EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INITIATIVE

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMUNITY.

POPULATION SERVED:

Overall population in Saxony-Anhalt: 2.245.470 (Destatis statistics, end of 2015)

Overall population in Halle: 232.470 (Destatis statistics, end of 2014)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:

9.3% of overall population are unemployed (Destatis statistics, 2016)

9.8% of overall adolescents are unemployed (Destatis statistics, 2016)

AVERAGE SALARY:

Average salary in Halle: 2.900 EUR/month (gross) (Destatis statistics, 2015)

Average salary in Germany: 3.612 EUR/month (gross) (Destatis statistics, 2015)



COMMUNITY:

Halle is the largest city in Saxony-Anhalt regarding its number of inhabitants. It is located on the waterside of the Saale and only 38 kilometres away from Leipzig.

From its historic centre and numerous museums to the diverse arts and theatre scene and leisurely banks of the river Saale, the city has a lot to offer. You can visit the Old Market which was the centre of the medieval Halle, you can visit the Market Square which is defined by the silhouette of five towers and the location of a monument of George Frideric Handel, the in Halle born composer or visit one of Germany's oldest universities, the University Halle-Wittenberg.

Beside its historical and cultural attractions, Halle offers lots of green spaces which are ideal to spend your leisure time at or to switch of your head for a few hours while doing sportive activities.

If you crave a nice spot to have a coffee and a snack or go out for a drink, Halle offers lots of cosy cafes and restaurants as well as stylish bars on every corner of the Kleine Ulrichstraße.

Last but not least Halle builds the centre of the greater economic area of central Germany together with Leipzig. Of course, Halle has to offer many more things which you can explore whilst being here.

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BÜRGERSTIFTUNG HALLE.



MISSION OF THE CF:

The Community Foundation Halle wants to encourage citizens to engage for the development of their community and raise the awareness for local issues.

They plead for a lively democratic culture and for the participation of all citizens without regard to their geographical, social or cultural background.

The foundation's projects aim for the active commitment of the society for an amelioration of the spiritual and social circumstances in their community.

The projects support the advancement of education, local art and culture, science and research, environmental care and protection and also regard the work with adolescents and the elderly. Most of these support measures regard local issues and matters but single cases the foundation also addresses issues and supports projects beyond their own region. (Information provided by the Bürgerstiftung Halle on their official website)

EVOLUTION OF THE CF:

The Community Foundation Halle was founded in 2004 and ever since is a continuously growing foundation. The foundation's domicile is in Halle. (Information provided by the Bürgerstiftung Halle on their official website)

APPROACH:

Halle is a foundation with legal capacity exclusively focuses on non-profit and charitable purposes.

The foundation's assets consist of citizens' donations and founds and many people show active commitment under the umbrella of the Community Foundation Halle. All these forms of commitment are irremissible in order for the foundation to work and build the fundament for success and wide influence on the community. (Information provided by the Bürgerstiftung Halle on their official website)



GRANT MAKING:

With diverse support programs, the foundation financially assists local clubs and initiatives. The financial support is taken from the interest earnings of the foundation's assets as well as from their partners' cooperation. More than 50 ideas were made possible due to the foundation's commitment. (Information provided by the Bürgerstiftung Halle on their official website)

OWN PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS:

The Community Foundation Halle is an operatively acting foundation and initiates own projects.

Examples:

The foundation beliefs that art and culture encourage children's creative potentials. Therefore, they have established the project "Max geht in die Oper" (engl. "Max is going to the opera") which is a project aiming to arouse children's interest for art and culture. Not every child in their community has the opportunity to visit the theatre, a concert or the museum due to the lack of financial assets and role models in a family. Thus, the project enables children to discover the cultural treasures of their community with a godparent that accompanies the child during these experiences.

The project "Bildung im Vorübergehen" (engl. "Education on the way") sponsors additional road signs in Halle that inform passing people about the origin of street names. Already 100 additional signs have been fixed to the streets of Halle and every month more signs are mounted.

"Singen auf der Würfelwiese" (engl. Singing on the Würfelwiese") invites all people interested in singing or just accompanying to the Würfelwiese in Halle to sing folksongs. The events take place between May and September and take one hour (17:00-18:00). (Information provided by the Bürgerstiftung Halle on their official website)

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

The foundation consists of three institutions: The Executive Board, the Board of Trustees and the Assembly of founders.

The executive board is responsible for all sections of community foundation work. It takes care that all board decisions are realised and the foundation's assets are appropriately administered.

It is elected by the board of trustees and watched over by the control institutions for community foundations in Saxony-Anhalt.



The executive board consists of six members: Ingrid Häußler, Herbert Siebert, Dorothee Fischer, Björn Hermann, Prof. Maria Nühlen and Ute Winkler.

The board of trustees is the controlling board of the foundation and watches over the adherence of the foundation's aims.

It was appointed by the initial founders and the executive board has the ability to make recommendation for new members.

The board of trustees consists of six members: Pfarrer Helmut Becker, Olaf Ebert, Wolfgang Aldag, Manfred Kübler, Michael Mohr and Bernd Weisenburger.

The assembly of founders consists of founders that have contributed 500+ Euros to the foundation's asset. The assembly has the right to be informed about all activities that take place in the community foundation. Moreover, the assembly has a consulting function for the board of trustees in matters of their work's content and the recommendation for the board of trustees' new members. (Information provided by the Bürgerstiftung Halle on their official website)

NUMBERS.

	2014	2015
founders	683	685
asset	553.776 €	573.260 €
donations	32.240 €	141.014 €

(Source: Surveys of the Initiative Bürgerstiftungen in 2015 and 2016)

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