

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern: Bildungsschecks für Existenzgründer
Name of the instrument - English translation	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern: Training vouchers for start-up founders
Scheme ID	51
Country	 Germany
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for companies
Sub-type of instrument	Support for direct costs
Type of entry	Example for a group of instruments

Short description	Individuals planning to found a start-up, who are located in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, can apply for State-funded contributions to their costs for specific business-related courses. The eligible education and training activities include individual professionally related training. The scheme is governed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The selected training measure for the participant must be relevant for his/her professional life. The co-funding share is 80% and max EUR 392 of the costs for training and education. No preferential treatment is applied. There is no opportunity to re-use the scheme.
Short description of the related instruments	Not applicable

Level of operation	Regional
Name of a part of the country	Not applicable
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	Not applicable
Relevance	Key instrument

Legal basis	Richtlinie zur Förderung von Qualifizierungen für Existenzgründungen und Unternehmensnachfolgen durch Bildungsschecks
Objective(s) and target(s)	To support start-ups and business succession
Year of implementation	2010
Year of termination	2023
Operation/management	The scheme is governed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The funding is based on the financial resources available in the framework of the ESF-funding period 2014-2020. Contributions to training providers who accept these vouchers are granted through project funding as a proportion of funding for further training or testing. The grant is 50% of the course fees up to a maximum amount of EUR 500 per voucher.
Eligible group(s)	Individuals planning to found a start-up located in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
Group(s) with preferential treatment	No preferential treatment
Education and training eligible	Education and training corresponding to professional interests of the applicant related to the current job.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	Länder's budget and ESF
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	80% of eligible costs up to a maximum amount of EUR 392 per voucher. Allocation: Contributions to training providers who accept these vouchers are granted through project funding as a proportion of funding for further training or testing. Vouchers can be reimbursed only after completion of the training.
Eligible costs	Fees only
Volumes of funding	1.33 million until the end of 2018
Beneficiaries/take up	1 770 education cheques were issued until the end of 2018.
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Ministry of Economy, Labour and Tourism (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern).
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	Bewertung der Anpassungsfähigkeitsförderung, Gründungsförderung und Gleichstellungsförderung aus dem Europäischen Sozialfonds in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern https://www.europa-mv.de/serviceassistent/download?id=1630176
Most relevant webpage - in English	https://www.gsa-schwerin.de/en/services/start-ups-and-corporate-success...
Most relevant webpage -	https://www.gsa-

local language	schwerin.de/leistungen/existenzgruendung-und-uebernahme...
Recent changes	No recent amendment Recent changes in response to COVID-19 No changes
Sources	https://www.foerderdatenbank.de/FDB/Content/DE/Foerderprogramm/Land/Mec... https://www.weiterbildung-mv.de/bildungsschecks-existenzgruendung-mv.php https://www.foerderdatenbank.de/FDB/Content/DE/Foerderprogramm/Land/Mec... https://www.europa-mv.de/serviceassistent/download?id=1630176