary occupation or sideline) who own the equipment to be replaced And have worked on board a fishing vessel in the EU for a total of at least 60 days in each of the two calendar years prior to the date of submission of the application for support.
- ▶ Freshwater fishermen (as their primary occupation or as a sideline).
- ▶ Accredited producer organizations in fishery.

How is the support provided?

Project support in the form of pro rata funding, as a non-repayable grant. A grant of up to 49%* of eligible investments can be granted; up to 100% can be granted for accredited public scientific or technical facilities (e.g. research facilities such as the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern state research institute (Landesforschungsanstalt M-V), universities).

The grant for investments is at least €5,000.

* The rate of support can be increased by 30% for projects within the framework of small-scale coastal fishing (Baltic fishing with passive gear and vessels < 12 m LOA).

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

Applications may be submitted up to April 30, 2023.

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12. Support for urban development

12.1 Support programs for urban development

What is supported?

The aim of the support programs for urban development (national/regional) is to rectify urban development issues and functional problems in officially designated renovation areas and defined support areas (collective urban development measures) with the goal of eliminating development deficits and improving living conditions in general.

The focus of urban development support is the modernization and repair of:

- ▶ Roads and utilities (including public roads, paths and squares, green spaces, public playgrounds and parking lots)
- ▶ Communal and infrastructure facilities (structures for communal use including nurseries, schools, theaters, museums, libraries and town halls)
- ▶ Structures and possibly new construction projects by private owners

The following urban development support programs are available:

- a) Städtebaulicher Denkmalschutz (Protection of Urban Historical Monuments): preservation and continued development of architecturally and culturally important historic city centers and areas that goes beyond individual historic monuments
- b) Soziale Stadt (Social City): stabilization and regeneration of disadvantaged city districts and neighborhoods
- c) Aktive Stadt- und Ortsteilzentren (Active City and Neighborhood Centers): the program's integrate approach helps reinforce the diversity of offerings and versatility in centers
- d) Stadtumbau Ost Aufwertung (City East Redevelopment, Revitalization): assistance to manage the demographic and economic structural change in cities and municipalities
- e) Smaller cities and municipalities - safeguarding and strengthening the provision of basic public services in city centers
- f) Urban greenspace - improving urban greenspace infrastructure and the urban climate

Who is supported?

Recipients of the urban development support are municipalities that have been included in the urban development support program. The municipalities may award urban development support funds to third parties (e.g., private owners of sponsors of facilities) for appropriate investments.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided in the form of a pro rata grant.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.



Application/contact:

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12.2 Stadtumbau Ost: Support program for the demolition of residences standing permanently empty in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

What is supported?

Demolition of empty residential buildings, or parts thereof, that are no longer required in the long term.

Who is supported?

Support is provided for the demolition work planned by the city/municipality as a collective measure. The collective measures consist of individual measures by owners of residences whose demolition projects fit in with the respective municipal urban development plans or, for smaller municipalities, the outline plans.

How is the support provided?

Provision of grants: the support is provided up to a maximum limit.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Before work starts, owners of the residences must submit an informal application to the city/municipality for inclusion of their individual measures in the collective measures. Applications for demolition support must be sent to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute (LFI).

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12.3 “Social integration in the quarter” investment pact

What is supported?

The federal/regional “Social integration in the quarter investment pact” program has the following goals to:

- ▶ create places of integration and social cohesion in the quarter;
- ▶ raise the standards of facilities that are directly or indirectly part of the public social infrastructure, including reducing and eliminating barriers to accessibility;
- ▶ create, maintain, expand and raise the standards of green spaces and open spaces and
- ▶ help develop quarters by improving their architectural quality.

The renewal of communal and infrastructure facilities is a key starting point. The pre-requisite is that the facilities are located in areas covered by the urban development support programs. This requirement can be waived in exceptional cases if there is a particular need to support the facilities for the purpose of social integration or social cohesion in the quarter.

Who is supported?

Municipalities are eligible to apply. The municipalities may also award support funds to third parties.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided in the form of a pro rata grant.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

The city/municipality must support the application for support to:

Ministerium für Energie, Infrastruktur und Digitalisierung

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

(Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Ministry of Energy, Infrastructure and Digitalization)

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12.4 Municipal investment funding act (KInvFG): Improvement of the school infrastructure in financially weak municipalities in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

What is supported?

Under Chapter 2 of the Municipal Investment Funding Act, the federal state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern receives financial aid from the federal government to improve the school infrastructure in financially weak municipalities. School-building projects with a focus on inclusion are particularly eligible for consideration.

Who is supported?

