

INFORMATION ABOUT GRANT OF LANGUAGE COURSE



In March 1993, German Bishops and the Central Committee of German Catholics have established „Renovabis“ as an „action for mutual solidarity of German Catholics with people in Central and Eastern Europe“.

Name and intention of Renovabis

The name refers to the psalm 104,30: You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth (‘Emitte spiritum tuum, et creabuntur, et renovabis faciem terrae’). The name demonstrates the spiritual rootage of the action of the German Catholics and the experience of the Universal Church: We will succeed in renewing ourselves in the spirit of God.

In this spirit, trusting in the power of God, Renovabis provides assistance in self-help to renew church and society for pastoral as well as social tasks in Central and Eastern Europe.

Why does Renovabis give language course grants?

Renovabis gives language course grants for learning a foreign language (German preferred). With it, the Episcopal solidarity initiative sets a further possibility to develop the exchange within the universal church.

Who can receive a language course grant?

Language course grants are given to priests, aspirants of priesthood, religious, and laypersons from Central and Eastern Europe, if the language skills are necessary for doing their tasks in the home country and a recommendation of the home bishop respectively of the superior is on hand.

Is cost sharing expected?

Any costs of the language course cannot be covered by the grant. Cost sharing by the diocese respectively by the religious order and the student is expected.

Are travel costs accepted?

Travel costs are not accepted by Renovabis.

How to file an application?

For requesting a language course grant the application form is to use. Please send the German or English application to Renovabis by post. The receipt of it at Renovabis is supposed to be three months before the beginning of the language course latest.

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How about granting and payment modalities?

The **granting documents** are normally sent to the home bishop respectively to the superior. He/she is the one to be responsible to inform the student about the language course grant and to initiate the payment. The concurrent conclusion of the Project Agreement is connected.

Financial means are paid out at once. After the ending of the language course a copy of the diploma of the course, a financial report, and original receipts (course fee and accommodation) are to be supported. All documents respectively the translation of them are needed in German, English, or Italian.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.