

Steinbeis Network — Germany's Self-Financing University-Based Technology Transfer System

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Quality score: 81/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since 1971, the Steinbeis Foundation has grown a decentralised network of roughly 1,100 self-financing transfer enterprises — many run by professors at German applied-science universities — turning over about €162 million in 2023 selling applied research to companies.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-11

[Steinbeis Foundation \(Steinbeis-Stiftung\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-11

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[Steinbeis GmbH & Co. KG für Technologietransfer](#) — [company filings \(Northdata\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-11

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