The support is provided to financially weak municipalities. A municipality is deemed to be financially weak if it receives subsidies from the municipal financial equalization program

How is the support provided?

The grant is made as project support via pro rata financing in the form of a non-repayable grant. The grant is generally 75% of the eligible expenditure. In exceptional cases where there is a particular justification, a grant of up to 90% of eligible expenditure can be made to municipalities that have permanently lost financial capability according to the computer-based municipalities' budgetary evaluation and information system (RUBIKON).

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

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A written application must be submitted to the approval authority.

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12.5 Integrated sustainable urban development (EFRE)*

What is supported?

Grants are made for the following projects:

- ▶ Urban development projects to improve the permanent use of cultural heritage
- ▶ Urban development projects to exploit and develop suburban and inner-city wastelands, to shape residential neighborhoods and to connect green spaces
- ▶ Environmental transportation infrastructure projects that make a significant contribution to reducing emissions of air pollutants and/or noise and to protecting human health by reducing the risk of accidents
- ▶ Projects to improve urban infrastructures (including improving their accessibility) that facilitate the integration of specific population groups into education, employment and society

Who is supported?

Beneficiaries are the regional centers and medium-sized cities in the federal state that have an integrated urban development plan. The municipalities may award funds to third parties (e.g., private owners) for appropriate investments.

How is the support provided?

Support in the form of grants of up to 75% of the eligible expenditure.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

In principle, projects in the support period 2014-2020 are selected by the EFRE through calls for competition. The city will submit the project applications to the responsible department cited in the project call.

The responsible ministry will inform the city whether or not its project has been selected and, in the event of a positive outcome, ask it to flesh out the formal written application for support submitted during the project selection process. The formal application must be submitted before work starts to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions. The project may not be started until written consent is given by the responsible ministry.

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12.6 Sustainable rural development

What is supported?

The support primarily relates to projects that help strengthen and revitalize settlement areas with the aims of mitigating the negative consequences of demographic change, taking account of the demands of climate protection and adaptation to climate change, securing the future performance of the municipalities to be supported and increasing the competitiveness and attraction of the region. The focus is on maintaining the viability of rural areas and, consequently, on safeguarding the provision of basic public services. Accordingly, support is provided for measures to build and adapt the social infrastructure, to exploit valuable or hallmark buildings individually and as groups for the purpose of their continued use, and to clear and develop wasteland.

Who is supported?

The support is aimed at 41 lower-order centers in the federal state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern listed by name in the Rural Development Program. Legal entities may also receive grants for communal facilities.

How is the support provided?

The grants are made via pro rata financing in the form of a non-repayable grant. The grants are generally up to 75% of the eligible expenditure.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

A grant is only awarded if a formal written application is submitted. The application for a grant must be sent to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Regional Business Promotion Institute.

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13. Housing support

13.1 Support for the modernization and repair of rented and housing association residences and owner-occupied residences and improvement of their accessibility

What is supported?

Housing support in the federal state focuses on modernizing and repairing the housing stock and improving accessibility so that it is future-proof.

Who is supported?

Owners (natural persons and legal entities) of land containing residential property in municipalities designated as regional centers, medium-sized cities and lower-order centers according to the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern regional development program and the Regional Development Programs. Conversion of owner-occupied residential property for the purpose of accessibility can also be supported outside the central locations under the grant program (see no. 7 below).

How is the support provided?

Support is provided through low-interest loans and non-repayable grants. Specifically, support is provided for the following:

1. Modernization and repair of rented and housing association apartments with loans of up to 40% of the eligible expenditure of up to €500 per m² of living space, up to a maximum eligible expenditure of €30,000 per apartment. Other loans for adding a balcony and, in the case of partial demolition of the building, for replacing the roof and rebuilding exterior facilities are available.
2. Modernization and repair of owner-occupied residential property (houses and apartments constructed before 1990) with loans of up to 40% of the eligible expenditure of up to €500 per m² of living space, up to a maximum eligible expenditure of €50,000 per residence, plus an additional loan of €3,000 per child and an additional loan for accessible conversion of up to €15,000 per residence.
3. Modernization and repair of rented and housing association apartments and owner-occupied residences (building constructed before 1949) in inner-city quarters of older buildings in regional centers and medium-sized cities with loans of up to 40% of the eligible expenditure up to €1,200 per m² of living space, up to a maximum eligible expenditure of €108,000 per apartment.
4. Accessible conversion of rented and housing association apartments and owner-occupied residences with low-interest loans of up to €43,000 per residence.
5. Conversion of rented and housing association apartments to improve accessibility with loans of up to 60% of the eligible expenditure of up to €700 per m² of living space, up to a maximum eligible expenditure of €42,000 per apartment.
6. Retrofitting passenger elevators in residential buildings with loans of up to 40% of the eligible expenditure up to €150,000 per elevator or a grant of up to 30% of the eligible expenditure up to €198,000 per elevator, but with a maximum of €33,000 per elevator stop in the building.
7. Accessible conversion of owner-occupied residences with a grant of up to 30% of the eligible expenditure up to €15,000 per residence.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Information and advice on the support is available from the approval authority, to which applications must also be submitted.

