

The background of the slide is a photograph of a modern, multi-story glass and metal building, likely a university or research facility. The building has a prominent circular glass structure on its roof. It is surrounded by lush greenery, including several tall, mature trees and a weeping willow tree on the right. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

# **DBU INTERNATIONAL FUNDING**

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# DBU = Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt (Federal German Environmental Foundation)



- Headquarter: Osnabrück, Lower Saxony
- Year of foundation: 1990
- Capital of €1.3 billion acquired through the privatisation of the state-owned company Salzgitter AG (steel production)
- More than 10.000 projects supported with a total of € 1.9 billion
- About €50 million granted annually as project funding
- Current capital €2.33 billion



# Purpose of the DBU



- **Projects: Three areas of funding**
  - Environmental Technology
  - Environmental Research and Nature Conservation
  - Environmental Communication and Education for Sustainable Development
  
- **Scholarship Programmes**
  - PhD. scholarship in Germany
  - Fellowships in Germany for university graduates from Central and Eastern European countries

# Scope of Funding



Since 1991

- More than 35,000 applications processed
- More than 10,200 projects funded
- Approximately EUR 1.9 billion in grant money

About EUR 55 million granted annually as project funding.



# Project Funding

- **Interdisciplinary** approaches to funding topics
- **Innovative**, model and solution-oriented proposals for environmental protection
- Special consideration for **small- and medium-sized enterprises**
- Following current scientific findings on **planetary boundaries** and the **Sustainable Development Goals**
- **Solutions based** on interdisciplinary, systemic approaches that involve/emphasize **social practice**



# DBU – International Funding

## Formal Framework



- Who is supported? As a rule, legal entities (associations, SMEs, scientific institutions).
- What is the funding amount? Average 125,000 €. As a rule, own contributions amounting to 50% of the total costs must be made. Exceptions may be made for universities.
- Submission of the application: via the DBU homepage with the addition "international project".
- Processing of the application: 3-6 months
- Project duration: usually 36 months
- Applicant: usually a German partner, who is responsible for communication with the DBU about the progress and results of the project. Also responsible for reports, public relations in Germany, proof of use, etc.

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- Applicants: In rare exceptional cases, an international applicant is possible if the institution is known to the DBU.
- In the case of cooperative projects, a joint application must be submitted.
- A cooperation agreement is recommended. Usually, the project partners conclude a detailed cooperation agreement after approval.

# International Funding

- [general informations: https://www.dbu.de/3021.html](https://www.dbu.de/3021.html)
- Specific informations and forms: <https://www.dbu.de/3025.html>
- FAQs: <https://www.dbu.de/3022.html>
- exemplary projects: <https://www.dbu.de/3036.html>
- Contact persons: <https://www.dbu.de/3021.html>