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THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHT

Welcome to the October edition of EFC Update. The buzz is building around the upcoming [Grantmakers East Forum \(GEF\) conference](#) set to take place 26-27 October in Tbilisi, Georgia. At this annual gathering of GEF, participants will be "Facing the Extremes" by focusing on noteworthy trends while also considering whether extremes are inherently negative or might bring welcome innovation and constructive change. There are some [fantastic videos](#) to whet your appetite, and we hope to see you in Tbilisi!

There are also some very interesting things going on in the area of research and philanthropy, not least of which is the upcoming [Research Forum Annual Conference](#) taking place 7-8 December in Stuttgart. The gathering, entitled "Nurturing Talent: The role of European foundations in building human capacity in research", is open to any interested foundation. Topics to be covered include the Internationalisation of Research, Creativity and Leadership, The Unique Role of Foundations in Building Capacity, and Building Human Capacity in the Developing World, among several others.

We've also just published the [autumn 2010 edition of Effect magazine](#). This issue focuses on social media tools and how foundations are (or aren't) using them. EFC members and partners share their experiences with using social media, and give tips and advice on how social media can be used in a foundation's overall communications strategy. If you haven't already done so, remember you can join us on [YouTube](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Enjoy reading this edition of EFC Update, and I encourage you to give us feedback and share your news with us!

Warm regards,
Gerry Salole
EFC Chief Executive

Find out about foundations' work in poverty and social exclusion at EU Forum!

Benchmarking & Capacity Building

[Better Philanthropy: From Data to Impact](#)

Communications & Research

[KOMPASS Prize – 2010 Winners](#)

[Autumn 2010 issue of Effect out now!](#)

[The role of charitable foundations in Austria](#)

EU Affairs & Advocacy

[Commissioner Barnier committed to work on European Foundation Statute in 2011](#)

[Help us mobilise MEPs in support of the European Foundation Statute](#)

[Governments and foundations discuss research challenges](#)

[Foundations at EU Presidency social economy conference](#)

[New EU gender equality strategy](#)

[Turning Europe into an Innovation Union](#)

[EU Affairs Monthly Snapshot- October 2010](#)

Legal & Fiscal matters

[Commissioner Šemeta launches Tax Policy Group to push forward fundamental issues in taxation](#)

[European Commission outlines vision for taxing the financial sector](#)

[European Commission publishes report on tax policy after the crisis](#)

[Security and Charity Network issues brief for charities and grantmakers on the United States v. Holy Land Foundation criminal case](#)

[Study explores French endowment funds in the cultural sector](#)

[Swiss Foundations launch parliamentary group on philanthropy](#)

[Netherlands requested by European Commission to change discriminatory tax laws](#)

[Deadline approaching for submissions to EC Public consultation on possible approaches to tackling cross-border inheritance tax obstacles within the EU](#)

[European Commission requests Belgium to remove discriminatory provisions on succession and donations](#)

Networking & Collaborations

[Network-Building Committee report on 'Multiplying Impact through Philanthropic Collaboration'](#)

[OSI conference on 'Overcoming Exclusion and](#)

Marginalisation in Education in Europe'

Tbilisi welcomes delegates to GEF 2010: Facing the Extremes

Centre Français des Fondations 2010 foundation workshop on 'Working Together: Issues and Perspectives'

Meeting of Centre Français des Fondations Working Group on Environment

European Forum on Philanthropy and Research Funding: 4th Annual Stakeholders' Conference

Conference on "Reasonable Accommodation in the workplace in light of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities"

EFC Member & Partner News

6th Meeting of Spanish and Portuguese foundations

David Kaplan discusses 'watchdog journalism' in interview with Alliance Magazine

Alliance magazine interview with Ted Turner

Call for nominations to the EFC Governing Council now open

Evens Science Prize 2009 and Prize for Visual Art 2011

Pears Foundation to publish Family Foundation Giving Trends 2010

Helena Monteiro appointed as new Executive Director of WINGS

Kauffman Foundation announces third annual Global Entrepreneurship Week

Rockefeller Brothers Fund carbon footprint report released

Shell Foundation releases 'Enterprise Solutions to Scale' report

Philanthropy News Roundup

Ready to Change forum

Philanthropy and the Wealthy in the Netherlands: Linking giving and impact

Young Foundation survey on training and support needs for social innovators

Draft Global Framework for CSO Development Effectiveness Published

Mercator Fund launches Global Food Security Web Portal