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PROFILE

In 2003, ERSTE Foundation evolved out of the Erste Oesterreichische Spar-Casse, the first Austrian savings bank. Currently, ERSTE Foundation is the main shareholder of Erste Group owning a direct stake of 11.05 % and heading a shareholder group acting in kind with 29.17 % of shares. It is an effective partner of a strong and confident civil society in Central and South-Eastern Europe. The foundation invests part of its dividends to enable civil society, the inclusion of socially disadvantaged groups, and contemporary and socially engaged art. In Austria, private savings banks foundations are committed to serving the common good, while also carrying a special responsibility as main shareholders of their bank.

Operative Team excluding boards (active by 31.12.2016): 20 employees and 1 project related contractors; in total 21 people from 7 different countries.

HEADQUARTERS

Am Belvedere 1, 1100 Vienna, Austria
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ERSTE FOUNDATION GOVERNANCE

The Savings Bank Association (“Verein DIE ERSTE österreichische Spar-Casse Privatstiftung”), founded in 1819, elects the members and the President 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 runs the Foundation.

SUPERVISORY BOARD

Georg Winckler (Chairman), Johanna Rachinger (Deputy Chairwoman), Bettina Breiteneder, Ilse Fetik, Maximilian Hardegg, Peter Mitterbauer, Barbara Pichler, Peter Pichler, Markus Trauttmansdorff, Manfred Wimmer

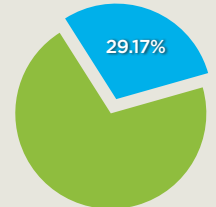
MANAGING BOARD

Bernhard Spalt (Chairman), Boris Marte (Deputy Chairman), Franz Portisch



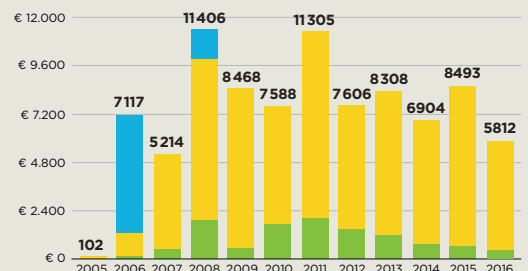
FACTS AND FIGURES

ERSTE Foundation is the main shareholder of Erste Group Bank AG. It is heading a group of shareholders acting in kind with 29.17 % of shares.



91.94 % of ERSTE Foundation's annual funding budget is invested into projects initiated by us. The rest of 8.06 % is allocated to grants.

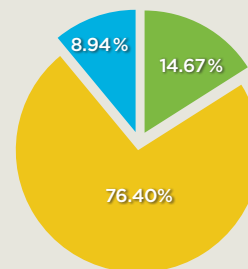
ERSTE Foundation's total expenditure for projects 2005–2016: € 88.3 million



Amounts in € 1,000

- total direct project expenses
- total fundings
- total founded institutions

With the exception of 2006, when a substantial part of total expenditure was invested in the establishment of Zweite Sparkasse, the funding of project partners made up for the vast majority of total expenditure.



For the whole period 2005–2016, 76.40% of ERSTE Foundation's funds were paid to non-profit organisations for the implementation of projects, while direct project expenses accounted for 14.67 % of total expenditure.

In total, start-up financing for Zweite Sparkasse and good.bee made up for 8.94 % of total expenditure in the period 2005–2016.

* Includes voting rights of ERSTE Foundation, savings banks, savings bank foundations, Wiener Städtische Wechselseitige Versicherungsverein and of 9.9 % shares of CaixaBank.



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COUNTRIES

ERSTE Foundation is active in Central and South Eastern Europe, mainly in these countries: Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czechia, Hungary, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia.

PROJECTS

ERSTE Foundation develops and implements projects by itself or in collaboration with local partners from the Central and South Eastern European countries. Additionally, ERSTE Foundation supports financially local initiatives, and thus offers grants to various projects meant to contribute to the development of civil societies. Since the start of its programmes in 2005 until the end of 2016, ERSTE Foundation implemented and supported 1424 projects.

AMONG OUR MOST IMPORTANT PROJECTS

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CULTURE AND
THEORY**

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European Fund for the Balkans

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ERSTE Foundation
NGO Academy

ERSTE Foundation
Roma Partnership

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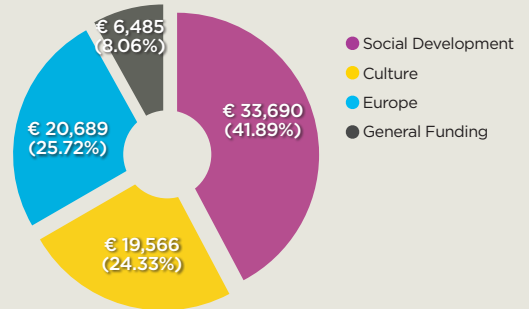
European Foundation Centre (efc): www.efc.be
Network of European Foundations (NEF): www.nef-europe.org
Verband für gemeinnütziges Stiften
(Association for funding the common good): www.gemeinnuetzig-stiften.at
Verband Österreichischer Privatstiftungen
(Association of Austrian Private Foundations): www.stiftungsverband.at
ERSTE Foundation is also the biggest member of a network of Austrian Private Foundations of Savings Banks (Österreichische Sparkassen-Privatstiftungen).

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ERSTE Foundation's expenditure for project work in the period 2005–2016 (calculated as total expenditure less the founding costs of Zweite Sparkasse and good.bee) amounted to a total of € 80.4 million. This chart shows the share of ERSTE Foundation's core topics in total funding and direct project expenses in this period.



Amounts in € 1,000

NUMBER OF PROJECTS APPROVED

Between 2005 and 2016, a total of 1424 projects was approved. Out of that, 199 projects were the results of calls for application.

