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## **EFSAF Meeting**

**Agroecology: role and opportunities for the philanthropic sector**

Brussels, 4 December 2019

VENUE : Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Rue du Luxembourg 47-51, Brussels

## **EFSAF - EEFG joint meeting**

**Agro-food systems meeting environmental challenges**

Brussels, 5 December 2019

VENUE: Hotel Léopold, Rue du Luxembourg 35, 1050 Brussels

## **EEFG Autumn Meeting**

**Funding for the Environment: connect and learn together**

Brussels, 5-6 December 2019

VENUE: Hotel Léopold, Rue du Luxembourg 35, 1050 Brussels

See below the programme for our three-day joint event.

On 4<sup>th</sup> of December we have the [EFC's European Foundations for Sustainable Agriculture and Food - EFSAF](#) meeting; on the following morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> December we have the joint meeting between the EFC's EFSAF and the [European Environmental Funders Group - EEFG](#). Finally, on the afternoon and morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> December we have the EEFG meeting. You have the option to attend the whole programme or just part of it.

*These meetings are for funders only.*

### Connect and learn together

This meetings will connect funders with diverse stakeholders, offer a space for networking and intelligence sharing, and provide strategic reflection upon opportunities for funding and collaboration in the field of sustainable agriculture and food in general and agroecology in particular.

*This meetings are part of the EFC's commitment to fostering peer-learning and enhancing collaboration among its members. For more information on the EFC's seven key priorities, please download the EFC Strategic Framework 2016-2022. <http://www.efc.be/about/strategic-framework/>*

### More information

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4 December 2019

## European Funders for Sustainable Food and Agriculture - EFSAF Meeting

Agroecology: role and opportunities for the philanthropic sector

Venue: Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Rue du Luxembourg 47-51, Brussels

The upcoming European Funders for Sustainable Agriculture and Food (EFSAF) meeting will be in Brussels on 4- 5 December 2019. It promises to be an exciting and dynamic meeting full of opportunities for sharing knowledge, learning and networking for European philanthropic organizations working in the sustainable agriculture and food sector, and specifically interested in agroecology.

It will be a unique occasion for attendees to get a full picture of the topic both from an academic point of view and a practical one. It will be also a moment to get the latest policy insights on agroecology. Specifically, attendees will have an opportunity to have a picture of the main actors and on the potential role of foundations through the experience of EFSAF members, allies and grantees and the description of practical cases on agroecology.

4 December 2019 Venue: Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Rue du Luxembourg 47-51, Brussels	
09.00 - 09.15	Welcome coffee
09:15 – 09:30	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mathilde Douillet</b>, Project Manager at Fondation Daniel et Nina Carasso and EFSAF Chair</li> <li>• <b>Silvia Balmas</b>, Thematic Networks Coordinator at European Foundation Centre</li> </ul>
09:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Agroecology: approaches and development in Europe</b></p> <p><i>Proposed key concepts for the session: definitions and history - agroecology as a science, a movement, a practice; the development of agroecology in Europe - Scientific, political and social recognition of agroecology at present; the Ten Years for Agroecology project (TYFA) - a scenario for Europe, in relation to the Common Agricultural Policy.</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Claudia Neubauer</b>, FPH - Fondation Charles Mayer Pour le Progrès de l'Homme</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alexander Wezel</b>, Head of the Department of Agroecology and Environment Professor for Agroecology and Landscape Ecology (ISARA)</li> <li>• <b>Pierre-Marie Aubert</b>, Coordinator of the European Agriculture Initiative (IDDRI)</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break

