



EFC Update

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2010 sees the implementation of the new benchmarking and [capacity-building](#) programme area of the EFC. In the last few years the Centre has engaged in a process of re-thinking and re-strategising in order to develop a comprehensive and coherent capacity-building component within its programme structure.

Based on the recommendations of the report “Building Talent and Excellence with Foundations”, commissioned in 2008, and on its own learning experiences, the EFC decided to embark on an innovative approach in the professional development of foundation staff at the European level, connecting the Centre’s four programmatic objectives.

We are now proud to present a robust three-year work plan, structured around deliverables and a capacity-building presence on the new EFC website. The new capacity-building programme will be based on the following five components:

- [International Fellowship Programme for Learning and Exchange in Philanthropy \(IFP\)](#)
- [Signposting](#)
- [Learning events](#)
- [Capacity-building products](#)
- [Network-building](#)

On another note, [Foundation Week](#) is really gathering momentum, and I would like to draw your attention to two aspects in particular this month. First, I would encourage all our members that have not already done so to get their entry in for

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHT

EFC is pleased to announce launch of new three-year work plan for Capacity Building

Foundation Week 2010

Foundation Week to bring evolution to life
The EFC AGA and Conference 2010 Scholarship Programme is now open
Guidelines on how to get involved in the Interactive fair

Communications & Research

Report examines state of research and teaching of philanthropy in Europe
FSG Social Impact Advisors calls for nominations for high-impact donors

EU Affairs & Advocacy

Advancing participatory democracy at European level
2009 Forum conference on "Philanthropy, a growing asset for research": Presentations available online
European Year on Poverty and Social Exclusion launched. Get involved!
EFC's views on the future policies of the EU
European Parliament gives its approval to the new European Commission
EU presidencies' priorities 2010-2011
EU Affairs Monthly Snapshot- February 2010

Legal & Fiscal matters

Belgium introduces tax effective cross-border giving
UK charities extending application of Gift Aid tax relief

Networking & Collaborations

EFC Forum for Roma Inclusion, 11 January 2010, Weinheim
Integrating Cities IV Conference
Peace and Security Policy Briefing: A View from Europe
Save the Date! DMIIG Meeting in Barcelona

the [2010 Photo Competition](#). This year's theme is **"Working in Partnership"** and members are encouraged to send in pictures that show what they have achieved by joining forces with other organisations. You can send in entries using our [entry form](#) up until the deadline on **28 February 2010**.

Another initiative we would like you to get involved in at Foundation Week is showcasing your films, either made or supported by you. Throughout the Week, films will be screened in a dedicated 'cinema style' space in the Interactive Fair. I would like to encourage you all to send us your videos in mp2 format (DVD) by post to 78, avenue de la Toison d'Or, 1060 Brussels, Belgium as soon as possible.

Gerry Salole
EFC Chief Executive

[II International Conference of Ukrainian Philanthropists Forum](#)

EFC Member & Partner News

[EFC welcomes 1 new Member and 1 new Associate on board](#)

[Brussels think tanks joined forces to debate EU's agenda](#)
[Charles Stewart Mott Foundation awards a \\$200,000 Financial Crisis Grant](#)

[Fondazioni4Africa signed agreement with FAO Senegal](#)
[Bernard van Leer Foundation supports UN effort to stop violence against children](#)

[European Cultural Foundation celebrated the awarding ceremony for Routes Award](#)

[ERSTE Stiftung supported conference about Roma mobilities](#)

[Vladimir Potanin to give entire fortune to philanthropic causes](#)

[CAF publishes report on how charities should connect with donors](#)

[European Climate Foundation is looking for EU Climate Policies programme associate](#)