

## BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMUNITY.

#### **PUPULATION SERVED:**

Overall population in region Palatinate: approximately 1.4 million inhabitants

Overall population Rhineland-Palatinate: 4 052 803 (Destatis statistics, end of 2015)

9,5% of overall population with migration background (Destatis statistics, end of 2015)

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:**

5.0% of overall (active) population in Rhineland-Palatinate are unemployed (Destatis statistics, July 2016).

## AVERAGE SALARY:

Average salary in Rhineland-Palatinate: 3 565 EUR/month gross (Destatis statistics, 2015)

Average salary in Germany: 3 612 EUR/month gross (Destatis statistics, 2015)

### **COMMUNITY:**

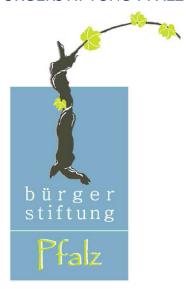
The Palatinate is a region in Southwest Germany and is located in the South of Rhineland-Palatinate. In European history the Palatinate has caused many conflicts due to territory interests of Germany and France.

The community is known for its winegrowing and production of gourmet and high quality wines. It also attracts many hikers and tourists with its beautiful and diverse nature.



# EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INITIATIVE

## BÜRGERSTIFTUNG PFALZ.



#### MISSION OF THE CF:

The Community Foundation Palatinate is an incorporated and public community initiative of palatine citizens.

The foundation wants to give impulses to the palatine region regarding environmental protection, social commitment and culture to motivate citizens to participate in creating a collaborative and healthy environment in their community.

The foundation's projects are particularly aimed at the protection and conservation of natural resources and utilization of sustainable economic methods, the encouragement for socially responsible activities and the support and integration of socially disadvantaged citizens. (Information provided by The Community Foundation Palatinate on their website)

#### **EVOLUTION OF THE CF:**

The Community Foundation Palatinate was founded in 2005 and ever since has a broad and sustainable influence on its region. It is based in the Stiftsgut Keysermühle in Klingenmünster.

#### APPROACH:

As an incorporated and public community initiative with legal capacity, the foundation has several partner foundations that are non-incorporated foundations without any legal capacity. Therefore, the Community Foundation Palatinate administrates these foundations and supports and cooperates with them in regional projects.



#### **GRANT MAKING:**

Beside their own projects, the foundation supports and cooperates in other regional projects.

#### OWN PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS:

The foundation is an operatively acting foundation and does have own projects. Their projects emerge from the cooperation with palatine citizens that get together in so called "Think Tanks" (professional groups) based on several different topics (village development, equality of education, sustainable economic methods, art and culture etc.).

Currently the foundation is working on several projects. One example is the project "Keiner darf verloren gehen" (engl. Nobody must get lost) which conveys god parenthoods to children with biological, psychological and social development-risks. Goal is to enhance those children's chances on education, to increase their personal resources and by that enable them to become an active part in education and society. The godparents are personal and individual mentors and persons of trust that take over features the children do not have in their life. The godparents take active part of their everyday-life and accompany the child throughout its development. (Information provided by The Community Foundation Palatinate on their website)

#### GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

The foundation's council is the fundament of the Community Foundation Palatinate and consists of founders that have contributed 500+ Euros to the foundation's asset or have been involved in activities with an outstanding amount of time. The council elects the board of trustees and receives annual reports from the board of trustees and the executive board.

The board of trustees is the foundation's consulting institution and advises the foundation on judicial, professional and tax matters. This board consists of ten members: Volker Kilb, Ralf Litty, Roswitha Paulsen, Dr. Oliver Röller, Ulrike Häußler, Markus Brilla, Elke Hainz, Gabriele Kettenhofen, Dorothee Demarne and Lothar Bade.

The executive board manages the foundation's ongoing business and watches over the adherence of the foundation's aims. It consists of four members: Christiane Steinmetz, Norbert Schäfer, Teresa Karayel and Berit Herger.

The above already mentioned "Think Tanks" develop the ideas and fundamentals for the foundation's projects. The think tanks are built on the above mentioned topics and consists of committed and interested citizens. Their commitment is voluntary.

The foundation's core team is responsible for the project's proper engineering the foundation's administration and accounting and for its press-and public relations and also for the fundraising. It consists of full-time employees. (Information provided by The Community Foundation Palatinate on their website)



#### NUMBERS.

	2014	2015
founders	30	30
asset	685.117 €	n.a.
donations	21.328 €	n.a.

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

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