

Good Grants - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Purpose of the funding and impact

What is meant by “a contribution to sustainable development in one of the MEG partner countries”? How is an event in Germany supposed to achieve this?

An event in Germany may be eligible for funding if it provides concrete impetus that has an impact on sustainable development in one of our partner countries. The key factor is a clear chain of impact: from the event itself, through measurable outputs, to follow-up activities, collaborations or decisions that are implemented in the partner country. Possible pathways of impact include:

- Exchange of knowledge and expertise: Technical input that is taken up by organisations or institutions in the partner country and transferred into projects, policies or training programmes there (e.g. guidelines, curricula, pilot schemes).
- Networking and cooperation: Establishing or strengthening partnerships (e.g. MoUs, work plans) that lead to joint activities in the partner country.
- Financing and scaling up: Mobilising resources (e.g. commitments to co-financing, access to programmes) that specifically enable projects and programmes in the partner country.
- Political and strategic dialogue: Contributions to strategies, standards or minimum requirements that facilitate projects and programmes in the partner country (e.g. agreement on minimum standards for sustainable events that support subsequent implementation on site).
- Visibility and agenda-setting: Well-researched preparation of topics that inform the decisions of stakeholders with a mandate in the partner country (e.g. roadmaps, policy options, draft terms of reference).

Important: The contribution must be plausible and traceable. Mere awareness-raising in Germany without binding follow-up activities in the partner country is generally not sufficient.

Examples:

- A conference of the African diaspora in Germany brings together around 200 professionals, founders, investors and development actors in order to make better use of the existing potential for economic engagement in Africa.
- A side event held alongside the German-Tunisian Economic Forum in Essen adds the perspective of the Tunisian diaspora in Germany to the forum: as a direct economic partner for Tunisia's development and as active investors, employers, entrepreneurs and bridge-builders.
- A German-Kosovar round table in Bielefeld brings together representatives from local authorities, the diaspora and civil society and develops a joint roadmap for the emerging town twinning partnership. It results in concrete cooperation projects in the areas of youth, education, sustainability and municipal development.

Do the participants in a workshop held in Germany have to come exclusively from one of the MEG partner countries, or can the workshop also be open to other participants?

The workshop may also be open to participants from other countries. However, participants from at least one MEG partner country must be involved, and the workshop must be expected to have a concrete impact in at least one partner country.

Who can apply

Who can submit an application? Do I have to be part of an organisation?

Applications may be submitted by individuals, informal initiatives, registered associations or registered organisations. Applicants do not have to be members of a diaspora organisation. However, the applicant must be part of the diaspora and live in Germany.

Can a person be considered part of the diaspora regardless of whether they hold permanent or temporary residence status in Germany?

We define the diaspora as people with a personal or family history of migration who maintain a connection to their country of origin. The applicant's specific residence status is not relevant to the application and will not be checked. However, the applicant must live in Germany. This means that people staying in Germany temporarily may also be eligible, including students, doctoral candidates, postdoctoral researchers and individuals undertaking a research stay.

Can one person submit more than one application?

Yes, one person may submit more than one application. However, as the available funds are limited and we expect to receive a large number of applications, it is unlikely that the same person will receive funding more than once.

What can be funded and how much

What is the maximum amount of funding available for an event?

Applicants may request a grant of up to EUR 8,000 for an event. The grant may also cover only part of the total event costs.

Can support also be applied for in respect of an event lasting several days or a series of events?

Events lasting several days are, in principle, possible. Series of events are not provided for.

Is it possible to combine this funding with other funding or with your own funds?

In principle, it is possible to combine this grant with other funding. It is important that you provide as much detail as possible in your application so that we can assess whether co-financing is possible (for example, it is not possible to combine this grant with other funding from the BMZ). If the other funding is compatible with ours, we expressly welcome the combination.

Own financial contributions from you as the applicant are not mandatory under this scheme.

Can participation fees be charged for the event?

Participation fees for funded events are only permitted under very strict conditions. Please therefore inform us of your plans in this regard, for example in your budget.

Applying and deadlines

What is the deadline for submitting applications?

Applications can be submitted via the Good Grants platform until 11 October 2026. After that date, the application form will close and no further applications can be submitted. There must be at least four weeks between the submission of the application and the planned event.

By when must a funded event take place?

The event must take place no later than 31 January 2027. There must be at least four weeks between the submission of the application and the event.

Does an agenda for the planned event have to be included with the application?

Yes. At least a draft agenda must be included with the application. A specific agenda that is consistent with the event concept is an important criterion in the assessment of the application.

Do formal or preliminary quotations need to be submitted with the application?

No. At the initial application stage, a plausible preliminary budget is sufficient.

Where do I find detailed information on the specific funding priorities and implementation arrangements?

We have drawn up the funding criteria in German and English. You can find them here: [LINK](#). The applicable criteria are also set out directly in the application form. When you click on “Start Application” or “Einreichung starten”, you will be taken to a page where the criteria are explained in more detail. You will also find further guidance on the applicable requirements under each question. If you still have any questions afterwards, please do not hesitate to contact us.

After submitting the application

When can I expect to receive feedback on my application?

For an event application, you will usually receive feedback within four weeks.

What happens if certain details change after the application has been submitted?

If we select your application for support, an initial meeting will usually take place to discuss and finalise the arrangements in detail. You will therefore still have the opportunity to make adjustments to certain details. However, the fundamental nature of the event, or of the support we provide, should not be altered at this stage.