

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

About Us

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is a political foundation active throughout Germany via its 19 civic education forums and regional offices. Some 100 offices abroad manage projects in more than 120 countries. Our headquarters are split between Sankt Augustin near Bonn and Berlin.

Konrad Adenauer and his principles define our guidelines, our duty, and our mission. The foundation has carried the name of the Federal Republic of Germany's first chancellor since 1964. It grew out of the Society for Christian-Democratic Civic Education, founded in 1955.

Both at home and abroad we use civic education to promote freedom, peace, and justice. Our most important goals are strengthening democracy, furthering European unification, improving transatlantic relations, and increasing development cooperation. Current and well-researched analyses form the basis of our political activities. The Academy in Berlin is our forum for dialogue on issues shaping our future – from politics and the economy to religion, society, and science.

At conferences and congresses we bring together people who have something to say. In Germany alone, some 145,000 people attend the approximately 2500 events that are held every year. We provide material and non-material support to gifted young people, not only from Germany but also from Central and Eastern Europe as well as developing countries.

We also keep in close touch with our alumni, whose number has risen to more than 14,000 since 1965.

Exhibits, readings, and awards complete our programme. We support young artists and we honour authors with our prestigious Literary Award every year. We have awarded a prize for local journalism since 1980. Young journalists are promoted in a special programme. Since 2002, the Social Market Economy prize has recognised distinguished personalities who have supported and encouraged the development of the Social Market Economy. Since 2001, our DenkT@g competition has awarded websites in which young people confront issues surrounding the Holocaust and Nazi dictatorship, right-wing extremism, xenophobia, intolerance, and violence.

The Archives of Christian Democratic Politics research and explore the history of Christian Democracy in Germany and Europe. Users have access to a comprehensive body of documents, state-of-the-art media, and a specialised library with some 200,000 titles focused on history and politics.

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Figures



Online Activities and Press Communications

Freundeskreis
(Friends of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung)

1,569



Twitter
followers worldwide

 **36,470**

Facebook
kas.de and all subpages

 **338,936**
Fans worldwide

Press Activities

Interviews **75**



Bylined Articles **17**



Staff in Germany and Abroad

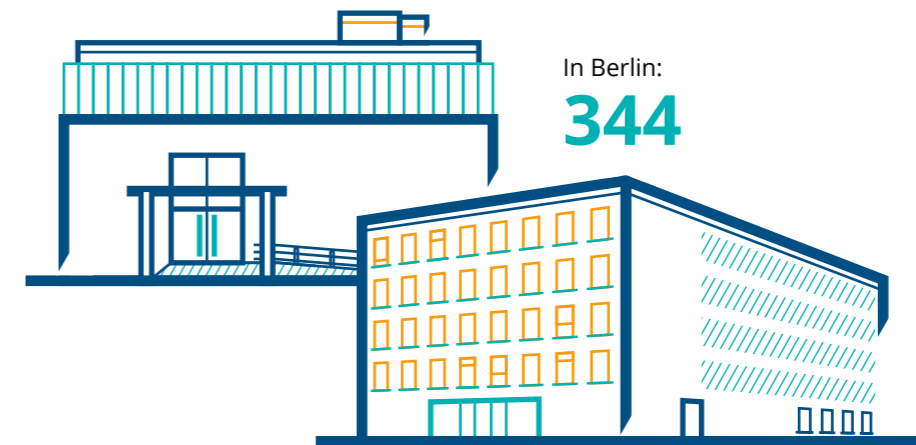
Staff in Germany
Including trainees, special leave,
and parental leave

556



348 Women

208 Men



In Berlin:

344

In the Civic Education
Forums and Regional
Offices

56



In Sankt Augustin:

156



Average age in Germany:

45.27

(in years)

Average period of employment:

11.43

(in years)

