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Our conviction

Deutsche Telekom AG founded the Deutsche Telekom Foundation as an expression of social responsibility. It is our conviction that education, research and innovation are vital prerequisites of future-orientated development in a networked knowledge and information society and that the state needs the ideas and initiatives of private players if it is to master the new challenges in these fields.

Our work is based on a picture of society that centres on people with all their strengths and weaknesses, on educating people to act in a responsible manner, on discovering and promoting individual abilities, enabling talents to develop freely, and fostering the joy of achievement and the courage to innovate.

Based on the central principle of transparency of performance and competition, we hope that we can help identify and compensate for weaknesses in Germany's education system and also boost its strengths. We consider greater responsibility and independence on the part of the institutions involved to be the key to success here.

Our work

The Deutsche Telekom Foundation is very much aware that, more than ever before, in order to secure its future Germany today needs a broadly based education system that is efficient in all areas. We believe that giving young people a good education in mathematics, science and technology is a key success factor and an important component of a comprehensive education. We are convinced that there can be no peaks without a broad base.

We support new approaches and a new culture of teaching and learning. In this context, we place our hopes in teachers. We have identified kindergartens, schools and universities as important links in the chain of education and have initially focused our activities on these areas. We attach particular importance to achieving a smoother transition between the individual stages of education. We are working on both the conceptual and operational level. Our projects are marked by their realistic and feasible nature.



Through this work at the grass roots of education, the Deutsche Telekom Foundation identifies and supports particularly talented and hard-working pupils, students and young scientists in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and technology. And by support we mean not only financial aid, but also intensive and individual assistance and advice.

Our frame of reference for action

In all its activities, the Deutsche Telekom Foundation is looking for strategic partnerships with other players with the staying power to practically implement improvements in education, research and innovation. We want to use encounters with enthusiastic children, bright and interested school children, motivated teachers, talented students and dedicated scientists for an intensive exchange of ideas; we want to formulate common goals and work on concrete projects in order to achieve the necessary multiplier effects.

The Deutsche Telekom Foundation is aware of the European and international dimension in all its fields of activity. We will not restrict our search for experts, co-operation partners and examples of best practice to within Germany. We know that education, research and innovation are also a way of furthering European integration. We also aim to contribute towards a public understanding of research, technology and innovation and help improve the innovation climate.