The State Government of Schleswig-Holstein supports development policy initiatives through, among other things, an annual financial contribution to the One-World Network (Landesnetzwerk Bündnis Eine Welt - BEI) as well as to the Promoter Program (Promotorenprogramm), whereas four positions have been created in 2012 in cooperation with the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. Furthermore, Schleswig-Holstein works hand in hand on the basis of mutual trust with BEI within the framework of nationwide committees for development cooperation.

The Ministry for Energy Transition, Agriculture, Environment and Rural Areas (Ministerium für Energiewende, Landwirtschaft, Umwelt und ländliche Räume - MELUR) also cooperates with the Service Agency Communities in One World (Servicestelle Kommunen in der Einen Welt) and the Lutheran-Protestant Church of Northern Germany. A high-level agreement was signed with the Church of Northern Germany. Development projects by non-governmental organizations are subsidised by BINGO, the state-owned lottery.

Beside the support of municipal and school-related North-South partnerships, MELUR prioritizes awareness-raising measures, for example in the areas of sustainable and fair procurement and Fair Trade as well as educational work within the framework of the state government’s sustainable development strategy, called „Building the future“ and within the UN-Decade “Education for Sustainable Development“. These projects are run by the Ministry, mostly in cooperation with the “Educational Centre for Nature, Environment and Rural Areas” (Bildungszentrum für Natur, Umwelt und ländliche Räume - BNUR). Global Learning and development policy subjects are also part of educational work in schools within the framework of Schleswig-Holstein’s initiative “School of the Future.SH” (Zukunftsschule.SH). Several schools have already contributed to projects in this area.

With the aim of supporting climate protection, Schleswig-Holstein has joined the Initiative “Global Climate Leadership” in 2015. MELUR supports the cooperation between participants from the economic and academic sectors in Schleswig-Holstein, who, together with their Mexican partners, work in the field of renewable energies and climate protection within the framework of the German-Mexican Climate Alliance.

Every year, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the GIZ GmbH (Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) jointly fund a training program for specialized personnel from the Chinese province of Zhejiang.

Multi-faceted cooperation with developing countries exists in the area of university research and educational work:

• The Flensburg University of Applied Sciences and the Polytechnic of Namibia constitute a centre of excellence for logistics in Namibia.

In Kenya, Schleswig-Holstein contributes to the construction of a Kenyan - German Centre for Data Analytics with the Jomo Kenyatta...
University of Agriculture and Technology.

In Indonesia, Schleswig-Holstein supports the DAAD-funded project „Subject-related partnerships with universities in developing countries“ with the Jember University in the field of biotechnology.

- The Kiel University of Applied Sciences:
  Faculty of Informatics and Electrical Engineering
  - Changchun, Jilin University
  - Hangzhou, Zhejiang Association for Science and Technology

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

- Cooperation with the CDHAW (Chinese-German College at Tongji University in Shanghai / China - double degree) in the field of industrial engineering;
- Cooperation with the MDHK (Mexican-German College at the Tec de Monterrey /Mexico) in the field of industrial engineering;
- Cooperation with the IGCHE (Indo-German Center for Higher Education at the PSG College Coimbatore / India) in mechanical engineering.

Faculty of Economy

- Cooperation with the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

Institute collaborations: Institute for Interdisciplinary Gender Research and Diversity (IGD)

- Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh
- Universitas Kristen Indonesia, Jakarta
- Universitas Muhammadiyah, Yogyakarta

Cross-Departmental cooperation:

- Hangzhou, China Jiliang University
- Qingdao, Ocean University of China (OUC)
- Puebla, Universidad de las Américas (UDLA)
- University of Pretoria, South Africa
- University of Pretoria and the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh in the field of gender studies

- The Lübeck University of Applied Sciences cooperates with:
  - its subsidiary e-learning company oncampus GmbH and the private Ethiopian Admas College to maintain a public-private partnership in order to test the acceptance of German e-learning methods in Africa;
  - the East China University of Science and Technology in Shanghai in the degree courses of Environmental Engineering and Information Technology;
  - the Schleswig-Holstein Company for the Promotion of Economic Development and Technology Transfer (Wirtschaftsförderung und Technologietransfer Schleswig-Holstein GmbH) to place Chinese graduates in Schleswig-Holstein-based companies of
communication, information and media technology as well as environmental engineering;

- the Zhejiang University of Technology (ZJUT) in the field of architecture as well as with the Zhejiang University of Science and Technology (ZUST) in civil engineering.

- Lübeck University:
  - Awards scholarships to medical exchange students from partner universities in Ukraine, Moldova, Namibia and China;
  - In addition, student exchanges with Zhejiang University in China are funded in the area of informatics as well as one PhD position at the University of Lübeck for medical guest researchers from Zhejiang University;
  - A further research exchange program with partner universities in Moldova and Namibia, financed through third party funds, and a „train-the-trainer“ program aimed at building up the local university curriculum, have been brought into being.

- Europe-University of Flensburg:
  - A three-semester Master program „Energy and Environmental Management“, including an optional focus on industrialised or developing countries.

- Christian-Albrechts-University of Kiel (CAU):
  - research networks and study programs with both BRICS and developing countries;
  - Awarding of scholarships to foreign students and doctoral candidates from different countries, many of which from emerging and developing countries;
  - More than 25 years of cooperation with the Zhejiang University (ZJU) in China. Recent expansion of this cooperation to the area of Marine Sciences as well as an intensive cooperation between the Chinese Centre of CAU with ZJU. Concerning Marine Sciences, an intensive cooperation with the Ocean University of Qingdao in the People’s Republic of China also exists;
  - In the field of marine sciences a long-standing cooperation has been established between GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel and Cape Verde in building a branch office with Ocean Observatory, capacity building for predicting the variability of the regional coastal uplift and climate under an STC project by the coastal states in South-Western Africa; The TRION project, which serves the biogeochemical method development, is also supposed to make a contribution to the peace process in the Middle East through active scientific communication, cooperation and sustainable networking between researchers from the Palestinian territories and Israel; A research centre in Oman is being constructed by using the example of the Helmholtz Centre.
  - The Members of the Kiel Cluster of Excellence „The Future Ocean“ participate in capacity building activities on the Cape Verde Islands,
and, within the context of the Chair of UNESCO/IOC for Marine Sciences, in projects such as TTR (Training-through-Research), the exchange of Master’s students and doctoral candidates, summer schools and targeted research for localised impact.