Staff working abroad
Posted employees

105

of which

11

Trainees



632

Local staff



European and International Cooperation

Offices worldwide
107

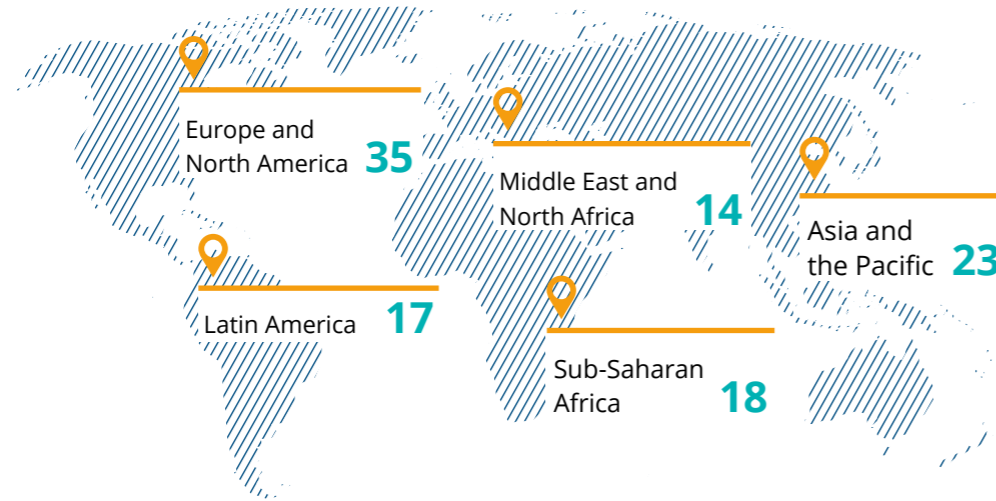
Events and
Participants
Worldwide

Events **5,223**
Participants **551,529**
Countries **122**

Civic Education

Events and
Participants
throughout Germany

Events **1,560**
Participants **100,359**
Locations in Germany **425**



Politics and Consulting

78 Publications
32 Meetings of experts
19 Events

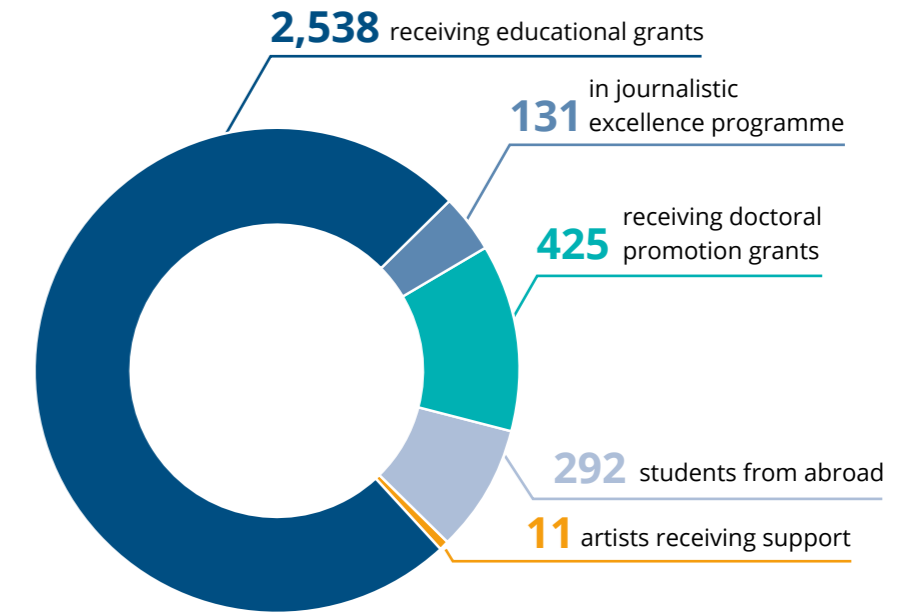


Academic Promotion and Culture

Fellows
3,397



Alumni (since 1965)
14,120



Reference and Research Services, Archives of Christian-Democratic Politics



newly digitised
16,000
Photographs
in the Image Archive



382,000
Database accesses



17,500
Linear Metres
of Acquired Files

Our 2017 Laureates

Literary Award

The author Michael Köhlmeier received the Literary Award of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung at a ceremony in Weimar. Our former Chairman, Hans-Gert Pöttering, praised the author as an accomplished narrator of European history and an important emissary of the Western cultural tradition. The laudatory speaker, Professor Aleida Assmann, a cultural scholar at the University of Constance and recipient of the 2018 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade, acknowledged Köhlmeier's creative and visionary narratives in the age of information. The author expressed his thanks with an acceptance speech, in which he referred to his father, also an author, and the power of storytelling.

www.kas.de/literaturpreis

Social Market Economy Prize

The foundation awarded the *Nationaler Normenkontrollrat* (National Regulatory Control Council) with the Social Market Economy Prize in December 2017 at the *Haus der Deutschen Wirtschaft* in Berlin. The council and its members have provided an outstanding service by reducing unnecessary bureaucracy and increasing efficiency, thereby broadening public support for the social market economy. Keynote speaker Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, former Prime Minister of the State of Saarland and current Secretary General of the Christian Democratic Union of Germany, and laudatory speaker Eric Schweitzer, President of the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce, both paid tribute to the award winner.

www.kas.de/preis-soziale-marktwirtschaft

German Local Journalism Prize

The winner of the 2016 prize was the *Landeszeitung für die Lüneburger Heide*, which stood out among the 335 candidates with its cross-media project *Aufwachsen als Flüchtlingskind* (Growing up as a Refugee Child). The award ceremony took place in October 2017, as is the tradition, at the editorial office of the winner, this time in the Libeskind Building in Lüneburg. In his ceremonial speech, Jochen Wegner, voted 2016 "Editor-in-Chief of the Year", referred to the newspaper's local journalism as "excellent" and congratulated the winner by saying, "You are where we all want to be". A total of eleven outstanding achievements were honoured, including three voluntary activities.

www.kas.de/lokaljournalistenpreis

DenkT@g

Every two years since 2001, the foundation has held *DenkT@g*, a nationwide Internet competition. It calls upon young people aged 16 to 22 to present texts, research papers, interviews, and other projects that address the topics of the Holocaust and Nazi dictatorship, as well as current issues such as right-wing extremism, xenophobia, and anti-Semitism in our society. These contributions are then creatively prepared and edited to meet the requirements of a website. This 10th edition of the competition, in which over 10,000 young people have participated since 2001, runs until 31 October 2018.

www.denktag.de



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