



# ERSTE Foundation Information

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## ABOUT US

As the core shareholder of Erste Group ERSTE Foundation secures the independent future of one of the largest financial services providers in Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe. As a private Austrian savings banks foundation, the foundation is committed to serve the common good. We invest parts of our dividends into the region in which Erste Group operates.

## ORGANISATION

The Savings Banks Association “Verein DIE ERSTE österreichische Spar-Casse Privatstiftung” elects the members of the Supervisory Board and approves the funding budget. The Supervisory Board appoints the members of the Managing Board and supervises the management of the foundation. The Managing Board manages the business of the foundation. Headquarters: Am Belvedere 1, 1100 Vienna, Austria

## MAGAZINE

The ERSTE Foundation’s bilingual magazine was expanded in 2022 and has since been called Tipping Point. It publishes articles that deal with the state of societies in Central and Eastern Europe, the social cohesion of citizens and the visions of contemporary culture. From April 2017 to December 2023, 363 journalistic articles were published in English and German, including 52 exclusive videos. 209 authors, most of them from Eastern Europe, contributed their best stories about social cohesion, contemporary culture, past and present crises and the future of Europe. Discover more at: [www.tippingpoint.net](http://www.tippingpoint.net)

## ERSTE FOUNDATION LIBRARY

ERSTE Foundation Library is the knowledge hive of ERSTE Foundation. It provides free access to about 13,000 items. 1,400 users hold a library card. In 2023, almost 2.000 items were borrowed.

[www.erstestiftung.org/library](http://www.erstestiftung.org/library)

## SUPERVISORY BOARD

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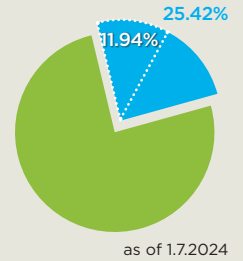
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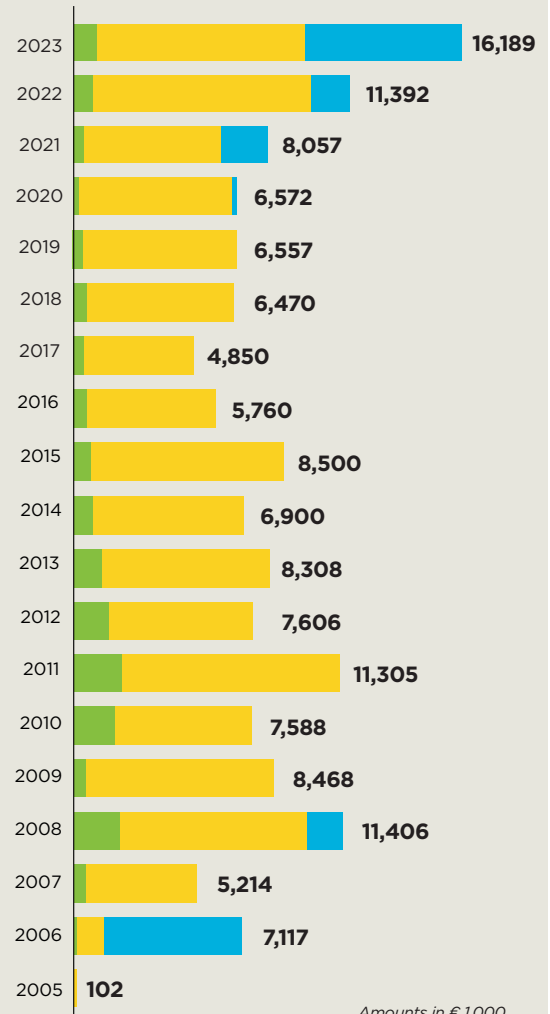
## FACTS AND FIGURES

ERSTE Foundation is the core shareholder of Erste Group Bank AG. It owns a direct stake of 11.94% and together with its syndicate partners 25.42% of Erste Group shares.



\* ERSTE Foundation controls 25.42% of the shares in terms of the voting rights at Erste Group’s supervisory board elections, together with the syndicate partners ( Savings banks and savings bank foundations, Erste Employees Private Foundation and other syndicated shareholders)

ERSTE Foundation’s total project expenditure 2005–2023: **EUR 148.5 mio.** More than **2,200 projects** have been implemented or supported since 2005.



Amounts in € 1,000

- total direct project expenses
- total fundings
- total founded institutions



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## PROJECTS

ERSTE Foundation is a creative workshop for ideas and innovation, a lab for topics of the future which increases its effectiveness through the strategic cooperation with networks. Our activities in four thematic areas are based on the believe that most people want others to do well and should be supported to do so, that financial literacy is life literacy, that the European idea is worth fighting for, that culture is a central part of our identity and that every society needs Culture.



### Financial Health for All

Everyone wants to attain financial independence and live in dignity and prosperity. To achieve these goals, we need a sound understanding of how to handle money. Everyone should have access to this knowledge. We provide young and older people with opportunities to increase their financial literacy and develop tools to enable those who are in a difficult financial situation to regain their ability to act and thus reclaim their personal freedom.



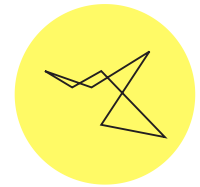
### Empower those we care

Many people are personally active on behalf of others, whether professionally or on a voluntary basis. That is why we support those who are committed to changing our society for the better. We invest in the development of new digital approaches, in capacity building and organisational development of NGOs and in the expansion of networks between sustainable social enterprises. We aim to empower people who actively address the social challenges of our time.



### Preserve a democratic Europe

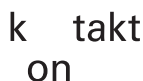
Complex problems such as the climate crisis, the negative consequences of globalisation and radical changes in the presence and use of media and information have aroused fears and pessimism in many people. Simple solutions sound tempting but make the situation worse. We aim to bring together the best brains and political decision-makers, promote first-rate journalism in the public interest and help shape the debate about a resilient, democratic, united Europe.



### Protect contemporary culture

Culture strengthens the complex identities in Eastern Europe's societies. We therefore want to explore important artistic practices in the recent Eastern European past. The cultural heritage of dissident history must be secured and made accessible to an international audience. Artists need (free) spaces for their production, theorists need international recognition; and both, work and interpretation, should be accessible.

## STRATEGIC PARTNERS



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