

Information on AGdD Funding for Alumni Projects

For former Development Workers and Civil Peace Service Professionals

What is this funding about?

Do you have an idea that could bring alumni together, encourage mutual learning, or inspire collective action?

Through the **AGdD Alumni Project Fund**, we support small-scale initiatives by former Development Cooperation (DC) and Civil Peace Service (CPS) professionals with **up to €1,000 per project**.

We are looking for creative, professional, and community-oriented initiatives developed by former development workers. Whether it is a workshop, an online exchange format, a podcast, an expert discussion, a publication, or a regional networking event, the key criterion is that the initiative strengthens exchange and collaboration within the alumni network.

What are the objectives of the funding?

Through its alumni programme, AGdD aims to strengthen the long-term impact of Development Cooperation and Civil Peace Service in line with the German Development Workers Act (*Entwicklungshelfer-Gesetz – EhfG*).

Returned professionals and their accompanying family members are the driving force behind this work, contributing ideas and actively shaping their implementation. The programme also seeks to transfer professional expertise, international experience, and solidarity-based engagement into German society.

The Alumni Project Fund aims to:

1. Foster exchange and networking among alumni.
2. Promote knowledge sharing and the transfer of experiences gained during service to society.
3. Encourage continued engagement after service and make solidarity-based action more visible.
4. Support the development of longer-term activities and collaborations.
5. Maintain and strengthen international contacts and partnerships established during service.

Who can apply?

Applications may be submitted by:

- Individuals (former DS/CPS professionals and their accompanying partners)
- Informal alumni groups, associations, or initiatives in which former DS/CPS professionals are actively involved

Requirement: At least two people must be involved in the project. At least one of them must be a former DS/CPS professional or an accompanying partner.

One person submits the application on behalf of all participants and serves as the contact person for AGdD.

What funding is available?

Projects may receive funding of **up to €1,000**.

What kinds of projects are eligible?

Eligible projects should contribute to **at least two** of the funding objectives listed above.

Examples include:

- Professional events and regional alumni networking meetings
- Online exchange and learning formats
- Workshops and peer-learning activities
- Joint publications, podcasts, or videos
- Thematic working groups
- Activities promoting development cooperation, peacebuilding, and democracy
- Mentoring and knowledge-sharing initiatives

Examples of eligible expenses

Funding may cover costs such as:

- Fees for external speakers or facilitators
- Venue rental
- Technical services
- Materials and printing
- Travel expenses for contributors
- Translation and interpretation
- Digital tools and software
- Communication and outreach
- Accessibility-related additional costs
- Reasonable catering expenses where necessary for the implementation of the project

What cannot be funded?

The following are not eligible:

- Regular activities or ongoing programmes of an organisation or group
- Primarily private or purely social gatherings
- Activities without a clear alumni or networking focus
- Individual scholarships or personal training courses
- Party-political or commercial activities

How does the funding process work?

You can submit your project proposal using the application form **until 27th September 2026**.

Link: <https://survey.lamapoll.de/Alumni-Projektantrag-ENG>

Applications will be reviewed shortly after submission, and you will receive feedback on the funding decision within a few days.

If your application is approved, you may begin implementing your project.

For **2026**, the available budget is limited to **€10,000**, and all funding must be accounted for within the same calendar year.

Reimbursement is made **only after original receipts have been submitted**. All receipts must reach AGdD **no later than 11 December 2026**.

After completing the project, applicants must submit:

- a short project report,
- proof that the project took place (e.g. programme, participant list, or documentation of results).

Photos and participant feedback are welcome but optional.

Deadline for the final report: 31 January 2027

In **2027**, AGdD plans to organise an online networking event where funded projects can be presented.

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