

# Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft

We promote science!

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**German business community**  
(3.000 private companies, entrepreneurs,  
private persons)

30 m € p.a.  
donations

**370 foundations promoting science  
and humanities, arts and culture**

1.8 b €  
trust  
estate

**Stifterverband**  
für die Deutsche Wissenschaft

Subsidiary

  
Deutsches  
Stiftungs-  
Zentrum

### Funding programmes

- Improvement of the structure & efficiency of higher education
- Promoting international academic relations
- Endowment professorships
- Support of key academic institutions in Germany

### Research & Communication

- Publication of R&D data
- Promoting the dialogue science/society
- promoting a philanthropy friendly legal framework

### Consultancy and administration

- Legal, fiscal and programmatic consultancy
- Administration
- € 90 million p.a. spent on scholarships, grants, etc. according to the respective intended purpose of each foundation

# Johann Gottfried Herder Foundation Initiative

## **The mission:**

To help universities in central and eastern Europe in adjusting their curricula to international developments and standards.

This is being achieved by delegating experienced German professors emeriti to universities abroad for periods of at least one or two semesters, to give lectures and consult the local academic staff.



J.G. Herder (1744-1803)

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## Cooperation partners originally involved

**DAAD** Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst  
German Academic Exchange Service  
wandel durch **austausch** ■ change by **exchange** ■

**HRK** Hochschulrektorenkonferenz  
Die Stimme der Hochschulen

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Gemeinnützige  
**Hertie-Stiftung** 



Alfried Krupp  
von Bohlen und Halbach - Stiftung

**Fritz Thyssen Stiftung**  
FÜR WISSENSCHAFTSFÖRDERUNG

 **ZEIT-Stiftung**  
Ebelin und Gerd  
Buccius

**ROBERT BOSCH STIFTUNG**

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From 1999-2005 a number of 133 professors emeriti was delegated to universities in 21 countries in central and eastern Europe, resulting in almost 400 semesters of visiting lectures. The expenditure involved with this project totals at € 4.86 million. The program will be continued at least until 2008.

# Challenges of cooperation

1. Different intended purposes (as stated in the charter) and philosophies
  - *Operating vs. grant making foundation*
  - *Limited allowed duration of commitment*
  - *Influence on decisionmaking*
  - *Public visibility of all participants*
2. Interaction between private and public funds
3. Who is capable of issuing proofs of compliance to the intended purpose?

# Chances of cooperation

1. Concentration of limited resources
2. Bundling of administrative and conceptual experience („synergy-effects“)
3. Chances for smaller and middlesized foundations, to get involved in larger, innovate and sustainable projects, that really make a difference
4. The ability of foundations to cooperate improves their public perception
5. Successful cooperation creates confidence; this encourages follow-up projects.

**Thank you!**