<p><b>11:30 – 13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Agroecology: concrete examples from France and Italy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>A dialogue on agro-ecology in Italy</b>  <i>Focus on the rise of organic farming and the bio-districts and the activities of Fondazione Cariplo</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Matteo Barbato</b>, Programme Officer Fondazione Cariplo</li> <li>• <b>Riccardo Bocci</b>, Scientific Director at Rete Semi Rurali</li> <li>• <b>Salvatore Ceccarelli</b>, Former professor of Agricultural Genetics (University of Perugia, Italy)</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>A dialogue on agro-ecology in France</b>  <i>Focus on the activities of Fondation Charles Mayer pour le Progrès de l'Homme</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Claudia Neubauer</b>, FPH - Fondation Charles Mayer Pour le Progrès de l'Homme</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>A dialogue on agroecology in West Africa</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thierry Gissinger</b>, Head of Environmental Programme at Fondation de France</li> <li>• <b>Karine Meaux</b>, Head of Emergency and International Actions at Fondation de France</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>13:00 – 14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p>
<p><b>14:00 – 15:30</b></p>	<p><b>Workshop (Funders ONLY)</b>  Moderator:  <b>Mathilde Douillet</b>, Fondation Daniel et Nina Carasso</p> <p><i>Funders will have the opportunity to reflect on the inputs received, share their experiences and knowledge, find common point of interest and possible common future activities in the frame of EFSAF</i></p>
<p><b>15:30 – 15:45</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<p><b>15:45 – 18:00</b></p>	<p><b>EFSAF Steering Committee Meeting (SC members ONLY)</b></p>
<p><b>19:00</b></p>	<p><b>Dinner at <a href="#">Les Filles</a> - 1000 BXL centre</b>  Rue Vieux Marché aux Grains 46, Brussels</p>

5 December 2019

## EFSAF - EEFG joint meeting (For Funders Only)

### Agro-food systems meeting environmental challenges

Venue: Hotel Léopold, Rue du Luxembourg 35, Brussels

All EFSAF participants are invited to attend the European Funders for Sustainable Agriculture and Food and European Environmental Funders' Group thematic network joint meeting.

This meeting represents the chance to find a common ground where agro-food systems meet current environmental challenges. The environmental impact of food supply chains is an issue to be addressed, but the agricultural sector can also represent a solution and a mitigation factor for several environmental criticalities: for instance, climate change is currently a key matter to deal with, whereas farming systems can also play an interesting role in enhancing the development of new business models based on the circular economy (e.g. through the valorisation of agricultural waste and by-products).

Hence, this first meeting aims at facilitating participants to get to know one another better and explore possible synergies for future cooperation. Attendees will learn from each other the work of the two different networks and their respective priorities.

5 December 2018 Venue: Hotel Léopold, Rue du Luxembourg 35, Brussels	
<b>09:00 – 09:15</b>	Welcome and brief tour de table of participants (name, organisation and main issue of interest)
<b>09:15 – 09:45</b>	<b>Introductions to EFSAF and EEFG</b> ✓ <i>Background to the network and its objectives</i> ✓ <i>What activities are carried out to reach the objectives</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elena Jachia</b>, Director of Environment Area at Fondazione Cariplo and EEFG Chair</li> <li>• <b>Mathilde Douillet</b>, Project Manager at Fondation Daniel et Nina Carasso and EFSAF Chair</li> </ul>
<b>09:45 – 10:15</b>	Brief presentation of practical cases/examples
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	Coffee break
<b>10:15 – 12:15</b>	<b>Sharing and learning moment</b> <i>Participants will have the chance to:</i> ✓ <i>Share individual experiences and reflect on inputs given in the previous sessions;</i> ✓ <i>Explore common topics and intersections</i> ✓ <i>Identify barriers and opportunities</i> ✓ <i>Define areas of potential cooperation.</i>  Moderator: <b>Claudia Neubauer</b> , FPH - Fondation Charles Mayer Pour le Progrès de l'Homme
<b>12:15 – 12:30</b>	<b>Conclusions</b> <b>Elena Jachia and Mathilde Douillet</b>
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	Lunch

5-6 December

## European Environmental Funders Group - EEFG 9<sup>th</sup> Autumn Meeting

Funding for the Environment: connect and learn together

Venue: Hotel Léopold, Rue du Luxembourg 35, Brussels

With a new European Commission taking office and a renovated EU Parliament, funders will have the opportunity to have a general overview on the most pressing policy priorities, their possible implications and to discuss about their role of funders in this new key political moment.

