Crossing Borders – Research Funding in the Heart of Europe

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The significance of basic research
Research needs

- excellent people
- appropriate research environment
- adequate funding
Research needs funding

How can research be funded effectively?
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- in a competitive evaluation process
- on the basis of scientific excellence

Research council
The DFG –
Germany's central funding organisation for research

Headquarters in Bonn

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Supporting research in all fields of science and the humanities

- Humanities and Social Sciences: 14.7%
- Biology and Medicine: 22.6%
- Natural Sciences: 25.1%
- Engineering: 37.6%

2003
Sources of DFG finance

1.31 billion euros
(budget 2004)

- Private sources: 0.4%
- State governments: 41.7%
- Federal government: 57.9%
The DFG’s mission

- serving science in all its branches
- promoting young researchers
- supporting international cooperation
- advising parliaments and public authorities
Autonomy:
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Global competition

Exhibition: THE NEW WAY INTO SPACE

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Strategic priorities in research funding

- Promoting young researchers
- Supporting interdisciplinary research
- Advancing international cooperation
Promoting young researchers
Supporting interdisciplinary research

Exhibition: THE WATER OF THE DESERT
Supporting interdisciplinary research

Exhibition: THE WATER OF THE DESERT
Advancing international cooperation
Worldwide partnerships

Exhibition: BEGEGNUNGEN
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The origins of modern Europe

Exhibition: JADIS EN EUROPE
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- independence
- self governance
- peer review
- lean administration
- all disciplines
- competition
- excellence
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