



# Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

German Research Foundation

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2. Budget and Programmes
3. International Cooperation



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## 1. Profile, Tasks and Structure



# DFG Profile

## Germany's Largest Research Funding Organisation

- ▶ Self governing organisation under private law
- ▶ Funding of scientific research in all disciplines based on scientific merit and excellence
- ▶ Special focus on supporting young researchers
- ▶ Support of international cooperation in all fields of research
- ▶ Policy advice, knowledge transfer, equal opportunity
- ▶ Strengthen the research system, keep Germany future-oriented and internationally competitive as a scientific location



# DFG Profile

An independent association for academic self-governance

From our statutes:

**“The German Research Foundation**

***serves all branches***

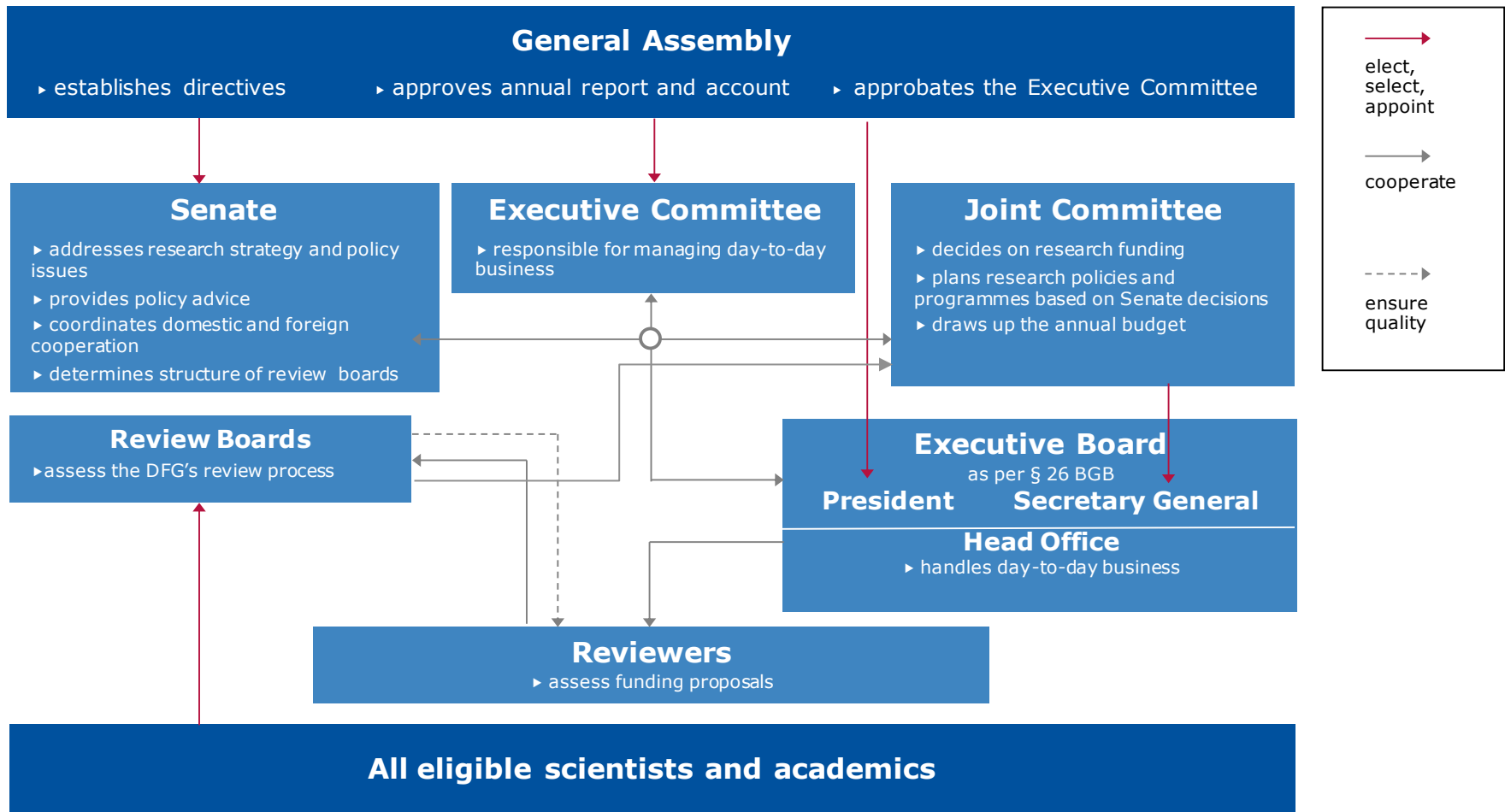
**of science and the humanities”**

Our principles throughout all DFG actions  
and programmes:

