

EFC Update

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I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer break. As summer begins its transition to autumn, the EFC is busy preparing for our next networking events- including the Grantmakers East Forum (GEF). Under the title *GEF 2010: Facing the Extremes*, this 15th annual Grantmakers East Forum will take place on 26-27 October in Tbilisi, Georgia. As always, the conference offers participants an unparalleled opportunity to get together with all their counterparts working in the region to network, share ideas and discuss the challenges and opportunities for grantmaking in this dynamic and constantly-changing area of Europe. Anyone who has not yet confirmed their attendance in Tbilisi can [register here](#) or contact gef@efc.be for more information.

Another event drawing near is the second part of the [Learning Lab](#) series, jointly launched by the EFC and Fondazione Cariplo. Taking place from 29 – 30 September in Milan, this will be the second of three capacity-building events in the series and will focus on case study analyses of foundations' projects. These capacity-building events are vital in ensuring the professionalisation of foundation staff, focusing on the skills needed for foundations to be specialist suppliers of philanthropic funds and resources.

I have thoroughly enjoyed reading through the Alliance magazine [Foundation Week special supplement](#). The publication brings back many happy memories of an action packed week, and I hope you enjoy browsing through it as much as I did. I am also grateful to [Alliance](#) for providing an objective view of the proceedings- something which would not have been possible had the EFC produced the publication in-house.

Work is already underway for [next year's AGA and Conference](#), entitled '*Resources and Sustainability – The Oceans*' which will take place in Cascais, Portugal from 26-28 May 2011. Save the date in your diaries! Using the oceans as a metaphor, conference delegates will embark on a voyage to explore the sea of opportunities and challenges facing foundations in their work.

I would like to finish by saying that the EFC has joined forces with philanthropic organisations and development NGOs to express our concerns regarding [the proposal on Voluntary Guidelines for EU based non-profit organisations](#) issued by the European Commission Directorate-General for Home affairs (DG Home) this June. The EFC, Cordaid and the Samenwerkende Brancheorganisaties Filantropie (SBF) in the

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHT

Read the Alliance magazine Foundation Week supplement!

Benchmarking & Capacity Building

Better Philanthropy: From Data to Impact

New at GrantCraft - Working with Government: Guidance for Grantmakers

Communications & Research

New report throws light on how foundations use communications for public policy engagement

The role of charitable foundations in Austria

US Giving Pledge as seen by European media

EU Affairs & Advocacy

Top 10 priorities for research and innovation

EU considers policy paper on a European Foundation Statute

There is no need for EU voluntary guidelines for NPOs

Meet your peers and promote your activities at EU Forum on Poverty and Social Exclusion!

Commission's President presents upcoming priorities to European Parliament

Give your views on the future EU Culture Programme

2012 to be the European Year for Active Ageing

EU strongly supports a European recommendation on child poverty

EU Affairs Monthly Snapshot- September 2010

Legal & Fiscal matters

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

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

Scottish regulator calls for charity law review

UK Charity Commission halts plans for public benefit assessment of hospitals and health charities

Size of Portuguese foundation sector unknown

Implementation of Northern Ireland charity legislation delayed

Networking & Collaborations

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"

Save the Date: ARIADNE Annual Network Meeting and Policy Briefing

European foundations express deep concern at the situation of Roma and endorse the European Parliament's resolution

Report from peace and security policy briefing now available

2010 Metropolis conference focuses on justice and migration

EFC Member & Partner News

6th Meeting of Spanish and Portuguese foundations

Five EFC members donate 850,000 euros for medical research in Africa

Alliance magazine interview with Ted Turner

ECF Collaboration Grants scheme deadline extended to 20 September 2010

EFC members respond to flooding in Pakistan

European book launch for 'American foundations: Roles and contributions'

Netherlands have set out their recommendations to DG Home in a joint statement. You can read more on this, including the full statement, [here](#).

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EFC Chief Executive

[Evens Foundation launches Evens Prize for Peace Education](#)

[EVPA 6th Annual Conference](#)

[Pears Foundation to publish Family Foundation Giving Trends 2010](#)

[Kauffman Foundation announces third annual Global Entrepreneurship Week](#)

[Kauffman Foundation launches online administrative platform for business plan competitions worldwide](#)

[New research examines rules for a Social Stock Exchange](#)

[September issue of Alliance magazine out now!](#)

Philanthropy News Roundup

[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](#)

[Signet Research & Consulting announces the availability of two new research reports](#)

[4th World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists](#)

[European Network of Political Foundations open conference](#)

[UK Prime Minister launches the Big Society Bank](#)

["Ukraine Journey" photo exhibition to be staged at European Commission](#)

[The sin of the rich is to seem happy](#)

[GuideStar Israel launched](#)

[Alliance magazine interview with Nat Sloane, co-founder of Impetus Trust](#)

[Report aims to help widen the circle of actors on climate change](#)

[New report highlights opportunities for increasing impact on climate change by integrating grants and mission investing](#)

[Community Foundations and the Knight Community Information Challenge](#)

[Foundations and International Development, Wilton Park Conference](#)

[Manifesto for a New Approach to Investing](#)

[Mercator Fund launches Global Food Security Web Portal](#)