

**"Together to create new growth"**  
**"Social entrepreneurship & social economy: Developing a European ecosystem to unlock social innovation, growth and jobs"**  
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Mirjam Schöning heads the **Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship** since 2008. She joined the Foundation at its inception in August 2000. She has been shaping the strategy and activities of the Foundation as a pioneer in the field of social entrepreneurship.

Before joining the Schwab Foundation, Mirjam graduated with a Master in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Her previous work experience includes three years as a consultant at Bain & Company. In addition, she analyzed the social sector lending strategies in Southern Latin America for the World Bank, Washington, D.C., and worked on a regional centralization strategy for Shell in Scandinavia. She holds a Master in Business Administration from the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, and an International Business Diploma from ESADE, Spain and the Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden. Her fields of expertise include social entrepreneurship, microfinance, social investing, and appraisal of development projects.

**The Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship**

The Foundation and its partners award 20-25 social entrepreneurs annually as "Social Entrepreneur of the Year" in 15 countries (including Brazil, South Africa, France, Germany and India) and for five continents. They distinguish themselves through innovation, financial sustainability, a proven impact and a broad reach. The selected social entrepreneurs form part of the Schwab Foundation's community of 200 Leading Social Entrepreneurs. The Foundation works closely with its sister organization, the **World Economic Forum**, to highlight their sustainable innovations at regional meetings of the Forum in Europe. Through these platforms, the Foundation supports its community of social entrepreneurs to expand into new geographies, build corporate partnerships, shape industry and policy dialogues and advance the field of social innovation in peer-to-peer exchanges. The Schwab Foundation also convenes a group of 20 experts from around the world in a "Global Agenda Council on Social Innovation", which focuses its 2011/2012 discussion on a policy framework to foster and scale social innovation.