- ▶ **Scientific Excellence**
- ▶ **Involvement of Scientific Communities (“*bottom up*”, *peer review*)**
- ▶ **Transparency (Information, Advice, Explanation)**
- ▶ **Flexibility**



# How is the DFG structured?



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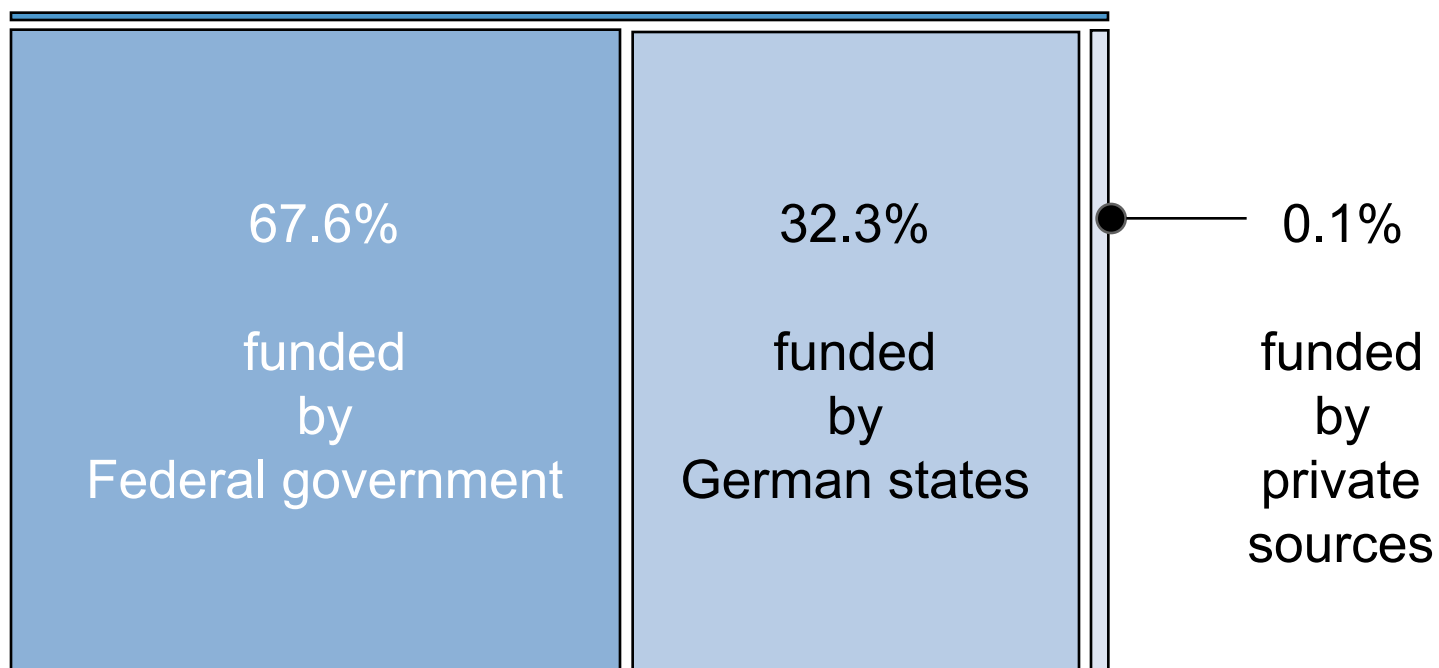
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# The DFG's 2013 budget

