

# PRESS RELEASE

## Background information

### WWL - Economic Society for Westphalia and Lippe e. V.

**Münster/Westphalia, January 17, 2018** - Westphalia and Europe are the cornerstones between which the Wirtschaftliche Gesellschaft für Westfalen und Lippe (WWL) is active. As a non-partisan organization, the WWL breaks down barriers between politics, business and professional associations in order to promote a federal Europe and strengthen Westphalia's voice in the competition between regions.

The WWL has been focusing on socio-politically and economically relevant issues with the aim of preserving the free economic order and the social market economy in Europe. In cooperation with representatives of the scientific community and through the promotion of research work, the WWL analyzes economic interrelationships and makes them transparent. At regional level, it represents Westphalia as a unified economic area with established structures. Socio-political and economic interests are bundled and communicated beyond the boundaries of the IHK districts.

The work of the WWL goes back to the predecessor organizations founded in 1919, the "Westfälisch-Lippischer Wirtschaftsband" Bielefeld and the "Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche

Society" in Münster. Forced to merge in 1934, the new association resumed its work after the Second World War with a series of publications on economic policy issues. Since 1981, the WWL has been promoting communication and cohesion within the regional business community with its Entrepreneur Days. The International Peace of Westphalia Prize, awarded for the first time in 1998, honors personalities and groups who have campaigned for a federal Europe, for peace and for the implementation of the principle of subsidiarity.

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