

Viessmann donates EUR 500,000.00 to strengthen democracy

December 15th, 2025 – The Viessmann Foundation today announced to support eight selected social organizations with EUR 500,000.00 in total to strengthen democracy across Germany. All organizations successfully run decentralized, bottom-up projects.

Max Viessmann, CEO Viessmann Generations Group: "Our purpose of co-creating living spheres for generations to come includes a commitment to stable democratic foundations. We are responsible to defend and strengthen our free society, especially in times of social polarization. That is why we supported all established German democratic parties in the run-up to the last federal elections. Building on that, we now support organizations that engage with people locally and directly – with the core goal of strengthening democracy. The selected organizations perform outstanding work to strengthen our society and involve citizens in the democratic process."

Viessmann Foundation will support the following organizations:

- <u>Allianz der Gestalter:innen</u>: elevates local innovation to national relevance, bridges the gap between people, politics, and institutions—across party lines and sectors
- <u>Zukunftswege Ost</u>: empowers democratic civic actors in rural East Germany with funds and strong networks
- <u>Join Politics</u>: promotes a new generation of political leaders who bring fresh, solution-driven approaches to the political sphere
- Lokalprojekte: supports municipal administrations with solving local challenges
- <u>PHINEO Initiative Zukunftsträger</u>: supports disadvantaged young people in Germany on their path to a career
- <u>Zusammen1</u>: is a prevention project by MAKKABI Deutschland to enable all sports stakeholders to tackle antisemitism and all forms of discrimination in organized sports
- <u>Förderfonds Demokratie</u> by Stiftung Bildung: promotes projects for a diverse and inclusive society and social justice
- <u>Tu was für Europa</u>: uses innovative ideas to bring Europe to life in an emotional and tangible way as a shared project for the future of humanity.

About Viessmann Foundation gGmbH

Founded in 2020, the Viessmann Foundation gGmbH is the philanthropic arm of the Viessmann Generations Group, united by a shared purpose: co-creating living spheres for generations to come. Rooted in family values, the Foundation acts where market solutions fall short - deploying catalytic capital to complement the Group's investments and drive systemic change toward resilient, equitable communities. We focus on three high-impact areas, partnering with exceptional organizations: Climate Action, Health, and Education & Poverty Alleviation. More information.

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