Participants will have the chance to have an update of EU policy priorities on environment, to discuss also specifically about the impact of sustainable finance on the environment and the implications of trade and investment policies. Also, there will be a moment of discussion dedicated to the post 2020 agenda and the role that the philanthropic sector could play related to new global biodiversity targets for the next decade.

Finally it would be also an occasion to connect funders with diverse stakeholders, offer a space for networking and intelligence sharing, and provide strategic reflection upon opportunities for funding and collaboration in the field of the environment in general.

5 December 2018 Venue: Hotel Léopold, Rue du Luxembourg 35, Brussels	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 13:40	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elena Jachia</b>, Director Environmental area at Fondazione Cariplo and EEFG Chair</li> <li>• <b>Silvia Balmas</b>, Thematic Networks Coordinator, European Foundation Centre EFC</li> </ul>
13:45 – 14:30	<b>Introductions</b> <i>An opportunity to hear from the group, meet attendees and newcomers: Participants' names, organisations (and an initiative they would like to share)</i>
14:30 - 16:00	<b>Achieving a sustainable Europe by 2030: EU policy priorities</b> <i>With a new European Commission taking office and a renovated EU Parliament, funders will have the opportunity to have a general overview on the most pressing policy priorities and their possible implications. EEFG members will have the opportunity to discuss about the role of funders in this new key political moment.</i>  Moderator: <b>Matthieu Calame</b> , Director of FPH - Fondation Charles Mayer Pour le Progrès de l'Homme  Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jeremy Wates</b>, Secretary General at European Environmental Bureau – EEB</li> <li>• <b>Annika Hedberg</b>, Head of Sustainable Prosperity for Europe programme and Senior Policy Analyst at European Policy Centre – EPC</li> </ul> <b>Discussion</b>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break

<p><b>16:30 – 18:00</b></p>	<p><b>Sustainable finance</b>  <i>The investment community is slowly, but gradually, shifting towards sustainable investments. Green bonds and impact investments are the new reality. NGOs are also starting to use tools from the financial tool box in their work. For instance by collaborating with insurance companies to reduce illegal fishing. How can philanthropy support this change? How sustainable finance could help implement post 2020 objectives?</i></p> <p>Moderator:  <b>Astrid Manroth</b>, European Climate Foundation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tom Jess</b>, Policy Advisor at E3G</li> <li>• <b>Sebastian Rink</b>, Green and sustainable financial expert at Frankfurt School of Finance and Management</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>19:30 - 22:00</b></p>	<p>Dinner at <a href="#">Entre Nous</a>  Rue de Merode 29, 1060 Brussels</p>

<p><b>6 December 2018</b>  <b>Venue: Hotel Léopold, Rue du Luxembourg 35, Brussels</b></p>	
<p><b>09:30 – 11:00</b></p>	<p><b>The EU's trade and investment policies and their consequences for tackling climate change.</b>  <i>The EU has long seen itself as a leader on the world stage when it comes to tackling climate change. This agenda is in conflict with the promotion of trade and investment policies that protect the status quo, and indeed encourage ever more long-distance trade. How can funders help to tackle these contradictions?</i></p> <p>Moderator:  <b>Jon Cracknell</b>, JMG Foundation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cornelia Maarfield</b>, Climate Action Network Europe</li> <li>• <b>Pia Eberhardt</b>, Corporate Europe Observatory</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>11:00 - 11:30</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>