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13.2 Support for the creation of occupancy-controlled rented residences (social housing program)

What is supported?

The regional support is provided to create rented residences through new construction and through modification, change of use or extension of buildings. The residences are subject to rent and occupancy control for a period of 20 years. The technical conditions for the support are a floor plan with improved or total accessibility and corresponding fixtures and fittings. Support will only be provided for residences with a surface area and fittings that are suitable for households looking for a home and that are intended to house a household in the long term. In principle, support can be provided to create residences in municipalities designated as regional centers, medium-sized cities or lower-order centers in the Regional Development Plans and in which the municipality has confirmed the need for residences that are the subject of this program.

Who is supported?

Owners (natural persons and legal entities), providing they own a suitable building plot or hold the hereditary building rights to one, or demonstrate that the purchase of a plot or the acquisition of hereditary building rights is assured or will be assured if the grant is awarded.

How is the support provided?

The support is provided in the form of non-repayable grants to cover a proportion of the total expenditure. The level of the grant is 32.5% of the eligible expenditure. For the creation of accessible rented apartments, for example, the grant can be up to €750 per m² of living space, plus up to €100 per m² of living space if the residences are connected by an accessible elevator.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Information and advice on the support is available from the approval authority, to which applications must also be submitted.

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13.3 Age-adapted conversions: Loan (KfW)

What is supported?

Measures to reduce barriers in existing residential buildings according to need, irrespective of the age and disability of the user. Support modules can be freely combined, are inherently flexible and are defined for modifications to existing buildings and measures to protect against burglary.

Who is supported?

Sponsors of investment measures in owner-occupied and rented residential buildings and first-time buyers of newly age-adapted, converted residential buildings or owner-occupied homes.

How is the support provided?

Long-term loan of up to €50,000 per housing unit. Financing proportion up to 100% of eligible investment costs.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions, in particular on the involvement of experts on the age-adapted home standard.

Further information

Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe
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13.4 Age-adapted conversions: Investment grant (KfW)

What is supported?

Measures to improve accessibility in existing residential buildings according to need, irrespective of the age and disability of the user. Support modules can be freely combined, are inherently flexible and are defined for modifications to existing buildings and measures to protect against burglary.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Owners or first-time buyers of owner-occupied and rented residential buildings (maximum two apartments)
- ▶ Owners of apartments in condominium ownership
- ▶ Natural persons as tenants with the consent of the landlord

How is the support provided?

- ▶ For individual burglary prevention measures, 20% of the eligible investment costs of up to €1,000 per residence and 10% for investment costs in excess of €1,000: maximum eligible costs: €15,000 per residence
- ▶ For individual accessibility measures, 10% of the eligible investment costs and 12.5% of the eligible investment costs to meet the age-adapted house standard, up to a maximum of €50,000 per residence

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts directly to the KfW which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions.

Further information:

**Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe
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13.5 Energy-efficient construction (KfW)

What is supported?

- ▶ Construction or first-time purchase of highly energy-efficient residential buildings (space used for residential purposes and housing units) including residential homes, retirement homes and nursing homes
- ▶ New residences created through the extension of existing buildings and the fitting out of previously unheated rooms (e.g., attic conversion)
- ▶ Support is provided on the basis of the Energy Savings Ordinance for the following KfW energy-efficient house levels:
 - KfW energy-efficient house 40 Plus
 - KfW energy-efficient house 40
 - KfW energy-efficient house 55

Who is supported?

- ▶ All sponsors of investment measures in newly built owner-occupied or rented residential buildings and owner-occupied apartments
- ▶ First-time buyers of newly built residential buildings or owner-occupied apartments

Sponsors of investment measures include private individuals, residential building companies, housing associations, property developers, owners/operators of residential care homes, municipal associations and public bodies, and contracting commissioners (investors).

How is the support provided?

Low-interest loan up to a maximum of €100,000 per housing unit. Repayment grants are awarded depending on the energy-efficiency level. Financing proportion up to 100% of eligible investment costs.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

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13.6 Energy-efficient renovation: Loan (KfW)

What is supported?

