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The applications for funding are processed in interdisciplinary project groups that focus on the funding topics.

- Energy
- Products and Processes
- Bodies of Water and Conservation
- Resources and Material Cycles
- Education and Nutrition
- Construction, District Development and Cultural Heritage Protection
- Building

The following pages contain a detailed overview.
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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 listed, the DBU also wants to provide funding for projects that are aligned with the purposes of the Foundation but do not necessarily fall under any of the specified topics. Projects that are eligible are those that are expected to make a significant contribution to solving environmental issues and cannot be classified under one of the following funding topics.

Projects that align with the purposes of the Foundation, are aimed at protecting the environment, and are characterised by a significant, positive environmental impact will be funded. Ideas that have been proven scientifically but are not necessarily guaranteed to be successful in practice are as eligible for funding as projects that are aimed at spreading exemplary, innovative solutions.

**Topic-based funding**

1. Tools and competencies for sustainability analysis, increasing sustainability awareness and promoting action
2. Sustainable nutrition and a sustainable approach to food
3. Development, design and acceptance of environmentally-friendly consumer goods
4. Climate- and resource-saving construction
5. Energy-saving, resource-efficient district development and renewal
6. Renewable energy, energy conservation and energy efficiency
7. Resource efficiency through innovative production processes, materials and surface technologies
8. Closed material flows and efficient use of environmentally critical metals and mineral residues
9. Reduction of reactive nitrogen compound emissions in environmental compartments
10. Integrated concepts and measures for the protection and management of groundwater and surface waters
11. Nature conservation and sustainable use of nature in human-modified environments and protected areas
12. Conservation and protection of nationally valuable cultural assets from harmful environmental effects

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