



MAECENATA FOUNDATION

TRANSNATIONAL GIVING **Charitable Donations Worldwide**



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The Maecenata Foundation is the German member of the Transnational Giving Europe network (TGE). The partners in the network are committed to making philanthropic giving and grant-making across national borders easy and effective. They assist private and corporate donors and public and private grant-makers in transferring their donations and grants to beneficiaries world-wide. Also, they assist each other in making cross-border donations tax-deductible in the donor's (European and US) country of residence.

The Maecenata Foundation accepts earmarked donations from Germany and awards them world-wide to beneficiaries named by the donors as grants in support of their projects. Also, through the network, the foundation assists foreign donors in making tax-effective donations to beneficiaries in Germany.

Simple process: Donors contact a network partner. The partner will ascertain that the chosen beneficiary meets the legal and fiscal qualifications and will handle all necessary documentation.

Tax-deductibility: Donations are tax-deductible in the donor's country of origin once the necessary documents have been submitted.

Trustworthiness: The network of renowned organisations and foundations guarantees regularity and transparency at all times.

Quality: Where there is a local network partner, they vet the chosen organisation to guarantee its charitable status and to ensure the correct use of funds.

Reporting: Partners assume responsibility for required reporting regarding the proper use of donated funds as well as reports under the Foreign Trade and Payments Act in compliance with FATF recommendations.

The system: The system applied by the Transnational Giving Programme may also be used by donors for whom tax deductability does not apply (e.g. foundations and public authorities).

Cost: The TGE network partners retain a small share of each donation (maximum 5%) to cover the cost of managing the programme. This is deducted from the donation, the receipt showing the total donation. In special cases, individual arrangements may be agreed. Any surplus helps the Foundation realise its statutory charitable goals.

Transfer of funds

German donors transfer earmarked funds to the Maecenata Foundation following a due diligence process of the beneficiary organisation. When satisfied that the beneficiary meets the requirements for accepting the funds under German tax law, the Maecenata Foundation awards the funds to the organisation abroad by way of a grant. The donor receives a receipt which may be presented to the German tax authorities. The Foundation monitors the correct use of the donation. Beneficiaries may reside in almost any country worldwide. The procedure is conducted in compliance with the German tax regulations, and is regularly supervised by the authorities.

In dealing with donations from abroad, the Maecenata Foundation assists in the relevant due diligence process of the German beneficiary in close contact with the respective partner organisation in the beneficiary's country of origin, ascertaining whether the donation is possible and tax deductible under the respective national regulations. If so, the Foundation will transfer the donation to the recipient organisation.

TGE partners

Belgium	Fondation Roi Baudouin (KBF)
Bulgaria	BCause
Croatia	European Foundation for Philanthropy and Society Development
Estonia	Open Estonia Foundation
France	Fondation de France
Great Britain	Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)
Hungary	Carpathian Foundation Hungary
Italy	Vita Giving Europe Plus; Fondazione Donor Italia
Luxemburg	Fondation de Luxembourg
Netherlands	Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds
Poland	Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland
Portugal	Fundacao Oriente
Switzerland	Swiss Philanthropy Foundation
Slovakia	Carpathian Foundation Slovakia
Slovenia	Skupnost Privatnih Zavodov (SKUP)
Spain	Fundacion Carlos de Amberes; Fundacion Empresa y Sociedad

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