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German Funding for NGOs that Demonize Israel

- The German government [provides](#) millions of Euros annually, through direct and indirect funding processes, to highly politicized NGOs (non-governmental organizations) that operate in Germany, Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. Most of the funding to NGOs is transferred through German Stiftungen (foundations) which have become prevalent actors in Israeli society.
- German NGO funding is [officially](#) dedicated to “... establishing peace, freedom, democracy and human rights...,” and many projects are devoted to these important goals.
- However, the German government also funds organizations that contribute to the growing demonization of Israel and BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions) campaigns, in direct contradiction to German foreign policy. These NGOs **oppose peace and negotiations, and promote narratives that reject the legitimacy of a Jewish state.**
- Such funding is a major source in manipulating German societal perceptions of Israel and constitutes a misuse of taxpayer monies.
- In addition, NGO projects are used in place of direct diplomacy, in violation of international norms and accepted relations between states.

Examples (see “[German Funding for Political Advocacy NGOs Active in the Arab-Israeli Conflict](#)” for more details):

NGO	Area of activity	Funding (NIS)	German Funding Instrument/Institution
Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP)	Leader of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign.	119,877 (2013)	EED
		47,800 (2013)	Medico International
		146,026 (2011) 197,969 (2010)	Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung
Zochrot	Promotes a one-state solution.	123,684 (2013)	BISCHOEFLICHES
		118,607 (2012)	
		121,509 (2012)	Misereor
COMET – ME	Illegal building without permits, using German funds	1,686,624 (2011) 593,545 (2010)	Medico International
		120,000 (2010)	German Representative Office Ramallah

Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP) - CWP, which [describes](#) itself as “a feminist organization against the occupation of Palestine and for a just peace,” is a leader of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement, particularly via the “Who Profits” campaign it initiated. The “[Who Profits](#)” website serves as an “online database and information centre,” initiated “in response to the Palestinian call for boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) on Israel...” CWP officials have been [photographed](#) holding a flag of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – an EU-recognized terrorist organization responsible for numerous attacks against civilians. (After NGO Monitor informed CWP’s German funders of this image, it was removed from [CWP’s Facebook page](#).)

Zochrot – This Israeli NGO seeks to “raise public awareness of the Palestinian Nakba... The memory and responsibility that the Jewish public should take on the Palestinian Nakba are basic conditions to peace between people, but it is not enough. Along with it, the rights of the refugees to return must be accepted.” This [agenda](#) is equivalent to calling for the elimination of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people. Indeed, Zochrot officials have also publicly supported a one-state framework. Eitan Bronstein [stated](#), “I don’t know who will want to return, but whoever will want to- let him return. And if the result is that there will not be a Jewish state, then there won’t be one. **My preferred concept is one state from the sea to the Jordan River.**” To bolster the narrative of “return” and Israel’s illegitimacy, Zochrot also [accuses Israel](#) of “ethnic cleansing” and “forcible displacement and dispossession of the Palestinian people.”

COMET-ME (Community, Energy and Technology in the Middle-East) -

The [organization](#) was established in 2009 to “build renewable energy systems for communities that are not connected to the electricity grid because of political reasons and build local capacity to install and maintain those systems.” However, COMET-ME’s work is also very political and may be in violation of Israeli law. In an [article](#) regarding building in Area C of the West Bank, co-founder [Elad Orian stated](#), “We don’t get any permits [from the Israeli Civil Administration], so we simply build without.” [Orian](#) is a political activist and a member of the audit committee of Zochrot (see above). Orian also [signed](#) a petition in support of Tali Fahima, a pro-Palestinian activist who was convicted for contact with terrorists.