



## European Foundation Centre Membership Synopsis



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This is the EFC's first membership synopsis. It offers a brief visual overview of our members, where they are from, what they do, where they work, whom they target and how much they spend.

In this synopsis, we have deliberately refrained from identifying individual members. These details can be found in our membership list and individual member profiles posted on our website. This short overview gives a sense of the collective footprint our members achieve in the world of philanthropy, working for the common good.

In the last three years the EFC has seen a significant increase in its membership. From a modest group of seven members in 1989, we have expanded to incorporate 236 members worldwide, from Belgium to Bulgaria, and from Jordan to Japan. We now have a truly global flavour...

## Mission

To strengthen the independent funding element of European philanthropy through robust cooperation with an array of partners.

**The EFC currently has 236 members** (February 2009)

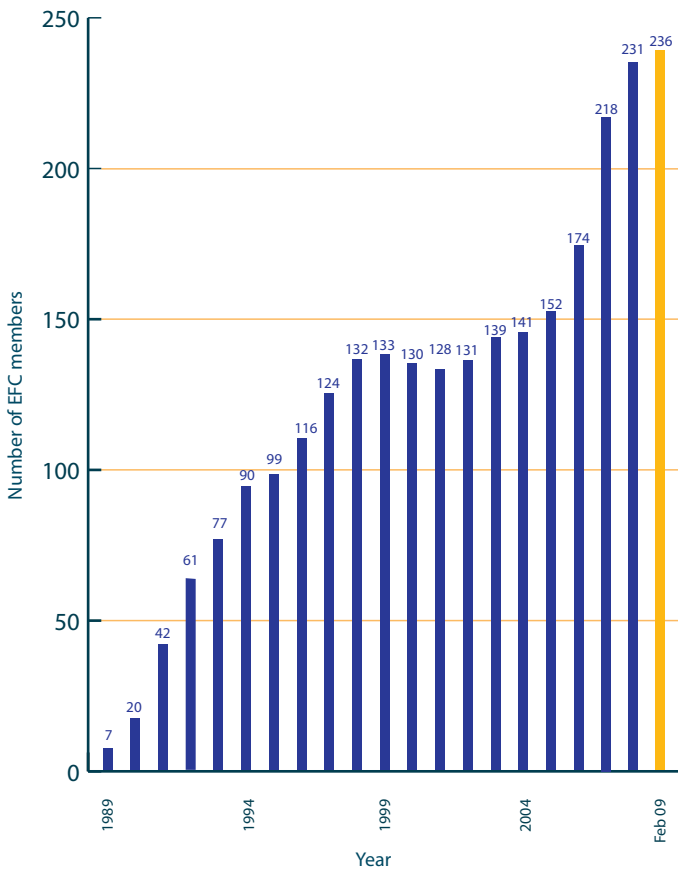
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## GROWTH IN EFC MEMBERSHIP

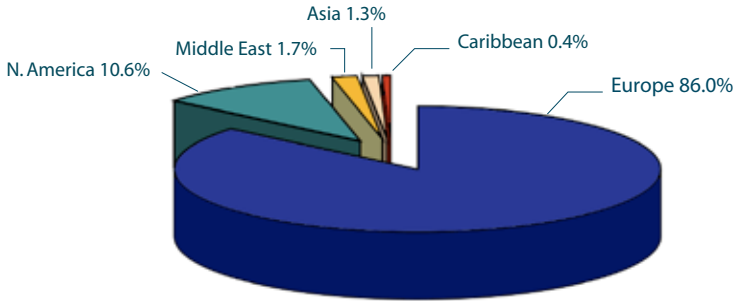
Although the EFC has been growing constantly since its launch, the last **three** years have seen the **highest increase** in membership.

The EFC membership brings together a wide variety of independent funders, including endowed grantmaking and operating foundations, corporate funders (including corporate citizenship programmes) and community foundations, among others.



### WHERE DO EFC MEMBERS COME FROM?

The majority of EFC members originate from **Europe**. Altogether the EFC has 236 members from 40 countries around the world. Some 33 funders are from eight countries outside Europe.



