

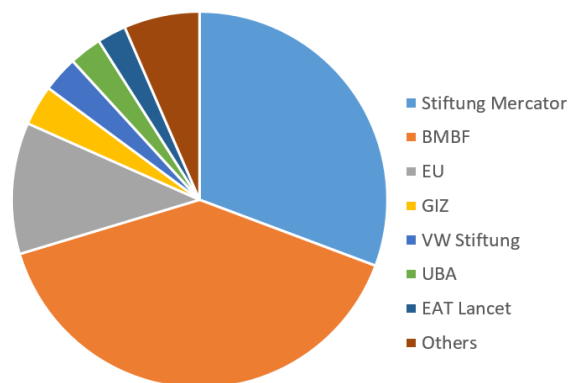
Scientific policy advice and funding of MCC

All MCC contributions to the political discourses on climate policy at national and international level are ultimately informed by its high-level scientific research. Peer-reviewed publications provide the basis of our work: MCC scientists publish at a particularly high frequency in internationally renowned journals. Drawing on this research, MCC explores and provides solution-oriented policy portfolios for climate mitigation, and for governing the global commons in general. Our primary focus is on the conceptual design of policies with a long-term perspective rather than day-to-day politics. The approach of scientific policy advice at MCC, which is strongly based on a policy dialogue, was developed from its own assessment philosophy.

MCC was founded in 2012 by Stiftung Mercator and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) as a non-profit company (gGmbH). It is currently funded through core funding from Stiftung Mercator (1.4 million euros in 2022), and project-related third-party funding, which totalled 3.2 million euros in 2022 and was largely acquired through a competitive procedure via calls for proposals, see below.

MCC's contributions in terms of content are therefore ultimately decided firstly by the judgement of the research world in the review process of peer-reviewed journals, and secondly through competition with other scientific institutes for research projects advertised on the market. MCC is not constrained by sectional interests or pre-determined outcomes in its choice of research topics and in the provision of its expertise.

| Fundors for the financing of MCC (2022) | |
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| Stiftung Mercator | 1,420,000 € |
| BMBF | 1,833,744 € |
| EU | 522,603 € |
| GIZ | 160,460 € |
| VW Stiftung | 142,450 € |
| UBA | 129,305 € |
| EAT Lancet | 114,875 € |
| Others | 301,812 € |
| Total | 4,625,248 € |



Except for the funds from Stiftung Mercator, funds have generally been acquired in a competitive procedure through public calls for proposals and are paid as grants.