Energy-saving measures and those to reduce CO₂ emissions as individual measures, packages of heating and ventilation measures and measures to achieve a KfW energy-efficient house level in existing residential buildings, including residential homes, retirement homes and nursing homes, for which the planning application was submitted or the building notice was filed prior to February 1, 2002.

Who is supported?

- ▶ All sponsors of investment measures for owner-occupied or rented residential buildings and owner-occupied apartments
- ▶ First-time buyers of newly renovated residential buildings or owner-occupied apartments

Sponsors of investment measures include private individuals, residential building companies, housing associations, property developers, owners/operators of residential care homes, municipal associations and public bodies and contracting commissioners (investors).

How is the support provided?

The maximum loan amount is €100,000 per housing unit for a renovation to create a KfW energy-efficient house and €50,000 per housing unit for individual measures and packages of measures. Repayment grants are awarded depending on the measures.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

Further information:

Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe
(KfW Group information center)

Phone: 0800 539 9002

www.kfw.de/151

13.7 Energy-efficient renovation: Investment grant (KfW)

What is supported?

Energy-saving measures and those to reduce CO₂ emissions in existing residential buildings for which the planning application was submitted or the building notice was filed prior to February 1, 2002, including the costs for consulting, planning and building support services. A condition for the grant is that an energy consultant is commissioned before work starts.

Who is supported?

Owners of owner-occupied detached and semi-detached houses, first-time buyers of newly renovated detached and semi-detached houses and owner-occupied apartments, and owners of owner-occupied or rented apartments in condominium ownership.

How is the support provided?

Tapered grants of 10% to 30% of the eligible costs for individual measures, for packages of heating and ventilation measures and for renovation measures to create a KfW energy-efficient house 55, 70, 85, 100, 115, KfW energy-efficient historic monument.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the start, directly to the KfW which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions.

Further information:

Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe
(KfW Group information center)

Phone: 0800 539 9002

www.kfw.de/430



13.8 Energy-efficient construction and renovation: Building support grant (KfW)

What is supported?

Energy-related technical planning and building support by an external expert energy consultant who plans the energy-related measures for a renovation project, assists in their implementation and supports the client with additional technical skills. The pre-requisite is that the project is supported under the KfW energy-efficient construction and renovation program.

Who is supported?

All sponsors of investment measures for owner-occupied or rented residential buildings and owner-occupied apartments. Sponsors of investment measures include private individuals, residential building companies, housing associations, property developers, owners/operators of residential care homes, municipal associations and public bodies and contracting commissioners (investors).

How is the support provided?

Support is provided in the form of a grant of 50% of the eligible costs for the expert, up to a maximum of €4,000 per project.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application after completion of the qualified building support is made directly to the KfW, which can also provide information on other program-specific conditions.

Further information:

Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe
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Phone: 0800 539 9002

www.kfw.de/431

13.9 KfW home ownership program

What is supported?

Construction or purchase of owner-occupied houses and apartments in Germany and the purchase of association shares for owner-occupied housing.

Who is supported?

Natural persons who purchase owner-occupied homes or who sign the association shares to become a member of a housing association.

How is the support provided?

Low-interest loan of €50,000 with a term of up to 25 years.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

Formal application before the project starts is made to a financing partner of choice, which can also provide information on other program-specific provisions.

Further information:

**Infocenter der KfW Bankengruppe
(KfW Group information center)**

Phone: 0800 539 9002

www.kfw.de/124 (for home ownership)

www.kfw.de/134 (for association shares)



14. Preservation of historic monuments/fabric of historic buildings

14.1 Mecklenburg-Vorpommern regional program to preserve historic monuments

What is supported?

Eligible measures include work to safeguard, preserve and restore historic monuments in their original substance, work to restore partially destroyed historic monuments if the original substance is safeguarded in the process, and work to reconstruct and restore lost parts.

Who is supported?

Owners, tenants and those entitled to maintain historic monuments.

How is the support provided?

In principle grants of up to 50% of the additional costs associated with preserving historic monuments can be made. In principle grants are only made if the eligible expenditure exceeds €10,200 for legal entities and €5,100 for natural persons. Only up to 50% of the additional costs to preserve the historic monument are eligible for measures that have obtained other support from the state or the federal government also with the objective of preserving historic monuments.

There is no legal entitlement to the support.

Application/contact:

The formal application should be submitted by October 31 for the following year.

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¹ Excerpt from the EU definition of SMEs:

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Small enterprises are enterprises employing fewer than 50 people and with an annual turnover or balance sheet total not exceeding €10 million

Medium-sized enterprises are enterprises employing fewer than 250 people and with either an annual turnover not exceeding €50 million or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding €43 million.

Full definition of SMEs:

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