EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INITIATIVE

OBJECTIVES AND OUTLINE OF PLANS 2021

ASSUMPTIONS



- The operating environment for CF and CFSOs will be influenced by the legacy of the Coronovirus pandemic
- This will impact in different ways in different countries across Europe, but:
 - People can create a sense of collective responsibility for their community
 - > Civil Society plays an important role in communities
 - People will engage where a framework for community foundations exists
 - And Community philanthropy can emerge & contribute significantly



TARGET AUDIENCES

- Community Foundations and
- Community Foundation-like organizations
- CF support organisations and
- Potential CFSOs
- Other philanthropy support organisations and networks



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR ECFIs 3rd PHASE

- 1. Facilitating interaction & learning, sharing knowledge & fostering collaboration among CFSOs in Europe to strengthen the support infrastructure
- 2. Inspiring & facilitating growth in the CF field in Europe
- 3. Stimulating CFs in Europe to exercise their community leadership role & collaborate on pressing issues, incl. inequality, migration & climate change
- 4. Building and sharing knowledge about the CF field in Europe
- 5. Leveraging financial resources and other support for development of the CF field in Europe
- 6. Increasing awareness & understanding of the SDGs& their relevance to the work of CFs in Europe



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Delivering learning that strengthens the field and in particular that which helps build a leadership role and encourages engagement with the SDGs.



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Mainly for CF support organisations and potential CFSOs

- One-to-one and group structured on-line engagement with CFSO to support individual and collective needs
- Focus on emerging countries (and supporting the associations that are now committed to CF development) - leading to the foundations of new CFs being established
- One Reflection Group a year that helps align strategies and building activities (imagine it could be a physical meeting ⁽²⁾)



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To CF and CFSO as well as potential CFSOs and CFs

- Online Topical Working groups, e.G. to
 - 1. Funding context and fundraising practices
 - 2. Relationship of CF with the community it serves
 - 3. Managerial strategic choices and operational ones
 - 4. Digital challenge and its potential contribution to sustainability
- CF2CF exchanges & internships (application open from July_2021)
- Thematic Meeting
- Stay at home Study Visit (autumn 2021)
- Learning Lab (application from March 2021)
- Connecting Community Foundations with the SDGs





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- Getting resources into the field to build capacity in the field and to share knowledge among peers
- Review of our approach to field research and engagement of others as appropriate - towards the production of a European atlas / directory
- Better use of Website through Relaunch
- Creating a Video that crystalises the Community foundation concept and can individually be adapted to national or local purpose with <u>ECFI</u> 'My place'







We are looking forward to collaborate with you!

