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