

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Bildungsförderung für Individuen durch die deutschen Bundesländer
Name of the instrument - English translation	Individual Funding by German Länder
Scheme ID	270
Country	 Germany
Reporting year	2015
Type of instrument	Grant for individuals
Type of entry	Group of instruments
Short description	nap
Short description of the related instruments	<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 new ESF funding period (2014-2020), however, schemes are adapted on the one hand to introduced federal funding schemes, on the other hand to reduced available ESF funds for further education (estimated to be EUR 300 to EUR 400 million per year across all Federal States). The voucher in North Rhine-Westphalia, providing training vouchers for individuals and employees is by far (with EUR 9 Million funding in 2012) the largest program of the 16 German countries. 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 on all cost-sharing schemes is available in a database (http://www.foerderdatenbank.de). There is no recent overview on funding volumes and beneficiaries. For 2012, it has been estimated, that approximately 40 000 individuals benefits from a voucher by the Federal States.</p>
Level of operation	Regional

Name of a part of the country	nap
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	nap
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	nap
Relevance	Key scheme
Operation/management	The financing 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.
Education and training eligible	Varies across Länders and sub-types of co-funding schemes.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	Budgets of the German Länder
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	Varies across Länders and sub-types of co-funding schemes.
Eligible costs	Vary across Länders and sub-types of co-funding schemes.
Volumes of funding	na
Beneficiaries/take up	na
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	na
Most relevant webpage - in English	na
Most relevant webpage - local language	http://www.foerderdatenbank.de/Foerder-DB/Navigation/Foerderrecherche/s...
Sources	http://www.foerderdatenbank.de/Foerder-DB/Navigation/Foerderrecherche/s... Dohmen, Dieter. (2013). Finanzierung beruflicher Weiterbildung in Deutschland. Report. Zeitschrift für Weiterbildungsforschung. H, 3, 61-84.