

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Bildungsförderung für Unternehmen durch die deutschen Bundesländer
Name of the instrument - English translation	Funding for companies by German Länder
Scheme ID	269
Country	 Germany
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for companies
Sub-type of instrument	Not applicable
Type of entry	Groups of instruments

Short description	<p>Many Federal States (Länder) in Germany became important providers for cost-sharing schemes in the ESF funding period from 2007 to 2013, where ESF and national funds are used for providing various types of vouchers for further education. Instruments targeted partly only individuals, partly only enterprises, yet, partly both individuals and enterprises. Co-funding schemes are continued under the ESF funding period (2014-2020), however, schemes are adapted on the one hand to introduced federal funding schemes, on the other hand, to reduce available ESF funds for further education (estimated to be EUR 300 000 000 to EUR 400 000 000 per year across all Federal States). Examples for countries with voucher schemes for or also open for individuals include Schleswig-Holstein, Hessen, North Rhine-Westphalia, Hamburg, Saxony, Thuringia and Bremen. Beyond voucher schemes, the Federal States may provide co-funding for further education and training as part of other initiatives, for example, in the field of innovation policies. An overview of all cost-sharing schemes is available in a database (http://www.foerderdatenbank.de). There is no recent overview on funding volumes and beneficiaries.</p>
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Level of operation	Regional
Name of a part of the country	Not applicable
Name of the region (for	various German Länder

regional instruments)	
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	Not applicable
Relevance	Key instrument
Legal basis	Laws on regional level
Operation/management	The financial background as well as the management stems from the local governments of the German Bundesländer
Eligible group(s)	Varies across Länders and sub-types of co-funding schemes.
Group(s) with preferential treatment	various
Education and training eligible	Any job-related formal and non-formal education and training
Source of financing and collection mechanism	Budgets of the German Länder, in some cases ESF co-funding in addition
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	Different types of grants, e.g. vouchers
Eligible costs	Vary across Länders and sub-types of co-funding schemes.