

Germany: Allianz Umweltstiftung – Allianz Foundation for Sustainability

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Fund overview:

The **Allianz Foundation for Sustainability** was founded at the 100th anniversary of the Allianz AG in 1990. The Allianz AG is a company working on insurances in Germany and beyond. Overall aim of the foundation is supporting new developments for humans and nature, enabling innovative projects, encouraging exceptional successes and supporting creativity.

The legal status is an independent foundation based on German law, located in Munich, Germany. Administrative bodies according to its legal framework are a board of trustees ("Kuratorium") and an Executive Director.

Success and Challenges:

Since 1990, more than 50 million Euros have been put towards 60 large scale and around 4000 small scale projects. The grants are given to projects that demonstrate sustainability, that are innovative and that have a certain model character. Every single project supports in a different way solving current future-challenges. All projects are related to putting into practice new ideas for sustainable economies, and are therefore supporting a development that will enable future generations to fulfil their needs.

Lessons learned:

There are numerous opportunities to support the environment. To avoid just randomly picking projects and to support the development of a clear profile for the foundation, the **Allianz Foundation for Sustainability** has decided on the following fields of activities:

- Nature conservation, species and landscape protection
- Living waterways
- Urban green
- Garden arts
- Environmental communication

Currently, a priority field of funding is the protection of our national heritage.

The „Benediktbeurer Discussions“ is an independent forum founded by the **Allianz Foundation for Sustainability**. The idea is to further knowledge and to discuss exciting ideas and new thinking models for a sustainable future. The meetings attract celebrities and politicians, important scientists and leaders from industry and economy, environ-

mental organisations and other stakeholders and bring together hundreds of guests to a monastery in Benediktbeuren, Germany.

Outlook:

The funding priorities will remain unchanged over the coming years.

Basic fund information:

Operational since: (year) 1990

Total income (in mil US\$):

2002: Approximately 2 million EUR per year

2003: Approximately 2 million EUR per year

2004: Approximately 2 million EUR per year

2005: Approximately 2 million EUR per year

2006: Approximately 2 million EUR per year

Major revenue sources in (2006 if possible) (with % of fund's total revenues): Donations from the Allianz AG, 50 million EUR since the existence of the fund (100%)

Total expenditure (in mil US\$):

2002: Approximately 2 million EUR per year

2003: Approximately 2 million EUR per year

2004: Approximately 2 million EUR per year

2005: Approximately 2 million EUR per year

2006: Approximately 2 million EUR per year

Total biodiversity expenditure in (2006 if possible) (with % of total expenditures): not known

Major fields of biodiversity expenditure in (2006 if possible) (with % of total biodiversity expenditures): no information available

Primary disbursement mechanisms in (2006) (with % of total disbursements): no information available

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