



ERSTE Foundation Information

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ABOUT US

As the main shareholder of Erste Group ERSTE Foundation secures the independent future of one of the largest financial services providers in Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe. As a private Austrian savings banks foundation, the foundation is committed to serve the common good. We invest parts of our dividends into the region in which Erste Group operates.

ORGANISATION

The Savings Banks Association "Verein DIE ERSTE österreichische Spar-Casse Privatstiftung" elects the members of the Supervisory Board and approves the funding budget. The Supervisory Board appoints the members of the Managing Board and supervises the management of the foundation. The Managing Board manages the business of the foundation.

Headquarters: Am Belvedere 1, 1100 Vienna, Austria

WEBSITE & MAGAZINE

www.erstestiftung.org – *voices and ideas of civil society* is the bilingual magazine of the ERSTE Foundation. We follow developments significant to society, politics and culture in Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe. We publish carefully researched stories and reports from magazines as well as original articles by interesting protagonists. Our website also contains information about the activities of ERSTE Foundation.

ERSTE FOUNDATION LIBRARY

ERSTE Foundation Library is the knowledge hive of ERSTE Foundation. It provides free access to about 11,000 items. The collection grows by an average of 1,000 items per year. Search the Catalogue:
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MANAGING BOARD

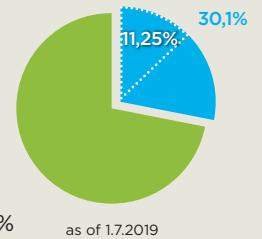
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FACTS AND FIGURES

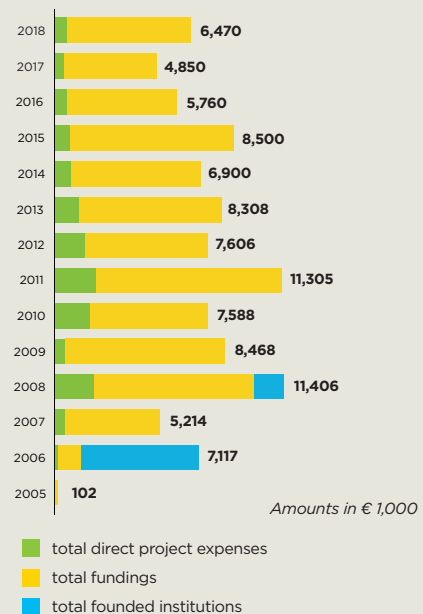
ERSTE Foundation is today the main shareholder of Erste Group Bank AG. It owns a direct stake of 11.25% and is heading a group of shareholders acting in kind* with 30.1% of shares.



*ERSTE Foundation controls 30.05% of the shares in terms of the voting rights at Erste Group's supervisory board elections, together with the syndicate partners (Savings banks and savings bank foundations, Caixa Bank, Erste Employees Private Foundation and other syndicated shareholders)

ERSTE Foundation's total project expenditure 2005–2018: **EUR 100 mio.**

More than **1,500 projects** have been implemented or supported since 2005.



2006 Zweite Sparkasse (Second Savings Bank) was ERSTE Foundation's first project aimed at promoting social and financial inclusion. Its main objective is to enable customers to regain a sound financial footing in the long term.

In **2008** ERSTE Foundation and Erste Group founded the joint venture good.bee. Its main business areas are microbanking and social enterprise finance.





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PROJECTS

Our funding is focused on three thematic areas: Social Innovation, European Cohesion and Democracy, and Contemporary Culture. We work in long-term partnerships with organisations and partners in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe who have a great deal of expertise in the respective topics. Since the start of its programmes in 2005, ERSTE Foundation has implemented or supported more than 1,500 projects.



Social Innovation

We team up to develop social infrastructures – from financial services for people without a bank to capacity building for NGOs, or digital solutions for social problems. Our projects are intended to serve as a reference for partnerships with other actors in the non-profit sector.



European Cohesion & Democracy

To understand Europe and its crisis is the basic prerequisite for addressing the current challenges and creating new perspectives together. We are implementing various initiatives as our contribution to strengthening the European idea, democratic values and a free society.



Contemporary Culture

We facilitate a differentiated examination of critical social developments for artists and cultural workers and communicate these to actors in civil society. We support the comprehensive integration of Central, Eastern and Southeastern European art into a global art history.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

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