



Foundations working for Europe

EFC member foundations from across Europe and around the world fund and operate a wide variety of projects and programmes, individually and in collaboration with others. The following is a sample of activities led by **EFC member foundations** that help support the European project in all its facets:



- **EUSTORY**, the history network for young Europeans founded in 2001 by **Körber Foundation**, currently connects 22 civic organisations from 22 European countries. Opposing the abuse of history as an ideological weapon, EUSTORY emphasises the view of history as a workshop for intercultural understanding in Europe. Since the EUSTORY network was founded some 110,000 youth have already participated in EUSTORY history competitions with about 50,000 contributions. For more information, visit: www.eustory.eu

- The **Youth Empowerment Partnership Programme (YEPP)** is a collaborative initiative of several European and US foundations (**7 EFC members**), the International Academy at the Free University of Berlin (INA), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) operating under the auspices of the Network of European Foundations for Innovative Cooperation (NEF). YEPP seeks to address social challenges and improve the lives of children and young people at risk in defined areas of social disadvantage throughout Europe. This is achieved in an integrated and systemic way by promoting coordinated efforts and strategic alliances of the public, private and independent sectors. For more information, visit: www.yepp-community.org



- The **EU climate policies and diplomacy programme** of the **European Climate Foundation** seeks to strengthen Europe's leadership on climate policy through both domestic EU policies such as the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and global leadership through international climate negotiations and bilateral and multilateral programmes. For more information, visit: www.europeanclimate.org

- **EuroPolis** is a project run by an international team of European universities, funded by the EU's 7th Framework Programme and by a network of European foundations (**4 EFC members**), led by the **Compagnia di San Paolo**. The project intends to test whether deliberative democracy can contribute to address the democratic deficit in Europe, with particular reference to the European parliamentary elections. For more information, visit: <http://www.europolis-project.eu/>



a deliberative polity-making project



- The **Initiative for Community Foundations** in Berlin is an independent and central contact point for all Community Foundations in Germany. Supported by **3 EFC members**, it focuses on spreading and emphasising the idea of Community Foundations in Germany as well as on networking and fostering professionalism of those Community Foundations already in existence. For more information, visit: www.die-deutschen-buergerstiftungen.de

- **InCreaSe** is developing a travelling training academy for the cultural learning and participation of older people in Europe, supported by **Fundación Academia Europea de Yuste** and partners. During the two-year partnership, experts meet in each others' countries to exchange models of good practice in different specialist areas. These include how to work with different target ethnic and age-related groups, the 'keyword' approach, and volunteering for culture, theatre and media work. The overall aim is to develop training modules for implementation at a yearly "European Summer School" from 2011. For more information, visit: www.increase-project.eu/index.htm



- **EPIM** is the European Programme for Integration and Migration, initiated in 2005 by a group of foundations (**11 EFC members**) from different European countries. It aims to strengthen the role played by NGOs active on migration and integration issues in advocating for a European agenda that benefits migrants and host communities. For more information, visit: www.epim.info

- The **Europe Direct- Fundación Luis Vives** information centre is one of 48 "Europe Direct" centres in Spain which offer information about general EU matters and specific EU policies as well as other practical information. The centre aims to bring European issues closer to Spanish citizens and strengthen the connection between European policies and Spanish civil society. The programme especially supports those who are economically or socially disadvantaged (through poverty, immigration or disability). For more information, visit: www.fundacionluisvives.org/temas/europe_direct



- The **Prix Europa - European Media Competition** is the annual competition for the best European radio, television and internet programmes. Initiated in 1987 by the **European Cultural Foundation** and the Council of Europe, the prize has grown into one of the continent's largest media competitions. All of the entries competing within the eight categories of the competition aim to reflect the reality of Europe as a continent of contrasting individual experiences. For more information, visit: www.prix-europa.de