Press

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Environmental Foundation

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DBU facts & figures:

1. **Endowment capital:** EUR 3 billion
   (initial proceeds from the sale of state-owned Salzgitter AG at the start of the foundation's activities: DM 2.5 billion, converted: EUR 1.28 billion)

2. **Total funding granted since 1 March 1991:**
   More than 11,500 projects funded with around EUR 2.18 billion

3. **Annual funding amount:** EUR 50 to 60 million

4. **Project proposals/applications received:** Around 44,700

5. **Green Startup Fund (since 2019):**

   - More than 100 funded startups
   - Total funding: EUR 12.1 million

6. **Fellowship Programme:**

   - A total of 3,225 fellows
   - Doctorate Scholarship Programme: 1,867
   - Central- and Eastern European grants: 1,400
   - 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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