

German Federal Environmental Foundation

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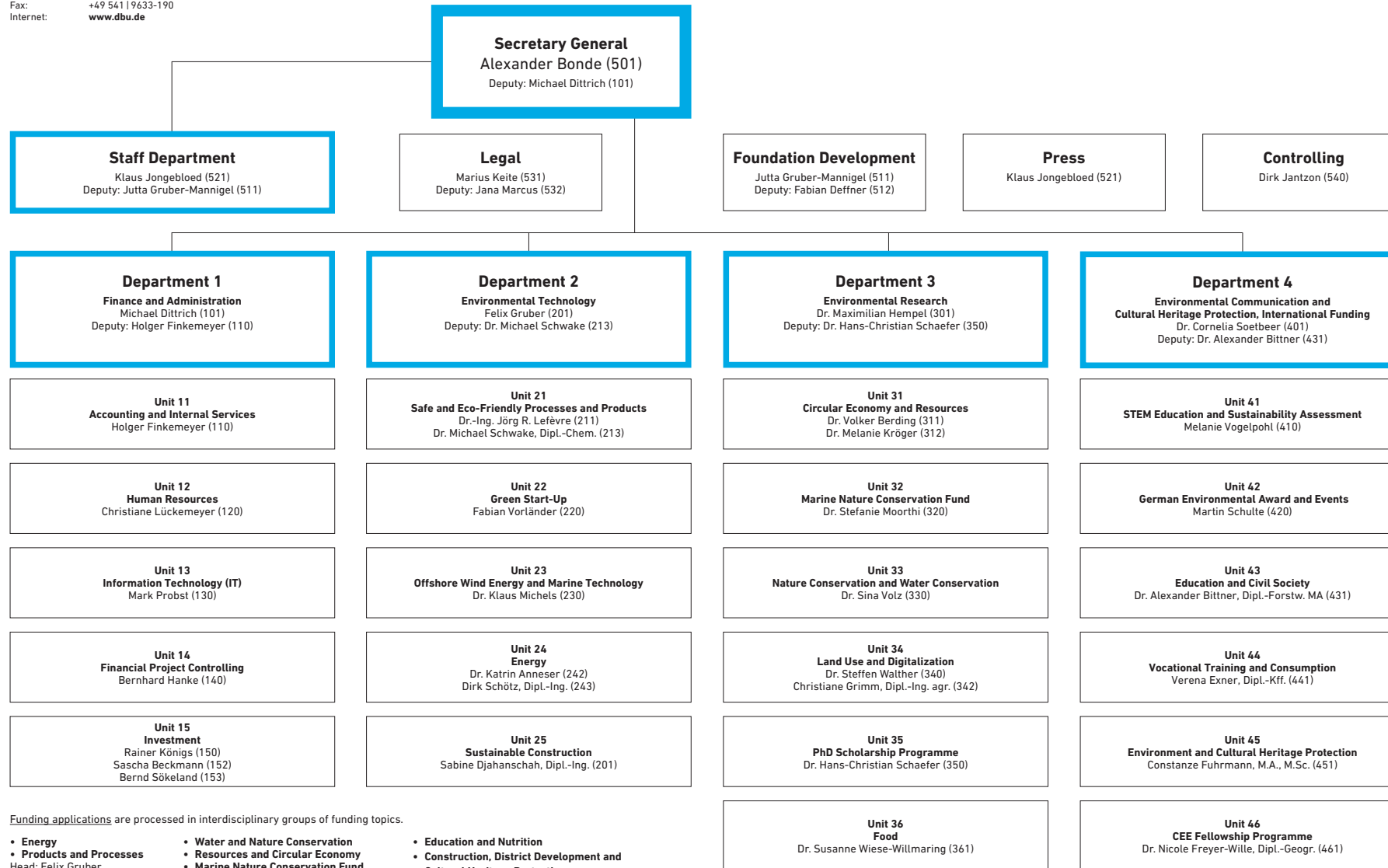
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German Federal Environmental Foundation Organisational chart



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Funding applications are processed in interdisciplinary groups of funding topics.

