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The final countdown has begun - 13 days left to Foundation Week. Some said it couldn't be done, but with the final pieces falling into place Brussels is well set to stage the premier European philanthropy event of 2010.

Having focused on the Open Days in previous Updates, this month I wanted to start by saying a few words about the Conference section of the week (2-4 June). As you know, the emphasis of this year's [Conference](#) is to engage in a *conversation with the EU* on issues of mutual concern. Hence, the conference days have been designed to offer an exclusive space for foundation representatives and EU policy and decision makers to network and discuss issues that are of immediate and common interest. In addition to 20 sessions dealing with key operational and programmatic topics, the conference also includes innovative 'In the Spotlight' and 'Policy Briefing' sessions which will specifically convene foundation representatives and EU officials.

Bringing through the next generation of foundation professionals is extremely important to the field, which is why I'm very excited about another new element of Foundation Week: the [Next Generation Initiative](#). The initiative consists of 15 future foundation leaders who will be guided through the week and will have the opportunity to participate in various activities. The intention is to allow this next generation to meet, get to know each other's work and gain an insight into issues relative to philanthropy and their respective jobs.

With an international team of [contributors](#), Alliance magazine will be [blogging](#) throughout the week, posting regular updates and responses to sessions, as well as video interviews and end-of-day summaries. Whether you are attending the event or not, the blog will keep you up to speed as well as provide a platform for your [comments](#). Don't forget that you can also find updates via our social media channels including Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

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THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHT

EESC urges the Commission to finalise work on a European Foundation Statute

Foundation Week 2010

Interested to know more about the EU? Take part in the Foundation Week sessions on EU decision-making, funding, policies and programmes Follow the Foundation Week blog! Foundation Week - Research Highlights

Benchmarking & Capacity Building

The Philanthropic Initiative launches Center for Global Philanthropy Recently launched International Community Development Master of Arts Programme New Third Sector PhD Scholarship in Performance Management INAISE to hold annual International Conference

Communications & Research

LabforCulture hosts financial crisis online portal

EU Affairs & Advocacy

Have your say on citizens' rights at EU level! EFC speaks at Spanish EU Presidency conference on social economy EFC at the European Open Days Commission tables action plans on development and justice, home affairs and fundamental rights Commission to reduce red tape in research funding EU Affairs Monthly Snapshot- May 2010

Legal & Fiscal matters

European Commission requests Spain to amend its rules on inheritance and gift tax

Networking & Collaborations

Helping Roma children break the cycle of exclusion Nascent European network of environmental funders aims to push boundaries of thinking Converging Pathways to New Knowledge: publication out now! Foundation Center/Mama Cash Survey of European Foundation Giving Patterns Peace and Security Policy Briefing: A View from Europe, 31 May - 2 June 2010 Stiftung Mercator organises an International Symposium on Arts Education in Europe



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EFC Member & Partner News

EFC welcomes 2 new Associates on board
Save the date! WINGSForum 2010 to be held in Como

German Marshall Fund President and Vice-President awarded l'Ordre de la Couronne by Belgium

CAF to organise a "Foundation School" in Germany to advance Global Giving
CAF reports huge rise in donations in 2010

Victor Pinchuk included in The World's 100 Most Influential People list by Time Magazine

Chachipe Youth photography exhibition to be displayed in Brussels

King Baudouin Foundation hosts conference on Climate change mitigation and social justice in Europe

The EU and Civil Society in the South Caucasus: a conference to take place in Germany

Vote now for European Academy of Yuste Foundation's initiative Citizen's Agenda on Science and Innovation

Eurasia Foundation launches East Europe Foundation Moldova

Philanthropy News Roundup

Funders should invest in impact measurement to help charities compete for scarcer funds, says report

Serbian government to open Civil Society Cooperation office

Call for Papers: International Conference on Civil Society and NGOs in Europe and Russia, November 12-14, 2010

