

Europe Direct / EU funding programmes

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The EUROPE DIRECT Bocholt is the local contact point for questions and engagement around the European Union. It has the task of providing local citizens with information, advice, help and answers to questions about Europe, promoting involvement and informing them about current European policy events.

We do this on our [Facebook page](#), our [YouTube channel](#), through our events or very personally by phone, email or during an expert consultation at our premises.

We provide you with information and materials and offer you a platform to engage in conversation about the EU or European issues. Through the EUROPE DIRECT, you can also obtain all publications of the [EU Publications Office](#), mostly free of charge.

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The EUROPE DIRECT Network

The EUROPE DIRECT (ED) Bocholt is part of the [Europe-wide network of](#)  EUROPE DIRECT Centres. They are a service of the European Commission and the European Parliament. The network covers all EU member states and currently counts 433 centres across Europe.

In Germany there are currently 50 EDs. We are the interface between the European Commission, the European Parliament and citizens at the local level.

The EU's five biggest money pots



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The five largest European funds are the Structural and Investment Funds:

- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).
- European Social Fund (ESF) - ESF in Germany / ESF in North Rhine-Westphalia
- Cohesion Fund (CF)
- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

Money from these funds as well as from other funding programmes also flows into Bocholt time and again. In accordance with the objectives of a funding guideline, different target groups are addressed and allowed to apply. Possible applicants are, for example, companies, non-profit institutions such as sports clubs, educational institutions, individuals or the city of Bocholt itself.

Funding applications, especially for larger projects, are often submitted in a network of several actors. These should take into account several country partners in order to ensure cross-border added value for all partners.

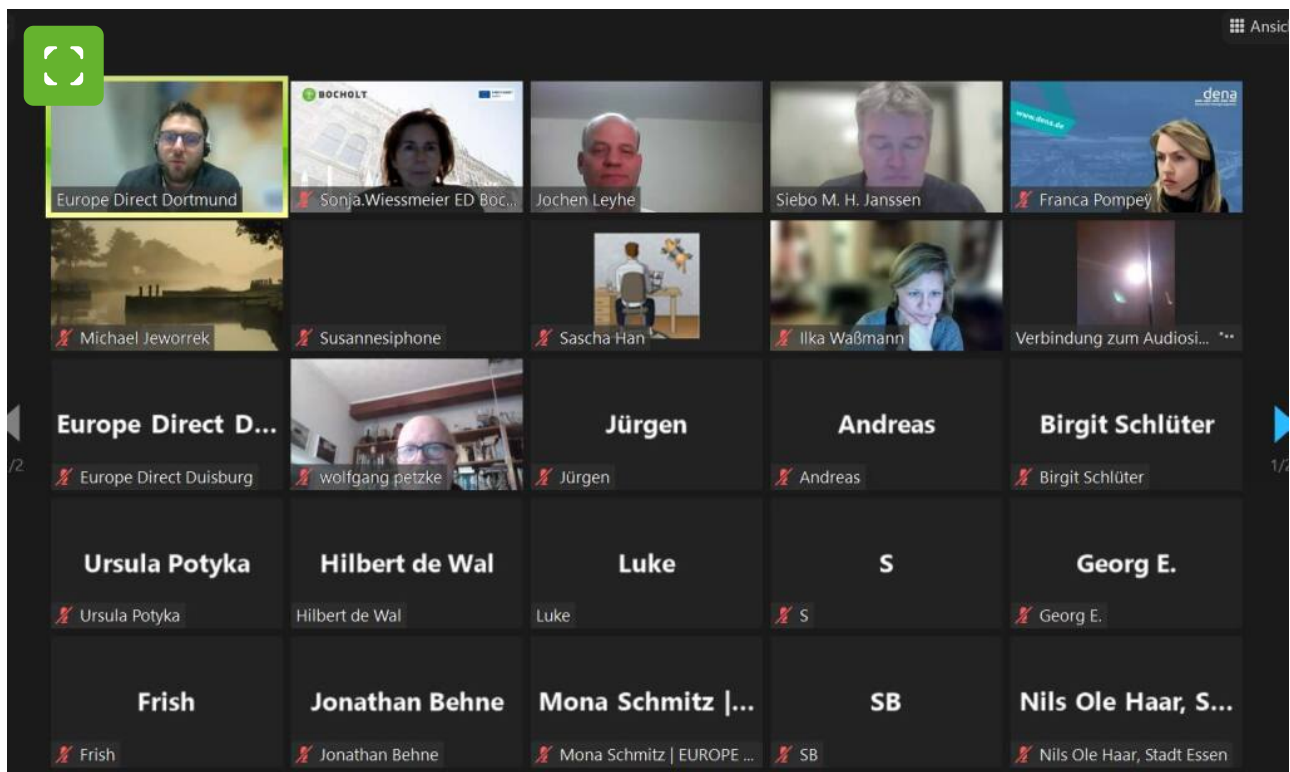
Assistance with applications and partner search

The task of the European Office is to acquire European funds for Bocholt. To this end, the European Office researches funding opportunities with which development in Bocholt can be meaningfully supported.

In addition, the European Office brings together local actors to form project networks and supports them in applying for funding and finding partners.



REPowerEU: Where does Europe stand in the energy crisis?



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The topic of the looming energy crisis was the focus of an online event organised by the [Europe Direct North Rhine-Westphalia network](#) in February. 35 participants discussed with experts.

Franca Pompey, Team Leader International Cooperations at the German Energy Agency (DENA), discussed with political scientist Siebo Janssen. Jochen Leyhe moderated the discussion in his tried and tested manner.

The REPowerEU programme of the European Commission, which aims to make Europe independent of fossil fuels and thus of Russian supplies, was discussed. Furthermore, this programme promotes the *Green Deal* in order to counter climate change.

The discussants noted that due to the Russian war of aggression and the resulting energy shortage, in the short term the development of new renewable energy production technologies has stalled as energy security is paramount.

However, both Siebo Janssen and Franca Pompey observed a change in thinking in large parts of the population towards renewable energies, so that in the medium and long term, with the approval of the population, corresponding projects could be implemented.

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