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The European Foundation Centre (EFC) is the leading membership association representing public benefit foundations at European level. It was founded in 1989, and is based in Brussels.

The EFC has more than 200 members and associates spread across 40 countries. They include community and independent foundations as well as corporate funders.

EFC members have established a range of interest groups and forums which facilitate cooperation and exchanges of good practice in various fields of activity including: diversity, migration and integration; human rights and disability; children and youth; protecting the environment; HIV/AIDS; global health challenges; and social investment.

The EFC's annual conference is widely recognised as being the most important opportunity for professionals in the European foundation sector to meet each other and share ideas. The EFC also organises the annual Grantmakers' East Forum which promotes the development of civil society across the whole of central and eastern Europe.

The EFC hosts the secretariat of Donors and Foundations' Networks in Europe (DAFNE), which supports cooperation among national networks which have been established in 22 European countries. It is also engaged in ongoing partnerships with NEF (Network of European Foundations for innovative cooperation), EVPA and other networks.

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

- Benchmarking and capacity-building - the EFC aims to set standards and build professional capacity in the sector through a wide range of benchmarking and training activities. All members undertake to respect the EFC Principles of Good Practice.
- Creating an enabling legal and fiscal environment - the EFC is leading the campaign for the creation of a European Foundation Statute, which would make it easier for foundations that wish to develop cross-border activities in the EU.
- Documenting the foundation landscape - to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and information, and raise awareness about the valuable work foundations are doing, the EFC produces numerous publications including Effect magazine.
- Networking and partnership building - the EFC promotes collaboration, both among foundations and between foundations and other actors, to advance the public good in Europe and beyond.