

Guideline for the foundation of student initiatives and for start-up support (RL-GründungStart)

From June 17, 2020, based on § 15 of the Financial Regulations of the Students' Parliament of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder).

The German version remains the original and binding version of the document.

§ 1 Scope

This guideline applies to all student initiatives, founded by registered students of the European University Viadrina (EUV). Funding in accordance with this guideline takes place within the framework of the student body's budget year and does not establish a legal claim to funding by the student body.

§2 Definition

Initiatives in the sense of this guideline are student initiatives that have joined together for the continued and permanent fulfillment of the tasks of the student body in the sense of § 16 Paragraph 1 Sentence 4 of the Brandenburg Higher Education Act (BbgHG) and are not in political competition for mandates in the committees of the constituted student body.

§ 3 Principle of interest

Grants to student initiatives may only be granted if the student body of the EUV has a substantial interest in the fulfillment of the tasks of the initiative.

§4 Authorization for the Foundation

All registered students are entitled to found a company.

§5 Documents to be submitted

(1) In order to be recognized as an initiative within the meaning of § 2, minutes of the founding meeting must be submitted to the AStA as well as a statute with at least the following content: a) the basic principles of the initiative, b) the goals and content of the initiative, c) membership in the initiative, d) the board of directors of the initiative, e) Procedure for amending the statutes, f) Date of the founding meeting and entry into force of the statutes, g) Signatures of the founding members.

- (2) The AStA issues a certificate of initiative if the criteria are met.
- (3) The founding date of the initiative within the meaning of these guidelines is the date of the founding meeting of the initiative.

§6 Starting Grant

- (1) Newly founded initiatives can apply once to the AStA for a starting grant of EUR 100.00 for a current financial year.
- (2) An initiative is considered to be newly founded within the meaning of these guidelines if its founding date within the meaning of § 5(3) is no more than six months in the past at the time the application is submitted.
- (3) The application must be submitted between 1 August and 28 February of a financial year. It contains at least the following: a) Statutes, b) Certificate of initiative, c) List of previous and planned income, d) List of previous and planned expenditure, e) Reasons for the application. Planned income and expenditure are not binding.
- (4) The payment of the starting subsidy will only be made on proof of an invoice. It is not permitted for expenses that were incurred before the startup grant was approved. In particular, student funds may not be used for donations, medication, hygiene products, tips, tobacco or alcoholic beverages. Deposits must be deducted from the receipts.
- (5) Eligibility for funding is determined according to § 7 of the guidelines for the allocation of project grants from student funds.
- (6) The student parliament decides on the application after a formal examination of the application by the responsible department of the AStA. The notification of the result is made in writing to the board of directors in terms of §5 Abs.1 lit. d). The decision on the application will be postponed if neither the applicant nor a person designated by the applicant to present the application is present at the meeting. In exceptional cases, especially in cases of high urgency, the student parliament can waive the adjournment.

§7 Transitional regulation and entry into force

- (1) Groups, which have received funding from the Directive for the Promotion of Student Initiatives at the European University Viadrina between January 1, 2015 and July 1, 2020, are considered initiatives in the sense of this Directive. A certificate of initiative is to be issued to them upon an informal application, provided that the majority of the group consists of students of the EUV in the sense of Art. 1 of the statutes of the student body.
- (2) This Directive comes into force at the end of June 30, 2020.