

# ... at a glance





„Holidays with God“ for children in the Diaspora is one of the projects funded by Renovabis.



## Short summary – Renovabis:

- supports social, pastoral and educational projects.
- in 29 countries of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe as well as in Central Asia.
- advocates the encounter, dialogue and partnership between East and West.
- funds annually 600-700 projects with an amount of about EUR 30 million.
- was founded in 1993 by the German Bishops' Conference, on the suggestion of the Central Committee of German Catholics; its main office is in Freising.
- receives the collection on Pentecost Sunday in all German parishes.

## What is Renovabis?

Renovabis is the solidarity initiative of the German Catholics with the people in Central and Eastern Europe. Renovabis was founded in March 1993 by the German Bishops' Conference, on the suggestion of the Central Committee of German Catholics (Germany's largest lay organization). Thus, it is the youngest of the six catholic relief organizations in Germany: Misereor, Adveniat, Renovabis, Missio, Caritas International, Kindermissionswerk „Die Sternsinger“.

## What does Renovabis mean?

The name originates from psalm 104: „You (God) will renew the face of the earth“, Latin: renovabis faciem terrae. Renovabis thus means “You (God) will renew”.

## What does Renovabis do?

### Project work

Renovabis supports projects aiming at the renewal of pastoral and social life in the former communist countries. Renovabis doesn't implement own projects but helps where local partners ask for the support of specific projects.

### Partnership and dialogue

The promotion of encounter and reconciliation between the Christians in Europe is anchored in the statute of Renovabis. Therefore, Renovabis is committed to getting people from East and West to know each other and supports groups from Germany in order to get in contact with e.g. parishes in the East of Europe.

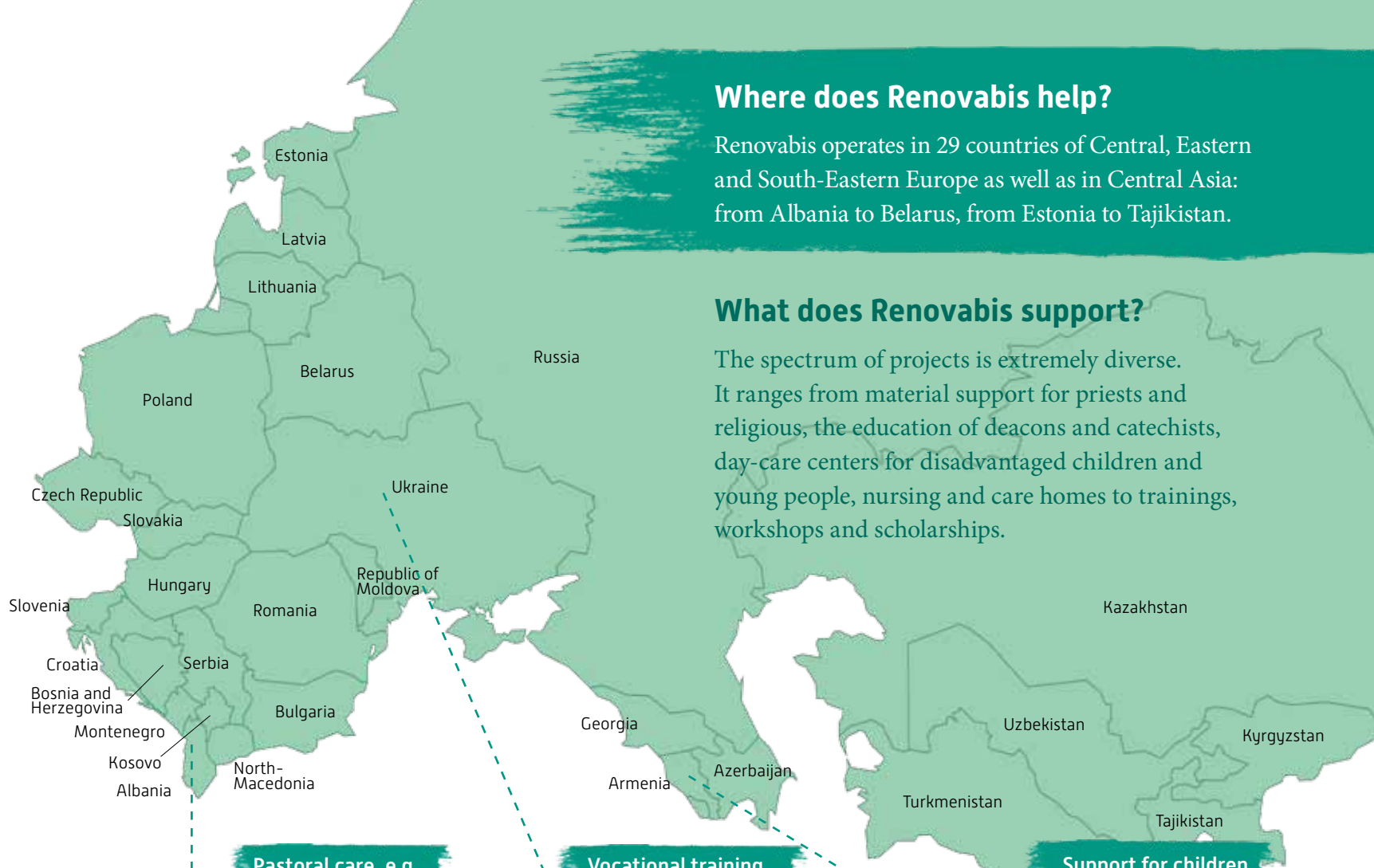
# Project work

## How does Renovabis help?

„Man is the way of the church“ – Renovabis feels obliged to this principle of Pope John Paul II.

