

**Offener Wirtschaftsverband von klein- und mittelständischen  
Unternehmern, Freiberuflern und Selbständigen  
In Berlin und Brandenburg e.V.**

**OWUS**

OWUS was established in 1994 as a business association, body representing interests, and self-help organisation for left-wing small and medium-sized businesses, craftspeople, traders, self-employed and free-lance persons, irrespective of their lines of business.

Our association acts under the motto: With economic reason and social responsibility.

Our members are working in most various lines of business: building industry, education, IT services, tax and business consultancy, horticulture, industrial equipment, trading and craftsmanship, agriculture, legal counselling, tourism, international economic cooperation, electrical and optical engineering, advertising, etc.

OWUS was established as left-wing entrepreneurs, both male and female, from East and West Germany

- want to take vigorous action for setting up a lobby by joining in the discussion and implementation of economic, social and political decisions, representing left-wing positions;
- need economically calculable prospects in a European and global environment and therefore formulate their common economic, social and political interests for their activities in the region;
- show their solidarity with the development and promotion of small and medium-sized businesses and struggle for safe jobs and trainee positions by contributing to a well-targeted socially just economic and development policy in the regions.

Our guiding principles are focussed on successful economic activity for the purpose of

- public welfare in the sense of social justice, democratisation, freedom and environmental compatibility, solidarity, and equal rights of genders
- responsibility for decent and safe jobs and trainee positions in a free and social market economy that guarantees pluralism of ownership and does not sell off state property for the benefit of the monopolies
- link-up of entrepreneurial and political activities to maintain sound regional and supra-regional structures, amongst other things by deliberate cooperation between the members and by taking political responsibility in various fields and bodies.

Organisational structure of our association:

- OWUS Dachverband e.V.
- OWUS Landesverbände e.V. in the German Laender of  
Bavaria      Berlin-Brandenburg      Hesse      Lower Saxony  
Saxony      Saxony-Anhalt      Thuringia

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