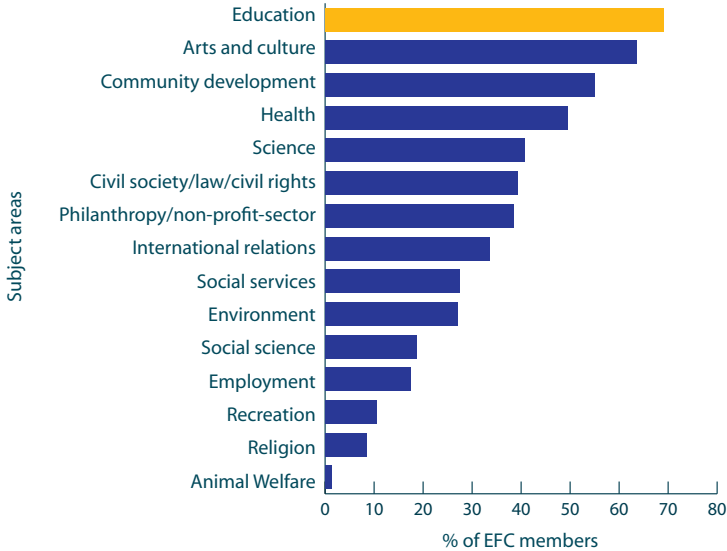
### WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE THE MOST EFC MEMBERS?

The country with the most EFC members is **Italy**. The map below shows the top ten countries represented in the EFC's membership.



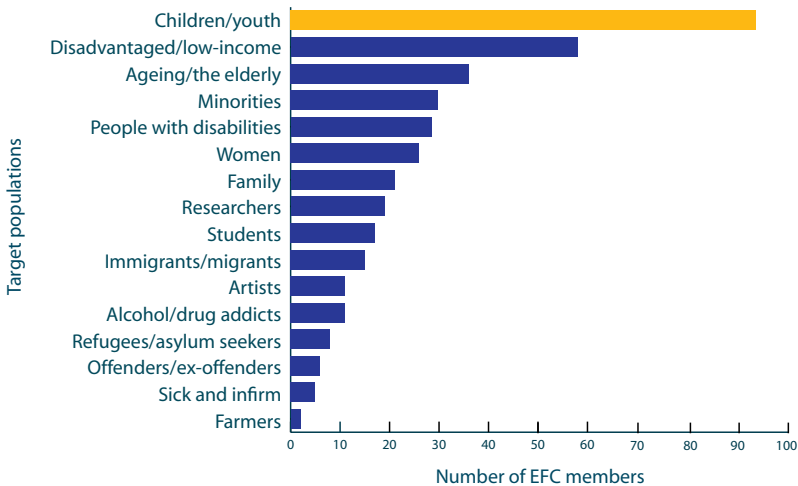
## WHAT SUBJECT AREAS DO EFC MEMBERS SUPPORT?

Our members' greatest areas of focus are **education** and **arts and culture**.



## WHICH POPULATION GROUPS DO EFC MEMBERS TARGET?

The population group most targeted by EFC members is **children and youth**.



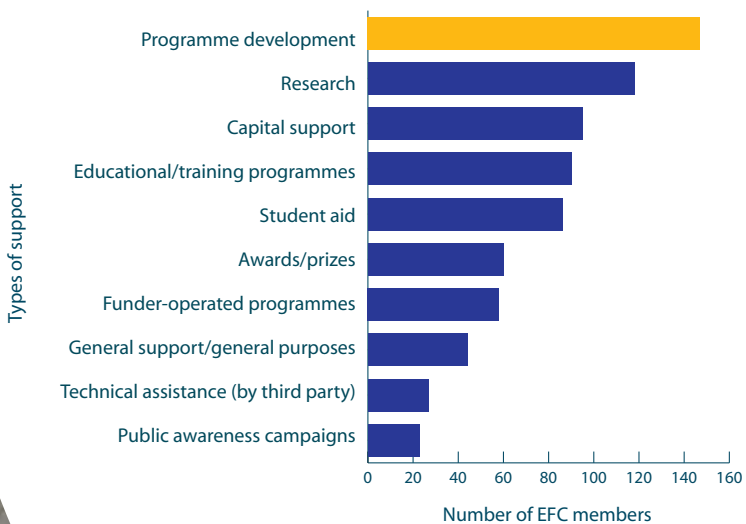
## WHERE DO EFC MEMBERS WORK?

