

Call for Application
oikos Winter School 2018
Witten/Herdecke University (Germany)
1st-7th March 2018



From 2007 on, each year about 30 students from all over the world come together at the University of Witten / Herdecke to create a joint stimulus for more sustainable business.

The eleventh oikos Winter School is titled *BOTTOMS UP - TOPS DOWN? Sustainable Development Cooperation* and will focus on sustainability in the non-governmental sector of development cooperation.

The image of dysfunctional development cooperation is widespread. The allegations are manifold: Corrupt elites are enriched by the cash flows of development cooperation. Western concepts are naively exported without satisfying the needs of the local population. Projects often benefit the so-called donor countries most, and development cooperation reinforces existing dependencies. In short: "Development aid is often a blind flight," says American economist and development aid critic William Easterly, co-director of the Institute for Development Research at New York University.

Is this applicable? Which approaches of development cooperation are more successful than others? What are the different motivations behind cooperation, and how do they affect the implementation of the projects?

Are there specific strategies that can be chosen to make development cooperation more efficient and sustainable?

These are the issues we would like to discuss at our conference.

What will the program look like?

In order to create a balanced relationship between theory and practice, experts will first identify problems and outline successes and failures of different approaches in the non-governmental sector development cooperation and debate them with the participants. Panel discussions and keynotes provide the basis for the further course of the conference, which focuses on practical and solution-oriented work.

We will have different foci every day:



You can find a more detailed program draft on our website: www.oikos-winterschool.org

In which language will the Winter School be held?

The Winter School will be held in English.

Where will I stay?

All participants will stay in local student flats to ensure the most welcoming and personal experience in Witten.

What about the costs?

The fee to take part at the Winter School is 150€.

The first ten applicants will get an early bird discount. The early bird fee amounts to 120€.

Food and accommodation are included.

Travel and Visa costs cannot be covered.

I am allergic/vegetarian/vegan/etc., is that a problem?

Of course not! You can notify us about special needs during the registration process.

Where can I apply and when is the application deadline?

You can apply on our website (www.oikos-winterschool.org) up to the 15th January 2018.

If you do not live in the EU, please make sure to apply for your visa in time. We recommend to apply as early as possible but at the latest one month before the conference starts. For questions concerning your participation contact Timo: timo.niehoff@oikos-winterschool.org

You can sign up to our newsletter and get more information about the conference at: www.oikos-winterschool.org or follow us on our [Facebook](#).