

How to get the most from ECFI



WHY ENGAGE with ECFI?

ECFI aims to add value to the work of community foundations and support organisations through providing a European dimension which:

- fosters the establishment of productive international relationships and knowledge exchange;
- raises awareness of your work and helps bring financial and non-financial resources into to field;
- inspires and drives momentum for the development of practice;
- promotes local democracy and civic participation;

HOW TO ENGAGE WITH ECFI

There are many ways that you can connect with ECFI learn from your CF and CFSO peers and share your experience:

- **participate in ECFI activities** - for example periodic online and in-person meetings, the ECFI Learning Lab, Study Visits, Exchanges;
- **utilise resources** (notably in the Knowledge Centre and Views from the Field) available in our website www.communityfoundations.eu;
- **share your stories** (of success and failure so others can learn) - about your development, challenges you face, the difference you make.
- **contribute to ECFI News** to share information widely in the community foundation field and beyond (by 20th of each month)
- **If you have skills and knowledge** (e.g. languages, specialist expertise) that you could bring to the international level please do let us know.

Keep informed about ECFI and the work of your peers by:

- signing up to receive ECFI News [here](#),
- follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#)
- join the Facebook Group '[CF Practice Exchange](#)'

We look forward to engaging with you !

ECFI IN A NUTSHELL

ECFI is a collaborative initiative committed to strengthening and promoting the community foundation movement in Europe. The initiative has been hosted by the German Association of Foundations since its inception in 2016.

ECFI's approach is to empower those operating in the community foundation field - community foundations (staff, board members, and volunteers) and the array of support organisations that operate at national and regional level.

WHAT ECFI DOES

ECFI works with community foundations (CFs) and community foundation support organisations (CFSOs), primarily through facilitating and stimulating cross-national interactions and dialogue to enable learning, knowledge-building, sharing experiences and practices of CFs and other philanthropy practitioners. ECFI produces practice-based evidence and tools to empower practitioners to deal with challenges in their communities and their organisations (e.g. sustainability, climate action, civic engagement) and to grow mutual solidarity. ECFI is engaged in on-going mapping and analysis of CFs across Europe and in disseminating information that will encourage development of the field. ECFI curates a Knowledge Centre in its website which contains information about the community foundation field and its impact along with practice tools and guides. Finally, ECFI acts as contact point for the community foundation movement in Europe.

THE ECFI TEAM



ECFI encourages people from within the community foundation field to contribute their knowledge and skills. The core team, who all work part-time for ECFI, comprising 2 full-time equivalents (from left to right) is:

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