

# EFC Update

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Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a relaxing break over the holidays. The EFC has returned this January with refreshed enthusiasm and is already looking forward to a busy 2011.

Among many initiatives, the annual highlight for us is always the AGA and Conference, and the planning for this year's event is already well underway. The 22<sup>nd</sup> installment of this event promises to bring together a diverse set of topics and issues which we hope you will find of interest. Entitled 'Resources and Sustainability – The Oceans' our 2011 AGA and Conference will take place in Cascais, on the Portuguese coast, from 26 – 28 May 2011. Using the ocean as both inspiring scenery and a symbolic metaphor, the event will focus on how foundations use their resources – natural, human, knowledge, financial or otherwise – to make lasting, positive changes in the world.

Based on feedback from past events, this year's sessions will be organised within the EFC's four programmatic priorities: capacity building, communications and research, legal affairs and network building. Additionally, there will be seven thematic debates on: disaster response, education and culture, environment, Global Philanthropy Leadership Initiative, investment, migration and social inclusion, and finally the Millennium Development Goals. In total there will be 20 inviting sessions, which you can already take a sneak preview of through our [website](#).

While on the site, please also take a few minutes to register through our new online registration system. As of this week, participants attending any EFC event will be able to register online using a quick, easy and secure registration system. No more paper, no more faxes and no more complicated emails. Space is limited for the 22<sup>nd</sup> AGA and Conference however, so we do encourage you to register as soon as possible.

As the year progresses, we will of course keep you updated on our activities and initiatives, which we hope you will be a key part of. In the meantime, on behalf of all of the EFC staff, I would like to wish you a happy and healthy 2011! As the year progresses, we will of course keep you updated on our activities and initiatives, which we hope you will be a key part of. In the meantime, on behalf of all of the EFC staff, I would like to wish you a happy and healthy 2011!

Warm regards,

Gerry Salole

EFC Chief Executive

## THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHT

**22nd EFC AGA and Conference in Cascais-  
Online registration now open!**

### **Benchmarking & Capacity Building**

[Capacity Building in Foundations: Case Studies Collection](#)

[How do you measure what counts?](#)

[Research Forum evaluation guidelines now available](#)

### **EU Affairs & Advocacy**

[EFC at parliamentary hearing on European Statutes](#)

[What is on the agenda of the Hungarian EU Presidency?](#)

[Last chance to share your views on Single Market Act, cohesion policy and VAT](#)

[Commission presents "European Platform Against Poverty and Social Exclusion" initiative](#)

[Are you active in the area of volunteering? Tell us about your work!](#)

[Future of Europe for Citizens Programme: EFC shares its views](#)

[Removing cross-border tax obstacles for EU citizens](#)

[Research Forum 2010 annual conference presentations available](#)

[New European report: Does corporate responsibility pay off?](#)

[EU Affairs Monthly Snapshot-January 2011](#)

### **Legal & Fiscal matters**

[Association of Charitable Foundations questions minimum annual payout for UK foundations](#)

[Deadline approaching for contributions to the EC public consultation on the SMA and the European Foundation Statute](#)

[International Center for Not-for-profit law publishes report on progressive NGO legal initiatives](#)

[European Commission launches public consultation on VAT](#)

[UK Charity Commission launches consultation on investment guidance](#)

[US Council on Foundations working group ends campaign to revise US Government's Anti-Terrorist Financing Guidelines](#)

[European Commission calls for less bureaucracy and more legal certainty for European Citizens](#)

### **Networking & Collaborations**

[Learning for Well-being Consortium Convenes Expert Consultation](#)

Historic EU ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities

## **EFC Member & Partner News**

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IFAD publishes Rural Poverty Report 2011

Northern Rock Foundation publishes evaluation of its Domestic Abuse Initiative

Sabancı Foundation hosts 4th annual seminar: 'Can Philanthropy Change the World'?

This month's Spotlight On... Fonds 1818

Welcome on board!