EFC members mainly focus their initiatives on an **international** level and within **Europe**.



## WHAT TYPE OF SUPPORT DO EFC MEMBERS OFFER?

The type of support most provided by EFC members is **programme development\***, followed by **research**.

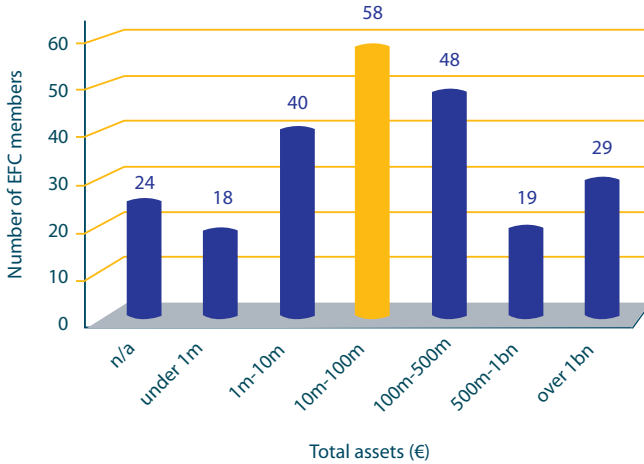


**Note:** Types of support offered by less than 20 EFC members are not represented in this graph

\*Refers to grants supporting specific projects or programmes as opposed to general purpose grants.

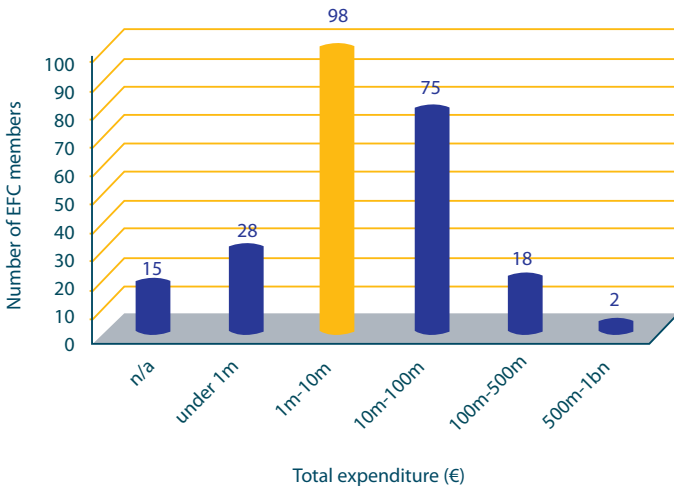
## BREAKDOWN OF EFC MEMBERS' TOTAL ASSETS

EFC members collectively manage over **€140 billion in assets**.



## BREAKDOWN OF EFC MEMBERS' TOTAL EXPENDITURE

EFC members have a total annual expenditure of over **€7.7 billion**



## About the EFC

The European Foundation Centre is an international association of foundations and corporate funders dedicated to advancing the public good in Europe and beyond.

The EFC develops and pursues activities in line with its objectives:

- creating an enabling legal and fiscal environment for foundations
- documenting the foundation landscape
- strengthening the sector's infrastructure
- promoting collaboration, both among foundations and between foundations and other players

All members subscribe to the EFC's Principles of Good Practice

To view a list of members, visit:  
<http://www.efc.be/membership/currentmembership.htm>

## Not yet a member?

Join us now for...

- A chance to be part of a rapidly growing group of influential foundations working to advance the public good in Europe and beyond
- A unique opportunity to meet other foundations, share experiences and forge partnerships
- Members-only legal, fiscal, and EU information and analysis
- Members-only information and services delivered through the Internet
- Reduced rates at all EFC events

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