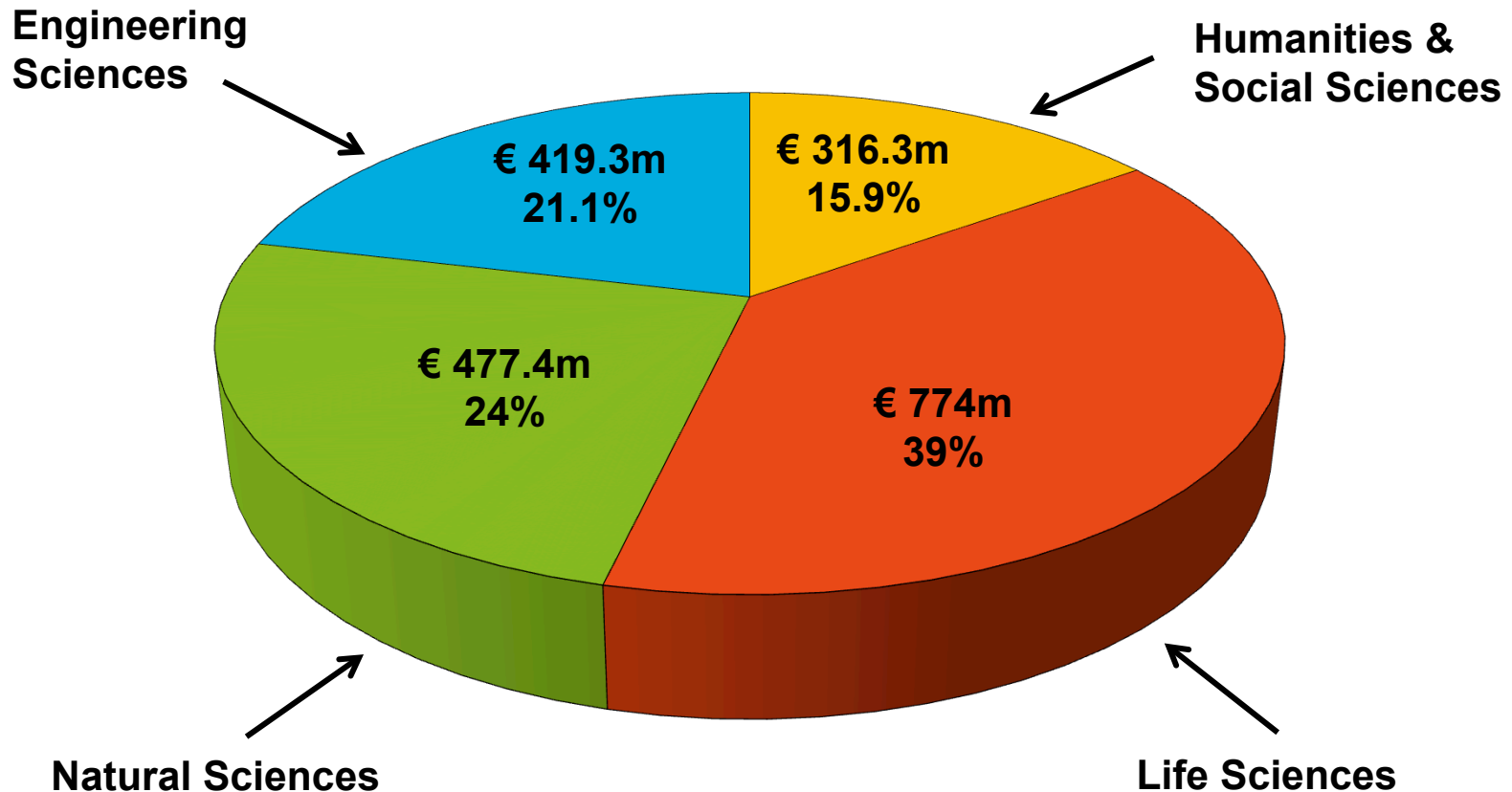
**totalled approx. € 2.7 billion**



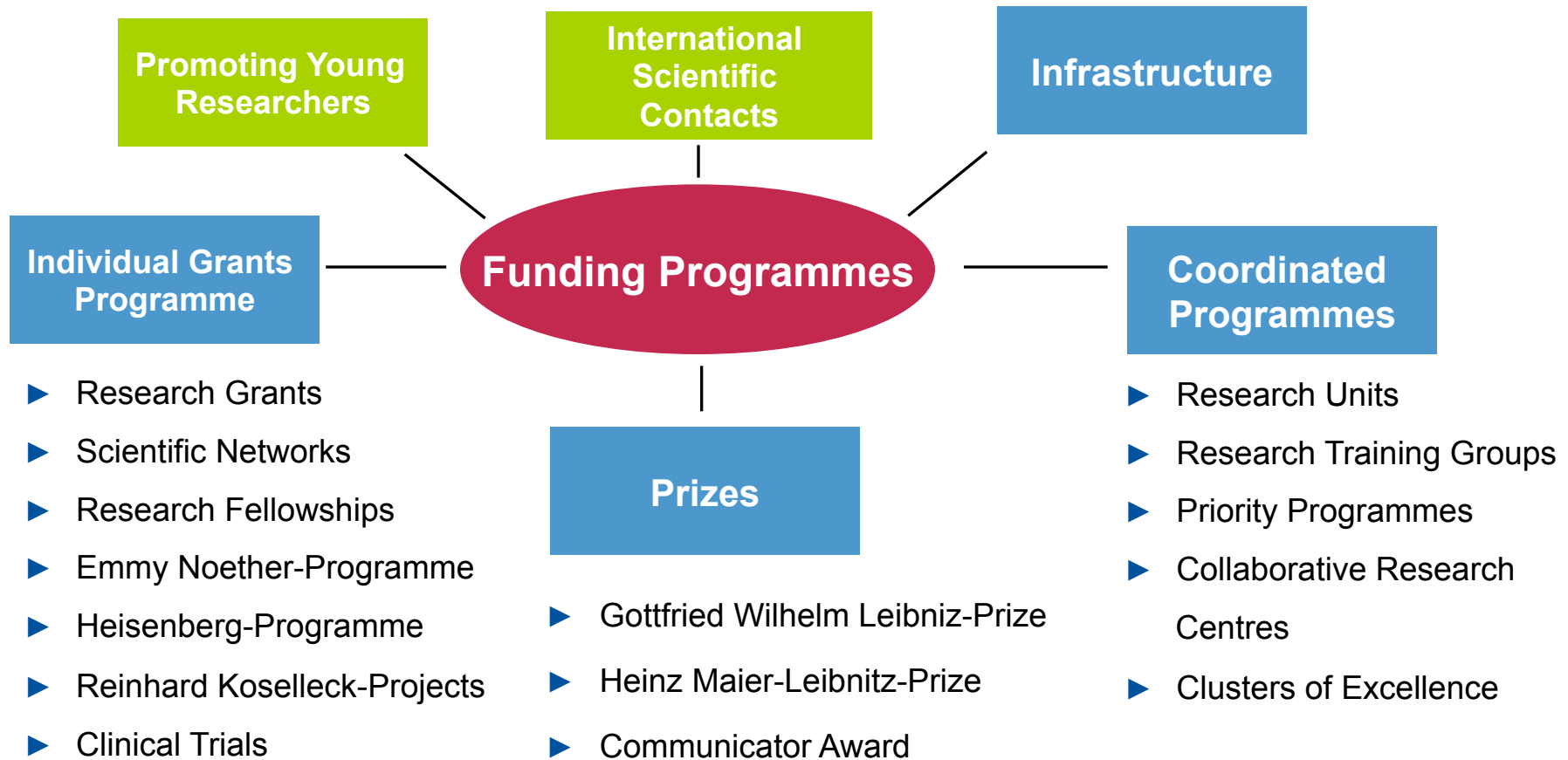
Figures refer to revenues in 2013

# DFG Budget

## Actual expenditures 2013 by scientific areas



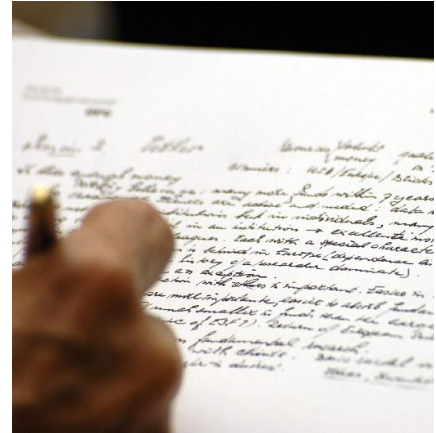
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# What are the DFG's selection criteria?