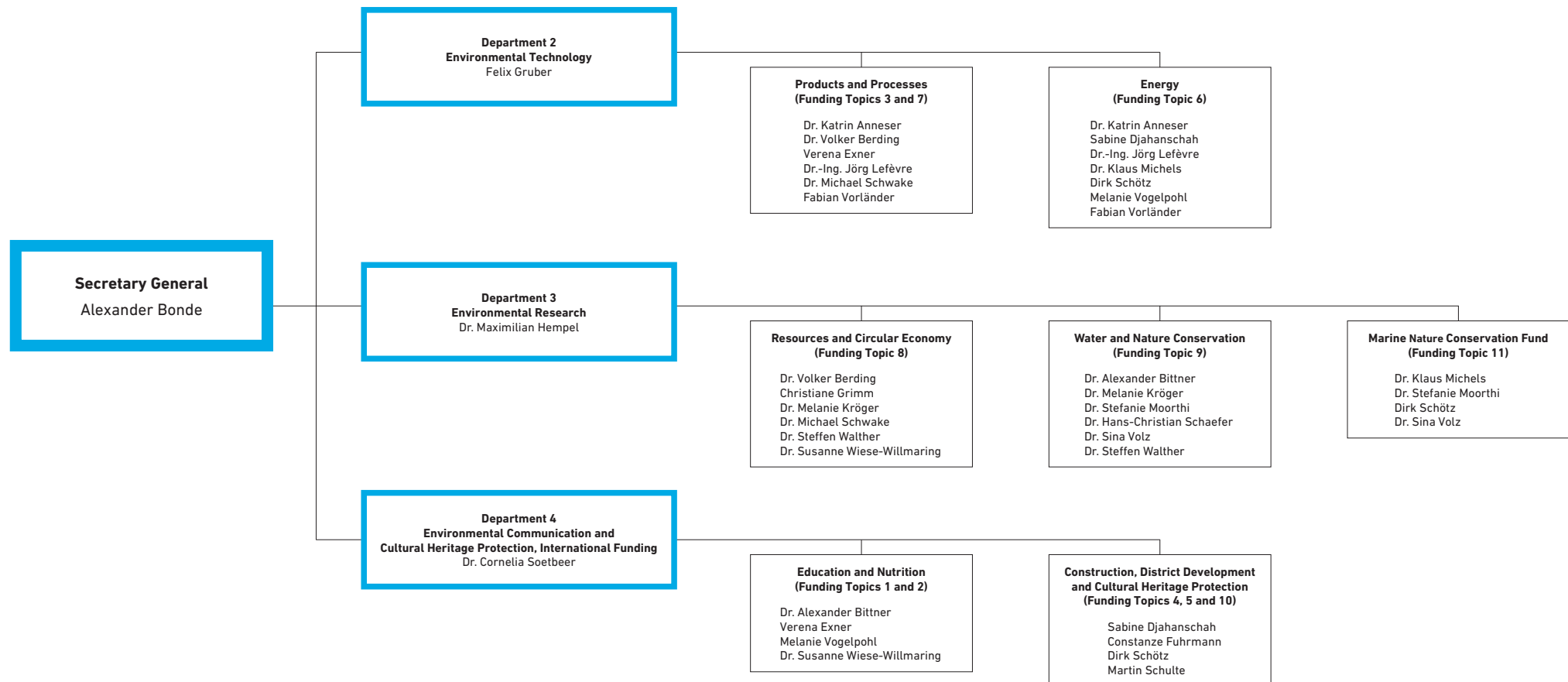
- Energy
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German Federal Environmental Foundation Interdisciplinary Project Groups (PGs)



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For more information on the funding topics, please refer to the »Overview of the Funding Topics« on the following pages.

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Overview of the funding topics



Open topic funding

In addition to the funding topics specified, the DBU also strives to provide funding for projects that are in line with the Foundation's objectives but that do not address one of these specific topics. Projects that make a great contribution to resolving environmental issues but that cannot be allocated to one of the funding topics listed below are therefore eligible for funding, too.

Funding is provided for projects that are aligned with the Foundation's objectives and that have a significant positive environmental impact. Ideas that are technically feasible but that are not yet guaranteed to be successful in practice are eligible for funding, as are projects aimed at disseminating innovative, model solutions.

Topic-based funding

1. Sustainability communication, education and evaluation
2. Sustainable nutrition and food production
3. Environmentally-friendly products
4. Environmentally friendly, resource-efficient construction
5. Sustainable neighborhood development
6. Renewable energy, energy conservation and energy efficiency
7. Resource-efficient methods, production processes and materials
8. Recycling and efficient utilisation of large and environmentally relevant material flows
9. Nature and water protection
10. Environment and cultural heritage
11. Marine nature conservation fund

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