

2022

Booklet



Statement by the
Chairman of the Board
of Executives

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Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the RAG-Stiftung



Key figures

BALANCE SHEET in EUR million

	31/12/2017	31/12/2018	31/12/2019	31/12/2020	31/12/2021	31/12/2022
Fixed assets	6,488.0	7,430.9	8,546.2	9,903.4	10,754.8	11,675.5
Current assets	712.7	2,053.1	1,127.3	1,286.2	718.0	724.2
Total assets	7,200.7	9,484.0	9,673.5	11,189.6	11,472.8	12,399.7
Equity	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Provisions	5,364.6	7,909.2	8,012.6	8,596.1	9,019.1	9,140.1
Liabilities ¹	1,834.1	1,572.8	1,658.9	2,591.5	2,451.7	3,257.6
Total equity and liabilities	7,200.7	9,484.0	9,673.5	11,189.6	11,472.8	12,399.7

¹ Liabilities including deferred income.

INCOME STATEMENT In EUR million

	31/12/2017	31/12/2018	31/12/2019	31/12/2020	31/12/2021	31/12/2022
Net annual profit (= allocation to the provisions for perpetual obligations)	430.6	911.8	413.6	858.5	665.0	346.8

The year 2022 – a review

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February

Launch of BRYCK

The BRYCK innovation hub and future factory initiated by the RAG-Stiftung began its work on 16 February. Located right in the middle of Essen, it brings together start-ups, science and companies with the goal of creating a liveable future. In its very first year, BRYCK supported over 30 start-ups in the fields of liveable cities, healthcare and hydrogen.



Ruhr Piano Festival

For more than three decades, the Ruhr Piano Festival has been a cultural constant in this transforming region. As the main sponsor of the 2022 festival, the RAG-Stiftung supported its commitment to inspire people in the Ruhr region for piano music and to give young and old access to music. The festival ended after 63 events and was hugely successful, welcoming 27,000 visitors and 101 pianists.



April

May

Centenary of the Folkwang Museum

The Folkwang Museum celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2022. Its foundation is closely linked to mining and the Ruhr coal industry. The opening exhibition alone, entitled "Renoir, Monet, Gauguin – Images of a Flowing World," which the RAG-Stiftung supported as the main sponsor, attracted 136,929 visitors and 1,012 guided tours from February to May.





Transformation centre for geo-resources and ecology

Major goals are being pursued by the Research Centre of Post-Mining, which is sponsored by the RAG-Stiftung and aims to develop into a transformation centre for geo-resources and ecology by means of funding from the "5-location programme" of the state government of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW). The application was submitted in August 2022 – and the first milestone was reached in December 2022. The NRW Council on Structural Strengthening assessed the application as worthy of funding and recommended giving it access to funding of 44 million euros.



Ruhr Talent Days

The Ruhr Talent Days were held from 14 to 24 September 2022, with around 45,000 children and youngsters taking part in free talent development and career guidance events. Talent promoters, parents and teachers also took the opportunity to attend counselling and information events. The RAG-Stiftung has been the main sponsor of the Ruhr Talent Days since 2017.

June

July

August

September



First Xperience Day of the United Robotics Group

The Xperience Day of the United Robotics Group (URG), which was staged in the Jahrhunderthalle arena in Bochum, was like looking into the future. The URG focuses in the midst of the Ruhr region on the development of service robots that interact directly with people – for example in care, education or catering. The RAG-Stiftung holds a majority stake in it through RSBG SE.



The Board of Executives reported on the past financial year 2021 at the annual press conference on 1 June and provided insights into ongoing developments (from left to right): Dr. Jürgen Rupp, Bernd Tönjes (Chairman) and Bärbel Bergerhoff-Wodopia.

The perpetual obligations of post-mining

Following the end of coal mining, there are three tasks that must be carried out over an indefinite period of time, and all three have to do with the management and control of water. The RAG-Stiftung is responsible for financing them.



Pit water management

RAG AG is responsible for pit water management in the former hard coal mining regions. At the bottom of a former mineshaft, hundreds of metres below the surface, the pit water is collected and transported to the surface by powerful pumps and pipes, then channelled into watercourses. The pumping system is designed redundantly. In the event of a malfunction, each pump can be quickly replaced by another. The pit water concept for the post-mining era will, in the medium term, require only six central pit water drainage stations in the Ruhr region.



Groundwater purification

In some of the former mining regions, especially on the grounds of former coking plants, there are contaminated areas that must be cleaned up. After the contaminated groundwater has been located, it is drained off and purified in order to prevent contaminated water from mixing with clean water and spreading. The effectiveness of these measures is regularly monitored.



Polder measures

Centuries of mining operations have also changed the local landscape. Entire regions have subsided, in extreme cases by as much as 25 metres. The surface water at these locations must be actively regulated now and in the future in order to prevent the accumulation of water in these hollows. Special pumping facilities must be operated and maintained, and bodies of water must be deepened or barricaded with dykes to ensure that the water is drained off.

October

Chancenwerk

Chancenwerk e. V. offers – in addition to school lessons – free educational opportunities for students, regardless of their social background. The RAG-Stiftung significantly expanded its long-standing support for the project in 2022: With over 5,000 students reached at more than 30 schools in the Ruhr and Saar regions, this commitment is now one of the largest single sponsorships among the foundation's educational projects.



December

Pit water canal in Ibbenbüren

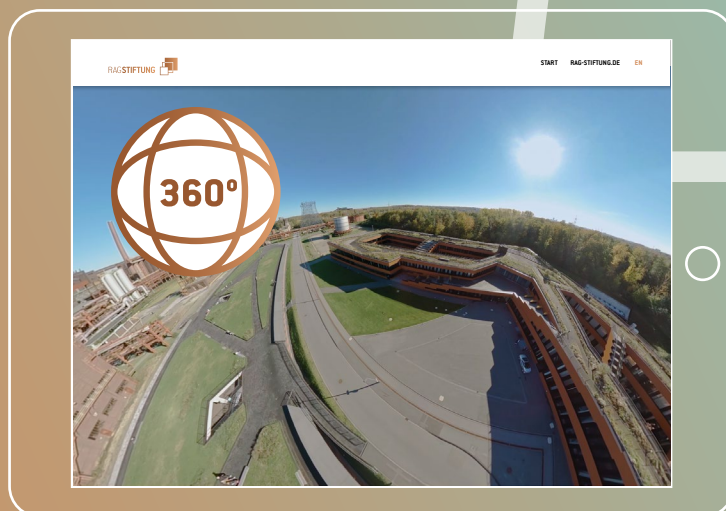
The first of two tunnel boring machines picked up speed in Ibbenbüren. At a depth of up to 75 metres, it is pressing ahead with creating the new pit water channel from the outlet to the central shaft over a total length of 7.4 kilometres. In 2025, all pit water from the colliery is to flow without power-intensive pumps through the 3.6 metre-wide canal into the pit water treatment plant in Gravenhorst, which is still under construction.



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