



Anniversary celebration “15 years of the VNG Foundation”.



Market of opportunities for clubs and volunteers.

VNG AG has been actively involved in society and the region since it was founded. This is particularly evident in the two foundations set up by Group: the VNG Foundation and the Central Germany Foundation for Science and Education (“MSWB”). The VNG Foundation celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2024. At the anniversary celebration, social engagement awards were presented to five Eastern German associations.

Every year, the VNG Foundation awards a volunteering prize to Eastern German volunteering initiatives as part of its “Verbundnetz der Wärme” social engagement platform.



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Five times  
**€5,000**

for volunteering projects in  
Eastern Germany.

## PROMOTION OF THE COMMON GOOD

The VNG Foundation, established in 2009, specifically supports charitable projects in Eastern Germany. Its focus is on civil society & the common good, democracy & cohesion, art & culture and popular sport & health. A centrepiece of its work is the “Verbundnetz der Wärme” (Network of Warmth), which has been supporting voluntary work since 2001. Every year, the foundation awards the Social Engagement Prize, which is endowed with 5,000 euros each, to five associations or initiatives. “We want to recognise and reward voluntary work in Eastern Germany,” emphasises director of the Foundation, Mandy Baum.

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# THREE QUESTIONS FOR

**Mandy  
Baum**  
Foundation manager

### 15 YEARS OF THE VNG FOUNDATION: WHAT HAS BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE FOUNDATION’S WORK FOR YOU SO FAR?

We have had so many inspiring encounters with associations, foundations and volunteers from the region in recent years. I find it difficult to choose one particular highlight. That’s the best thing about the Foundation’s work – every day, we have the opportunity to come into contact with a wide variety of people who volunteer for others in all areas of life.

### AND NOW VNG IS SUPPORTING A SECOND FOUNDATION?

Exactly. The 15th anniversary of the VNG Foundation was the perfect occasion to rethink and strategically develop our areas of support. Through the Central Germany Foundation for Science and Education (MSWB for short), we want to concentrate and selectively expand existing initiatives to promote education, science and the start-up scene.

### WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR THE FUTURE?

More togetherness, co-operation and exchange. It is a great source of satisfaction for us to be able to nurture our proximity to society and to contribute to the common good in the region through the foundations.





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## NINE UNIVERSITIES

in the Central and Eastern  
German region are partners of  
the MSWB.

## A BRIDGE BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND SOCIETY

With the revamped Central German Foundation for Science and Education “MSWB”), we are promoting exchanges between academia, business and civil society in the region. It is thus taking over the existing partnerships with nine universities in Central and Eastern Germany, where, for example, Germany Scholarships are awarded to outstanding students. In addition, the MSWB promotes scientific studies, particularly in the areas of energy transition and climate protection, and participates in working groups that focus on knowledge transfer between business and science. For example, projects to promote the regional start-up scene are also supported.

**Further information on the MSWB** [🔗](#)

“As a structurally critical  
company, we also want to  
invest in the future viability  
of the region.”

– Bodo Rodestock, Board Member for Finance,  
Human Resources & IT at VNG AG

# VNG initiative “Thank you, fire service”



## Thank you for your commitment!

As a company operating in the gas industry, VNG knows how crucial the fire service is for everyone’s safety. Wherever gas is used, care must be taken – and when it comes down to it, it is the firefighters who save lives and avert danger with courage, determination and tireless commitment.

With our “Thank you, fire service” initiative, we are actively expressing our appreciation for the heroes and heroines in the fire services. We support the fire services at the VNG Gasspeicher and BALANCE Erneuerbare Energien sites financially, with practical training and, in future, finding new recruits.

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