<p><b>11:30 - 13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Workshop: the post 2020 agenda</b>  <i>This workshop will explore the role that the philanthropic sector could play in framing then financing a new ambitious global biodiversity targets for the next decade, supporting its integration with SDG and Climate targets, and pushing for bolder policy frameworks and more environmental responsibility from the private sector. Besides raising awareness on the issue, this workshop will help each participatory foundation assess their interest in playing an active role in upcoming events of the post-2020 movement.</i></p> <p>Moderator:  <b>Lynda Mansson</b>, Mava Foundation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marco Lambertini</b>, DG, WWF International, and <b>Gavin Edwards</b>, Global Coordinator Nature 2020, WWF International</li> <li>• <b>Humberto Delgado Rosa</b>, Director for Natural Capital, DG Environment, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Didier Babin</b>, Team Leader Expertise France, Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework EU Support</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Background note:</b>  2020 will be a critical year for setting Nature and the Environment either at the heart of society’s preoccupations and processes or as a secondary considerations to development, economic and financial objectives. In October 2020 in Kunming, China, the COP 15 of the Convention for Biodiversity will review achievements and delivery on CBD’s Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (Aichi targets 2011-2020) and set the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The run-up to the conference offers the opportunity to push for ambitious biodiversity targets integrated into the global economic and financial agenda and converging with the Sustainable Development Goals and Climate targets. In the face of extraordinary pressure on the environment, we are witnessing an unprecedented mobilisation from all sectors of society demanding a change in paradigm towards an economic development model respectful of Nature. How can the philanthropic sector accompany this historical change?</p>
<p><b>13:00 – 13.30</b></p>	<p>Closing lunch &amp; end of 8<sup>th</sup> EEFG Annual Meeting</p>
<p><b>13.30 – 15.30</b></p>	<p>EEFG Steering Committee meeting (SC members ONLY)</p>



## About the organisers



### European Foundation Centre, AISBL

The EFC is the platform for and champion of institutional philanthropy – with a focus on Europe, but also with an eye to the global philanthropic landscape. With the aim of being the voice of institutional philanthropy in Europe, we communicate to stakeholders the value of organised philanthropy to society, to help nurture an environment in which it can flourish. We serve as a hub of sector exchange and intelligence, to help our members increase the impact of their added value in society. With over 25 years of experience and over 200 member organisations, the EFC gives its members access to a wealth of knowledge on the sector and to long-term relationships with philanthropic peers and external actors. Building on relationships and dialogue with policymakers which span several years, we help our members engage with high-level decision-makers. We also partner with a range of actors and catalyse joint projects which tackle many of today's greatest challenges.

[www.efc.be](http://www.efc.be)

### European Environmental Funders Group - EEFG

The EEFG aggregates intelligence and catalyses collaboration among philanthropic organisations across Europe active in the fields of the environment, sustainable development (including economic transition) and climate change. It identifies needs, gaps, overlaps, and where philanthropy can make a difference in these areas.

<https://www.efc.be/thematic-networks/environment/>

### European Funders for Sustainable Agriculture and Food - EFSAF

The European Foundations for Sustainable Agriculture and Food (EFSAF) network has a medium to long-term focus aiming to promote a more sustainable, overarching food policy in Europe encompassing policies on agriculture, rural areas, food and health. EFSAF takes the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a general framework and considers climate change and health negotiations as key elements to achieve sustainable agriculture and food systems.

<https://www.efc.be/thematic-networks/sustainable-agriculture-and-food/>

## Accommodation:

Please find below some of our suggestion of places to stay in Brussels:

- [Motel One](#)
- [Hotel Renaissance](#)
- [Hotel Leopold](#)
- [Radisson Red](#)
- [Thon Hotel EU](#)
- Accord Hotels: you can book any hotel in Brussels by using EFC preferential rates via the link [here](#)

## Venues:

Click to see the venues on the [MAP](#):

- Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Rue du Luxembourg 47-51, Brussels
- Hotel Léopold, Rue du Luxembourg 35, Brussels

### From the airport:

- By train from Level -1 to Brussels Luxembourg Station (300 mt)
- By bus from level 1 - take the line n. 12 and stop at Luxembourg (300 mt)
- By taxi from outside the arrivals hall (25-40 minutes, depending on traffic, +/- 45€).

### Metro

- Lines 2 or 6 to Trone (500 mt).
- Lines 1 and 5 to Maalbeek (900 mt)

### Train:

- Any train to Bruxelles-Luxembourg (300mt)
- Eurostar/Thalys: from the Brussels South (Bruxelles-Midi/Brussel-Zuid) station, take a train to Gare du Luxembourg (it's included in your fare), a taxi (10-20 minutes, +/- 15€), or the metro (see above)