## DFG reviewers judge proposals according to

- ▶ scientific quality of the project
  - ▶ applicants' qualifications
  - ▶ aims and work programme
  - ▶ employment opportunities
  - ▶ planned allocation of funding
  - ▶ quality and added value of cooperation
  - ▶ programme-specific criteria
- } in coordinated programmes



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# How does the DFG promote international cooperation?

## Special Instruments

### ► Funding Programmes:

- Grants to support the Initiation of International Cooperation
- Individual Grants
- International Research Training Groups
- Research Fellowships
- Mercator Fellows

### ► Partner Organisations (joint calls)

Scientists can apply for international funding like travel costs, exchange of researchers in all DFG Funding Programmes.



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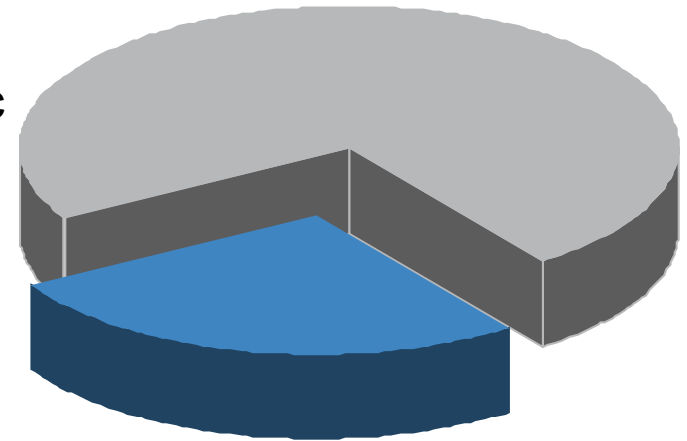
## Grants to support the Initiation of International Cooperation

- ▶ **Bilateral Events (workshops) held in Germany**
- ▶ **Bilateral Events (workshops) held in the Partner Country**



# Individual Grants Programme

- ▶ Research project on a specifically defined topic within a limited time period
- ▶ A research grant can be used to
  - staff
  - scientific instrumentation
  - consumables
  - travel and publications
- ▶ **No submission deadline**
- ▶ **Funding decision:** General Assembly of DFG
- ▶ funding for a period of up to **three years**



Part in total  
funding volume:  
32,3% (2013)

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## International Research Training Groups

A **joint framework** for

- **international promotion of young researchers** at centres of scientific excellence
- **coordinated research** and **qualification programmes**
- systematic cooperation at three levels:
  - ✓ research
  - ✓ qualification
  - ✓ supervision



### Duration

4.5 years per funding period, maximum of nine years

Funding of PhD positions: generally 3 years (application at university)

### Particular feature

Complementary funding through the foreign partner organisation

**Example:** IRTG 1542 “Religious Cultures in 19th and 20th-century Europe” (2009-2018)  
(LMU Munich, Charles University Prague, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan)

# Our partners in Poland

- ▶ **National Science Center NCN**  
(Memorandum of Understanding  
and Joint Call in the Social Sciences  
and Humanities 2014)
- ▶ **Polska Akademia Nauk**  
(Memorandum of Understanding 1995)
- ▶ **Foundation for Polish Science**  
(Memorandum of Understanding 2005)
- ▶ **Ministry of Science and Higher Education**  
(Memorandum of Understanding 2005)



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# Our Partners in the Ukraine

- ▶ **The State Fund for Fundamental Researches (SFFR)**  
(Letter of Intent 2009)



- ▶ **The National Academy of Sciences (UAW)**





# Thank you for your attention!

## For more information

- ▶ on the DFG: [\*\*www.dfg.de\*\*](http://www.dfg.de)
- ▶ on DFG-funded projects: [\*\*www.dfg.de/gepris/\*\*](http://www.dfg.de/gepris/)
- ▶ on over 17,000 German research institutes: [\*\*www.dfg.de/research\\_explorer/\*\*](http://www.dfg.de/research_explorer/)