

# **Germany: Nordrhein-Westfälische Stiftung für Umwelt und Entwicklung**

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## **Fund overview:**

The North-Rhine-Westphalian Foundation for Environment and Development took up its work in September 2001. The Foundation was founded by the Land North-Rhine-Westphalia against the background of the Rio Summit in 1992 and the Agenda 21.

Main objective of the foundation is the provision of funding for environment and development aid in the framework of sustainable development through other tax-advantaged corporations or public corporation of the Land North-Rhine-Westphalia.

The foundation supports citizens' engagement in North-Rhine-Westphalia. Project funding focuses on environmental education, environmental protection and resource minimization, education and information for development aid, intercultural learning, as well as fair trade.

The North-Rhine-Westphalian Foundation is a private non-profit foundation founded under public law.

Governance and administration (governing structure (Board or Assembly etc.) and decision making; administrative structure; percentage of annual administrative costs to total committed grants; experience and lessons in dealing with governing body and administrative issues)

The bodies of the foundation are:

Board of trustees  
Executive Board  
Executive director

Overhead costs of the foundation amount to 10-15% of the overall expenditure.

The financial resources of the foundation stem from the yield of the foundations funds as well as from a concession levy of a bet organized by the Land North-Rhine-Westphalia lotto association. The foundation doesn't carry out any fundraising activities.

The foundation funds projects of non-governmental organizations active in environmental or development issues in North-Rhine Westphalia.

The foundation's office examines the applications for funding and prepares the decision for its decision-making bodies.

If a project budget exceeds 100.000 € per year or 200.000 € in total, the Board of trustees takes the decision if a project is funded on the basis of the proposal of the Executive board.

If a project does not exceed 100.000 € per year or 200.000 € in total, the Executive board decides on the allocation of funding on the basis of the funding guidelines, the program of work and the economic plan.

For project not exceeding 10.000 € the decision on the allocation of funding is taken by the Executive director.

The foundation has invested its assets in government bonds and funds.

The annual accounts are audited by an accountancy company.

### **Results and impacts:**

20 of the ca. 520 project the foundation has funded so far are related to biodiversity issues.

### **Basic fund information:**

Operational since: (year)

2001

Total income (in mil US\$):

2002: 7,2 Mio Euro

2003: 8,0 Mio Euro

2004: 7,3 Mio Euro

2005: 4,3 Mio Euro

2006: 1,7 Mio Euro

Major revenue sources in (2006 if possible) (with % of fund's total revenues):

Total expenditure (in mil US\$):

2002: 2,0 Mio Euro

2003: 8,1 Mio Euro

2004: 9,7 Mio Euro

2005: 7,6 Mio Euro

2006: 7,4 Mio Euro

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