

Organisation Profile

About the organisation

European Funding Guide is a service offered by the ItS initiative for transparent study support (Initiative für transparente Studienförderung), a non-profit organisation based in Germany. The organisation's goal is to make the European scholarship landscape more transparent and thereby help students finance their education.

The organisation has launched a scholarship matching portal named myStipendium in 2011 in Germany reaching 5.1 million (prospective) students in Germany every year. Because of the great success in Germany we decided to build a European-wide version that does not only cover scholarships but all types of funding opportunities for students.

The organisation has a strong network at universities and high schools including university presidents, deans, student counselling services, international offices and student associations helping us to educate on scholarships throughout the EU. In the European Union this network comprises 7,800 supporters at universities high schools.

Together with various partners, the ItS has created 32 scholarship programs, most of which specifically target students that do not fit the profile of a 'typical' scholarship recipient.

We have won a large number of national awards (e. g. "Germany Land of Ideas", "Start Social" under the patronage of the German chancellor Angela Merkel) and have been covered widely in the German national media.

About European Funding Guide

European Funding Guide has launched in September 2014 and includes more than 12,000 funding opportunities (large majority are scholarships) worth a total of ~27 billion Euros. EFG is the first comprehensive funding platform in the EU allowing each user to find out with a few clicks which specific funding opportunities match their specific profile.

European Funding Guide covers 16 EU countries: Germany, France, United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Ireland, Austria, Greece, Czech Republic, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Poland and Portugal.

This is how it works

European Funding Guide works with a matching algorithm. Users get matched to scholarships based on personal criteria, background, strengths, interests and skills. In total we cover 28 filter criteria including the university, applicant age, academic performance, academic discipline, civic engagement, financial status, personal criteria (e. g. migration background, non-academic family, student with disabilities, single parent, orphan), religion and language skills.

The idea behind EFG is simple: Users complete a profile and thereby get automatically matched to a database of more than 12,000 funding opportunities worth ~27 billion Euros.

We provide lists of scholarships and awards to finance your studies at your home university, lists of loans to finance your studies at home but also lists of scholarships and loans to finance a semester abroad.

We also provide tools that help users keep track of their fund search. Users can manage their lists e. g. by creating sub-lists of scholarship programs they would like to apply for.

Target audience of European Funding Guide

European Funding Guide helps prospective students, current students (undergraduate and postgraduate) and PhD students find money for their studies.

Our individual funding lists include scholarships to finance your daily expenditures at your home university (living costs, tuition fees, material costs, accommodation etc.), funds that support students to finance an internship, a research stay, a semester abroad, an internship abroad or to finance a bachelor- oder master thesis.

This platform is not only for students with good academic results. We have included a large amount of funding opportunities that are not granted based on academic merit. There are scholarships that are granted to people born in a specific village or that support students with exceptional part time jobs.

About the founders

European Funding Guide is a service offered by the ItS initiative for transparent study support and was established by 2 (former) PhD students Dr. Mira Maier and Alexander Gassner. Mira came up with the idea as she was searching for scholarships to finance her own PhD in Germany. It took her weeks and months of searching back then. This is how the idea to use a matching algorithm to filter the scholarship landscape came to life.

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