

Press release

Hamburg Commercial Bank donates a further EUR 500,000 to charities

HAMBURG/GERMANY – Hamburg Commercial Bank AG (HCOB) is once again donating EUR 500,000 to charitable institutions in 2026. With a total of EUR 400,000, the bank is supporting organisations that help children, young people, women and the elderly in Hamburg. In addition, projects promoting climate protection, biodiversity and democracy will be funded. A further EUR 100,000 will go to an aid initiative for Ukraine launched by HCOB employees. As in the previous year, the recipients of the donations were nominated by the bank's employees.

"We want our donations to provide targeted support where they can have a lasting impact – by improving educational and participation opportunities, strengthening social cohesion and protecting the environment," said Luc Popelier, Chief Executive Officer of Hamburg Commercial Bank. "The numerous suggestions our employees have made for charitable causes demonstrates just how important social responsibility is to them. We would like to thank everyone who dedicates their time and energy to making a positive impact on the lives of others."

#HCOBEmployeesStandWithUkraine is a private initiative by HCOB employees who have been supporting the people of Ukraine since the start of Russia's invasion. For more than four years now, dedicated colleagues have been collecting monetary and in-kind donations and organising reliable delivery of humanitarian aid to war-torn regions in eastern Ukraine. The initiative's current focus is on rebuilding and reopening childcare and school facilities in areas close to the front line, where children are currently unable to access community and educational opportunities. This year, HCOB is once again supporting its employees' commitment with EUR 100,000.

In addition, the following organisations receive funding:

- **ALADIN gGmbH** supports children of parents with severe mental health conditions through its "Wellengang" project. The donation will help secure individual and group support services for young people affected by this.
- **Frauen helfen Frauen Hamburg e.V.** offers protection, counselling and refuge in shelters for women and children affected by violence. The aim is to enable them to live independently and free from violence; at the same time, the association is committed to preventive work.
- The "Wilhelmina" programme, run by **Hamburger Kinder- und Jugendhilfe e.V.**, is aimed at pregnant women and single mothers or fathers living in a semi-residential setting. Funds are primarily used to develop communal areas and play facilities for children.

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- The JUGEND AKTIV PLUS programme, run by the **Johann Daniel Lawaetz Foundation**, offers young people support with a wide range of issues. Among other things, it provides learning support, job application training and assistance with visits to local authorities.
- **MENTOR – Die Leselernhelfer HAMBURG e. V.** has promoted reading skills among children and young people in schools for over 20 years. The donation will support digital infrastructure and the recruitment of additional volunteers.
- **Silbernetz e.V.** helps lonely people aged 60 and over by offering an anonymous telephone helpline, friendship services and information on local support. Donations help to fund the day-to-day running of the hotline.
- The Forschungsgemeinschaft (research group) **20 July 1944** preserves the legacy of resistance against National Socialism. It is supporting research and educational projects that examine dictatorial regimes and strengthen the culture of remembrance and democracy.
- The **Theodorus Kinder-Tageshospiz gGmbH** provides support for children with life-limiting illnesses and their families 365 days a year. The aim is to provide relief and stability in extremely stressful situations.
- **WAS TUN! Stiftung für gesellschaftliches Engagement** is committed to creating a sustainable, climate-friendly and humane society. The “Hamburg Mobile Garden” project brings mobile vegetable patches and information offers directly to neighbourhoods in the city.
- **WeField e.V.** creates areas in Hamburg and the surrounding region to promote biodiversity, providing food and retreat areas for insects, birds and other animals. The donation will support existing projects or the creation of further areas.

About Hamburg Commercial Bank

Hamburg Commercial Bank AG (HCOB) is a private commercial bank headquartered in Hamburg that specialises in tailor-made financing solutions for German and European companies. It also has a strong position in Germany-focused real estate financing, is an established project financier in Europe, and a reliable partner for the shipping sector. Efficient and secure payment services, as well as innovative products for foreign trade complete the range of services. The bank is guided by established ESG criteria and operates from several locations in Germany as well as in Amsterdam, London, Luxembourg, and Piraeus. Under the “Hamburg Direct Bank” brand, HCOB offers call money and fixed-term deposits for private customers. Further information is available at www.hcob-bank.com.