

In particular, the foundation promotes measures for political and cross-cultural education, youth and social work, adult education, as well as academic, extracurricular, and vocational qualifications both at home and abroad. (from the Articles of Association of OBS e.V.)

Project providers and partners of OBS

Programmes and projects are largely financed from the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth budget. Further project providers include the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the Federal Ministry of the Interior, the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the European Social Fund (ESF), the Federal Agency for Civic Education, and several state ministries.

Unique features of the OBS

The competences of OBS e.V. are the result of many years' experience, as well as excellent nationally established contacts with universities and business, are a unique characteristic for projects requiring consultancy and integration of international students and graduates from German universities into the job market.

OBS e.V. also has the necessary network, as well as all required structures and instruments to properly implement and execute projects. It is therefore able to provide available structures and offers to legal immigrants by means of cost-effective expansion into new target groups.

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Organisation

The Otto Benecke Stiftung e.V. (OBS) is a charitable organisation, which was founded in 1965. Otto Benecke (1896-1963) was a pioneer of the student movement in Germany and became the first Chairman of the Dachverband der Deutschen Studentenschaft (Association of German Students) in 1919. In his honour the former social welfare office of the Deutscher Bundesstudentenring (German Students Ring) was renamed the Otto Benecke Stiftung e.V. in 1965.

The politically neutral charity has its headquarters in Bonn and since its foundation has been tasked by the German government to carry out integration programmes.

OBS e.V. is nationally and internationally recognised as a distinguished non-governmental organisation that is active in the areas of migration, integration and minorities.

Competences

- / OBS e.V. has many years of experience in qualification and sponsorship of immigrants into community participation, so that current requirements can be quickly analysed and tailored solutions can be offered.
- / OBS e.V. works in a potential-oriented manner.
- / OBS e.V. cooperates with federal and state governments, communities, authorities, universities, companies and associations.
- / Collaboration with project partners takes place on an equal, partnership-based footing.

Programmes and projects

OBS e.V. has been carrying out projects for integration and for the education and training of young migrants for 50 years. It sponsors exchanges between young people and specialists. It sponsors young people and adults with the search for placements, apprenticeship places and jobs. It helps immigrant parents to exploit their children's potential and to give them better educational opportunities. Internationally, OBS e.V. is particularly active regarding the requirements of ethnic minorities in Central and Eastern European countries. Almost half a million participants have benefited from the services of OBS e.V.

Services

- / Sponsoring university applications from immigrants, students, and academics in accordance with the guidelines for the university guarantee fund,
- / Career guidance, training planning, training placement measures,
- / Inclusion and integration programmes,
- / Preparatory courses to acquire the Hochschulreife (post-secondary school diploma),
- / Intensive language courses,
- / Occupational training courses and additional studies,
- / Guaranteeing training allowances,
- / Placements,
- / Social and political orientation,
- / Promoting co-habitation of natives and immigrants,
- / Education and further training for migrant organisations in Germany and for organisations representing ethnic minorities in Central and Eastern European countries,
- / Conferences and forums, publications, series of publications.

Target groups

Qualification, consultancy, and sponsorship offers from OBS e.V. are available to:

- / Foreign refugees, members of ethnic German families from Eastern Europe, people entitled to asylum and people who have been accepted into Germany for humanitarian reasons,
- / Migrant academics,
- / Parents and family members with a migrant background, e.g. from Arabic, Russian and Turkish-speaking communities,
- / Migrant university applicants and students,
- / Young people searching for an apprenticeship place or placement,
- / Young Roma and Roma organisations,
- / Muslim youths and groups,
- / Young people, who work with German minorities,
- / Scientists, politicians and charitable associations, volunteers and those primarily employed in the migration sector.