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Last week saw the first ever Autumn Assembly take place at the European Economic and Social Committee – bringing together more than 150 EFC and DAFNE members representing nearly 6,000 foundations from across the continent. The daylong event witnessed the appointment of a [new EFC Chair](#), the launch of a [new transparency and accountability study](#) and six interactive sessions debating the pressing issues for foundations. It was the first of what will become an annual event taking place here in Brussels to articulate a clear, representative voice for European foundations on the topics that matter, which is essential if our sector is to be recognised - and appreciated - at EU level.

You can see the [highlights](#) on our website and interviews on our [YouTube channel](#).

Warm regards,

Gerry Salole
Chief Executive



Erik Rudeng appointed as the new Chair of the EFC

Erik Rudeng was appointed the new Chair of the EFC at an Extraordinary General Assembly of members during the first-ever Autumn Assembly, which took place on 7 November at the European Economic and Social Committee.



EFC and DAFNE study explores the transparency and accountability of foundations in Europe

New study maps and analyses how the transparency and accountability of foundations is framed by legal and tax legislation and self-regulatory initiatives across Europe.



Foundations discuss principles, diversity and much more at first Autumn Assembly

More than 150 representatives of foundations and national associations of donors gathered at the inaugural EFC/DAFNE Autumn Assembly.



European foundation sector: Check out the new country portraits!

A joint project of the EFC and DAFNE, the Country Portraits provide a birds-eye view of the foundation sector across Europe.



Principals for Principles: Foundation legitimacy in the spotlight

Hosted by the Wellcome Trust, European foundation leaders discussed why the sector must improve its transparency.



Pears Foundation publishes Family Foundation Giving Trends 2011

A new report illustrates that family foundations are leading the way in giving back to society in a time of need, and calls for greater support to ensure more are created.

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