



**Allocation committee of Württemberg
(Württembergischer Vergabeausschuss)**

Hoffnung für Osteuropa

Allocation guidelines

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Preamble

Hoffnung für Osteuropa (HfO – “Hope for Eastern Europe”) was founded in 1994 by the EKD¹ as a Protestant aid campaign for people in Central and Eastern Europe. Since 2011, each Landeskirche (church of a region) and its Diakonie² have been responsible for their own work on this aid campaign and is no longer controlled centrally by the EKD. Today, 14 Regional Offices and convents make up a Protestant network of solidarity with people and partner organisations in Central, Southeast and Eastern Europe (CEE). More information can be found at www.hoffnung-fuer-osteuropa.de.

In collaboration with international Protestant, ecumenical and humanitarian partner organisations in Central, South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, **Hoffnung für Osteuropa** sets an example for a social and just Europe by establishing a network for the protection of the rights of the most disadvantaged, for their social inclusion, as well as for the reconciliation and international understanding, and for the conservation of Creation.

HfO attaches particular importance to developing and maintaining partnerships and to a collaboration as equal partners. These partnerships are maintained through networking, education and training, international cooperation, cross-border social work as well as through sharing knowledge and exchanging staff.

Hoffnung für Osteuropa sponsors projects that particularly benefit disadvantaged and marginalised people, such as people living in old-age poverty, Romani people living in extreme poverty, street children, socially neglected children and adolescents, refugees, women and men at risk of becoming victims of human trafficking or exploitation, people with disabilities, and other marginalised groups. There is no entitlement to sponsorship.

¹ The Protestant Church in Germany

² The Social Welfare Service of the Protestant Churches in Württemberg

Brand

The Diakonisches Werk der ev. Kirche in Württemberg e.V. (DWW) owns the brand "Hoffnung für Osteuropa" (HfO). If you are implementing a project that is sponsored by HfO, please indicate this sponsorship in all publications and (written or oral) project reports and use the combined logo (see above).

Offerings and donations

For the Good Friday services, the Protestant Landeskirche and the Diakonie of Württemberg jointly call for a mandatory offering or a recommended offering for Hoffnung für Osteuropa, in accordance to a proviso of the collections plan of the Landeskirche.

The most significant source of income for **Hoffnung für Osteuropa** are the Good Friday offerings dedicated to the specific purpose. The call for offerings and donations is made particularly between Invocavit Sunday and Good Friday, with special emphasis on the Holy Week.

Single donations are collected throughout the year. The allocation committee of Württemberg HfO determines which projects the funds are to be allocated to.

Topics and focus

The aid campaign **Hoffnung für Osteuropa** focuses on the following:

- Against exclusion and poverty
- Reconciliation and Ecumenism
- Justice and solidarity
- Conservation of Creation

Management structure

Hoffnung für Osteuropa (HfO) – Regional Office of Württemberg is supported by the Evangelische Landeskirche in Württemberg³ and its Diakonie. The management of the Regional Office **Hoffnung für Osteuropa** and the allocation committee **Hoffnung für Osteuropa** is the responsibility of Diakonisches Werk Württemberg and headed by the chair of the board. It is part of the department Migration und Internationale Diakonie (migration and international diaconia).

Regional office

Diakonisches Werk Württemberg maintains a local state office HfO with a full-time management responsible for project applications, controlling and accounting project implementation, contacts with project partners, networking as well as preparing and following up on allocation committee meetings. The management also serves as contact for specific questions on countries in Central, Eastern and Southeast Europe. Its managing director is advisor at the department Migration und Internationale Diakonie of the DWW.

10% of the total donations and offerings collected throughout the year is used to co-finance the Regional Office, especially its public relations work and maintenance of partnerships.

³ The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Württemberg

Allocation committee

The committee consists of:

- The chair of the board of the Diakonisches Werk Württemberg who serves as president
- The department manager of the department Migration und Internationale Diakonie of Diakonisches Werk Württemberg who serves as vice-president
- Two representatives of Evangelischer Oberkirchenrat⁴
- A representative of the Gustav-Adolf-Werk⁵
- A representative of Evangelische Frauen in Württemberg⁶
- The managing director of Ökumenische Pfarrerinnen- und Pfarrerhilfe gGmbH⁷
- A representative of the regional synod
- A representative of the Martin-Luther-Bünd
- The managing director of the Regional Office HfO in an advisory capacity

Members of the committee are appointed personally to their respective functions by the president of the committee. In exceptional cases, one person may fulfil several roles (maximum of two functions). Details are provided in the Bylaws.

The following criteria are considered as positive when it comes to the approval of project funding:

- Projects in Central and Eastern Europe that have a clear connection to the Landeskirche of Württemberg and their communities and/or to Diakonie in Württemberg.
- Projects that make the joint responsibility of churches and their Diakonie organisations in Europe visible
- Projects that set an example for the aforementioned subjects
- Projects that may make additional funding available
- Projects with inclusive or sustainable concepts
- International projects that foster capacity-building and networking for churches and/or Diakonie organisations.

Project duration

Long-standing partner organisations may submit projects with a term of up to 18 months; projects of up to 12 months are otherwise preferred.

Applicants, project scope, financing modalities etc.

The work of the Regional Office HfO and the allocation committee, along with more detailed allocation criteria, support and settlement of accounts for the projects are provided in the Bylaws.

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President of the allocation committee of Württemberg **Hoffnung für Osteuropa**

- Approved by the board of Diakonisches Werk Württemberg e.V. on 28 November 2022.
- Presented to the allocation committee on 22 December 2022.
- The council of the Oberkirchenrat approved the allocation guidelines on 7 March 2023.

⁴ Superintendence of the Protestant Church in Württemberg

⁵ The Association for Diaspora Work of the Protestant Church in Germany

⁶ Association of Protestant Women in Württemberg

⁷ NPO Ecumenical aid for pastors