Renovabis promotes **ecclesial-pastoral, social and educational projects** and considers itself as an action of solidarity *with* the people in Europe's East, not only *for* them. An important criterion of project funding is the „partner principle“. This means: Renovabis operates where partners ask for the support of specific projects. From our partners, we expect transparency and reports on the use of the approved project funds.

In its practical work, Renovabis also cooperates with other ecclesial relief agencies, organizations and initiatives, especially for Central and Eastern Europe.



## Where does Renovabis help?

Renovabis operates in 29 countries of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe as well as in Central Asia: from Albania to Belarus, from Estonia to Tajikistan.

## What does Renovabis support?

The spectrum of projects is extremely diverse. It ranges from material support for priests and religious, the education of deacons and catechists, day-care centers for disadvantaged children and young people, nursing and care homes to trainings, workshops and scholarships.



Pastoral care, e.g. in Northern Albania



Vocational training, e.g. in Ukraine



Support for children with disabilities, e.g. in Armenia

Photos: Project partners of Renovabis

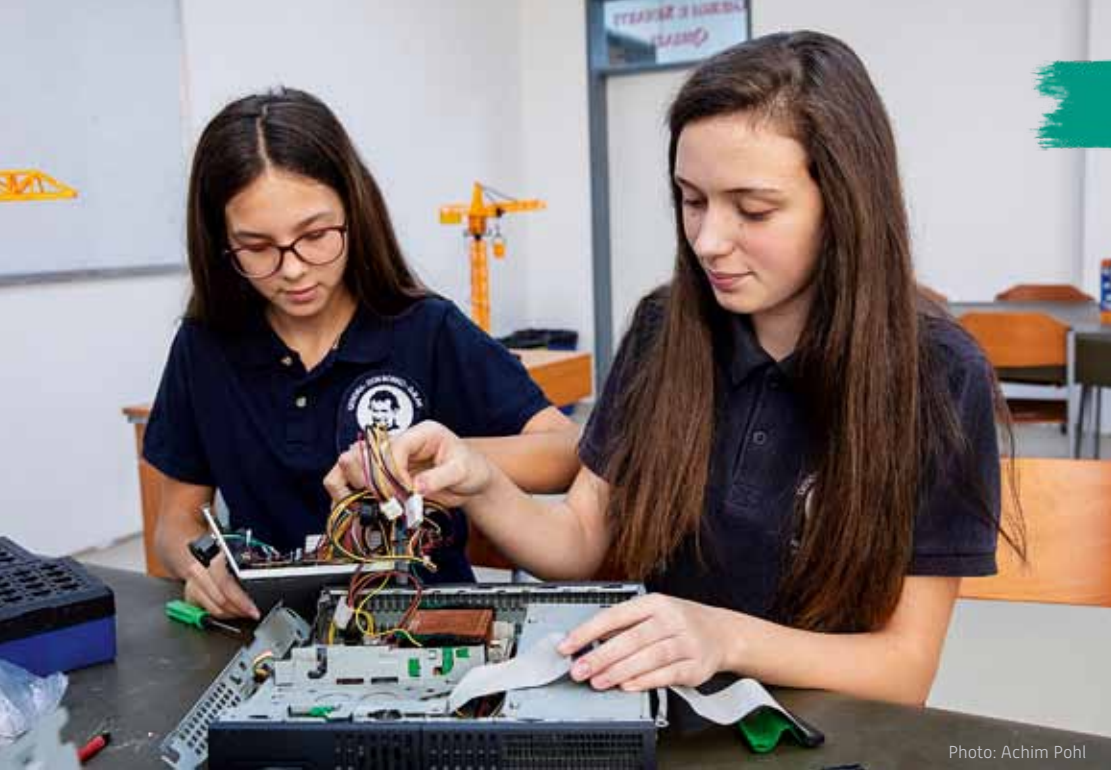


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## Criteria of promotion

When checking a project application, the following points will be taken into consideration:

- Does the project comply with the basic values of Catholic Social Teaching?
  - Respect of human dignity (personality)
  - Subsidiarity and solidarity
  - Care for the common good
- Is the project relevant and necessary in the individual context?
- Is the project based on solid planning, both from the content and financial side?

- Is the project economically, socially and ecologically sustainable?

### Please note

A statement of the local bishop or the major religious superior is required. Refinancing of activities already carried out is not possible!

### More information in english language

You will find further information about Renovabis as well as forms for grant applications and scholarship requests on our homepage in english language: [www.renovabis.de/en](http://www.renovabis.de/en)

- The partner organization submits a project proposal to Renovabis
- After registration, the proposal will be checked and prepared by the person responsible for the country
- The Renovabis approval committee decides if the project will be promoted or not
- The partner organization receives the notice of approval or refusal
- If the project is approved, Renovabis transfers the money after receipt of the signed contracts
- The project will be implemented according to the approved proposal
- If possible, the person responsible for the country visits the partner organization and the project
- The partner organization submits interim financial and narrative reports which allow Renovabis to monitor the progress of the project.
- At the end of the project period, if everything has been executed correctly, the project can be completed.

## Child protection and safeguarding

Renovabis attaches great importance to the protection of the children and other vulnerable groups reached by the projects. We encourage the establishment of safeguarding policies and protection mechanisms. These play an important role in the evaluation of the project applications. Renovabis also supports its partners in building capacities in this domain.

The **Renovabis annual report** (available in german language only) informs about our activities, documents the source and extent of funds and highlights selected projects. [www.renovabis.de/jahresbericht](http://www.renovabis.de/jahresbericht)



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