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DBU facts & figures:

1. Endowment capital: EUR 2.93 billion

(original proceeds from the sale of Salzgitter AG: DM 2.5 billion, converted: EUR 1.28 billion)

2. Total funding granted since 1 March 1991:

More than 11,300 projects funded with around EUR 2.12 billion

3. Annual funding amount: EUR 50 to 60 million

4. Project proposals/applications received: Around 43,700

5. Green Startup Fund (since 2019):

A total of 88 funded startups
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6. Fellowship Programme:

A total of 3,142 fellows

Doctorate Scholarship Programme: 1,750
Central- and Eastern European grants: 1,378

Refugees: 14

7. German Environmental Prize:

With EUR 500,000 in prize money, the annual environmental award is one of Europe's richest and most prestigious;

90 recipients have been awarded so far with the German Environmental Prize, of which 15 were in teams (of two recipients or more);

there have also been nine honorary award recipients, including one team

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