

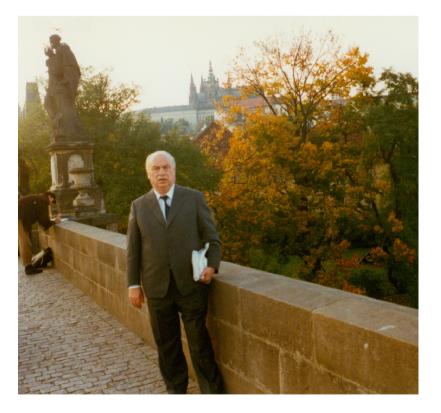
## 1968

### Foundation of the OstWestWirtschaftsClub





#### 1964 Opening of border crossings Bavaria - CSSR



Dr. Max Fischer † - at that time CSU - District Administrator in Cham



Dr. Fischer wanted to make a small border traffic possible With friends - Walter Richter † and Josef Döllner both expellees from the Sudetenland and Egerland a platform should be found

Konrad Adenauer

"Who's stopping this District Administrator who's gone crazy?"



### The political situation in the Cold War did not foresee friendly relations

After lengthy discussions, it was agreed that in the name of OstWestWirtschaftsClub

.... and sailed for a long time as a "political" club under false colours



## 1991

#### Foundation of the Deutsches Ostforum München





#### Joachim Müller †

## has long been involved in improving relationships between Bavaria and the Soviet Union / Russia

The DOM has always had an economic orientation



# 1. Januar 2016

Merger of DOM und OWWC

OstWestWirtschaftsForum Bayern eV

www.owwf.bayern



## The history of both associations helps bringing politics and business together

The OWWF takes up topics that are of particular interest and not covered by official policy or be seen from another angle

among others Danube Region development, sanctions policy



#### The OWWF is involved in

- Economy
  - Society
  - Politics
- Art and Culture
  - Science



Our motto is

### "We build Bridges out of Barriers"

Sanctions and tensions are once again hampering access to markets and the coming together of people from East and West. Escalation is not in the interests of the West nor the East.

No one would benefit from a new Cold War.



#### What do we do for that

## Regular events Club evenings with renowned speakers Discussion rounds with experts

Regular meetings and cooperation with associations aus Wirtschaft, Wissenschaft, Kultur, Politik



Danube Region Initiative

Organisation of four "Danube Conferences" in Deggendorf in cooperation with the Technical University with supporters and opponents of the Danube development

Participation in the EU project "Co-Danube".



#### Initiative Russia

#### "Rossoshka Peace Chapel"



#### The chapel after completion with the construction workers



After several years of preparatory work, we consecrated the Rossoshka Peace Chapel on September, 7th 2016 as the European House on the battlefield of Stalingrad

> under the aegis of the Foreign Ministers Jury Lawrow and Frank-Walter Steinmeier

The press coverage in Russia was overwhelming nationwide



#### Members of the OWWF and major companies and personalities from Germany and Austria have made possible the construction of the building by sponsoring contributions

Quote from a sponsor: "We've had a Russian branch for a long time, Since our sponsorship, all doors seem to open by itself"



Today, the OWWF has many contacts with consular and diplomatic missions, political decision-makers, business associations and scientific institutions.

The OWWF has members from Bavaria and the eastern European countries.

The activities of the OWWF cover the whole of Eastern Europe and beyond.



Our motto describes our goals

"We build Bridges out of Barriers"



### Thank you for your attention



Picture taken on 6.7.2017, event with Minister of the Interior Joachim Herrmann

from the left: Uwe Lamann, VP OWWF • Richard Heindl, VP OWWF • Staatsminister Joachim Herrmann Eberhard Sinner, Präsident OWWF • Hermann Pönisch, Gf. VP OWWF

