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**Grantmaking activities**

Now in its ninth year, GEBERT RÜF STIFTUNG has invested CHF 10.8 million in its activities. CHF 10.3 million of this has been used for project support. A total of 40 projects have been approved, 12 of which have a funding volume of less than CHF 50'000, 22 with funding of between CHF 50'000 and 500'000, and six with a budget of more than CHF 500'000.

Not all projects meeting the basic support criteria can be provided with financial support as demand for funding by GEBERT RÜF STIFTUNG rises with every year. This has resulted in a final selection stage for some projects, which are classified as “approved but not funded”.

Operational expenditure amounted to 7.7% or CHF 0.8 million, CHF 0.3 million of which went toward project expenditure in initiating, monitoring and networking tasks. Administrative costs of 4.7% or CHF 0.5 million were spent on ensuring that the foundation office could carry out central administrative tasks.

GEBERT RÜF STIFTUNG publishes all supported projects on its website, which presents not only the focus of its medium-term grantmaking strategy as areas of activity, but also detailed information on all projects. This includes the names of project managers, the sum granted, the proportional sum for individual support, an appraisal of the project detailing the reasons for making the grant, an abstract, the project's status and results. All this information is kept up-to-date through reports itemizing the separate project stages.

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The activities of GEBERT RÜF STIFTUNG follow the recommendations of the Swiss Foundation Code.

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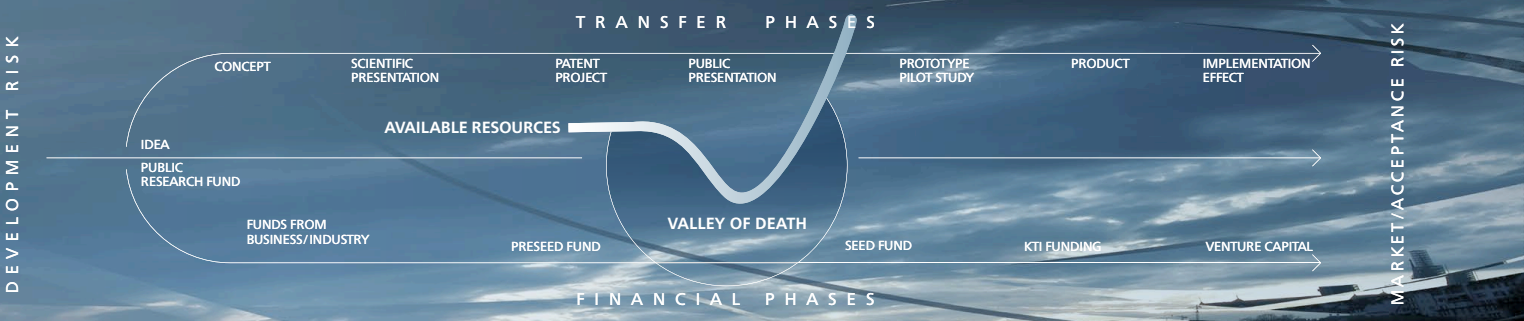
**FOUNDATION PURPOSE**

The wish of the founder and the concern of the foundation is to enhance Switzerland as an economic environment and as a place to live by promoting scientific projects.

Initiatives from the natural, the human and the social sciences can all make an equal contribution, provided they show a high degree of originality in subject-matter and methodology, are able to trigger intellectual and practical impulses in business, politics, education, technology, medicine or other areas, and thus betoken a material or immaterial benefit for society.

**POSITIONING IN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

As a private foundation with limited means, GEBERT RÜF STIFTUNG endeavours to occupy niches in science and to fill gaps in the structure and course of research. It seeks neither to relieve the public sector nor to appear as a free-rider in major projects. Rather, it is placed in a position, which is especially needful and worthy of support – as a link between basic research on the one hand and directly applied research on the other. A notoriously underfunded void exists between these two fields, often referred to as the “valley of death”. From this knowledge base, but before the specific development of products and services, the foundation’s mission is to enable research free of economic constraints and to encourage the pleasure of experimentation which may possibly lead to useful results, but which cannot yet be presented. GEBERT RÜF STIFTUNG aims to preserve and help mould this scope for manoeuvre.



**SCIENCE AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

GEBERT RÜF STIFTUNG pays special attention to ensuring that the projects it funds are visible and comprehensible to a broader public. Moreover, regardless of their intrinsic value in research, highly innovative, experimental and interdisciplinary projects should be able to anticipate and present possible results and effects. Communicating between the inherent logic of the sciences and satisfying and supporting a broader public’s need for information and understanding is a central task and responsibility of GEBERT RÜF STIFTUNG.

**INTEGRATED APPROACH**

The subject of science and the general public is not only significant in the context of a distinct area of action, but is also generally practised as an integrated approach in all supported projects. These include three initiatives: “Lab school”, “Communicating science” and “Object and science”, in which all support projects participate.