



ACTIVITIES AND LEARNINGS 2022

WHAT WE WANTED TO ACHIEVE IN 2022



- ❖ Learn about the field and share knowledge about it
- ❖ Share learning that strengthens the field and in particular that which helps build a leadership role and encourages engagement with the SDGs
- ❖ Support CFSO's to find their role and structure
- ❖ New partnerships to prepare the next phase of ECFI

ACTIVITIES 2022 - WHAT REALLY MATTERED

- ❖ The post-pandemic situation reallocated to meet in person. As a consequence many CFSOs organised physical conferences. ECFI participated, co-organised or added activities.
- ❖ February 24th changed everything: Solidarity with Ukraine became first priority in activities
- ❖ Expansion of ECFI reach into new territories in Europe
- ❖ Many learnings and insights from field research



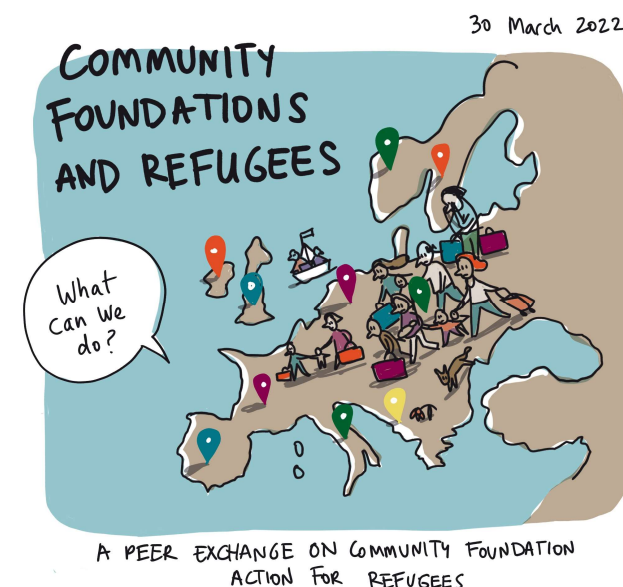
ACTIVITIES 2022 IN FIGURES



- ❖ In 4 Online-meetings and 3 physical meetings we gathered 157 individuals from 25 countries and shared learnings with 20 learning products from 4 different categories
- ❖ The range of questions topics showed 5 focus areas: Development of the field, connecting with emergent countries, embracing the SDGs and specifically Climate, Solidarity with Ukraine, ECFIs role and future
- ❖ Less quantity in contacts, but higher quality in learnings and building relationships

SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE

- ❖ Connection Building: WhatsApp group quickly connects CFs and CFSOs from all over Europe (40 group members from 8 countries) to help mobilizing support
- ❖ ECFI website page and database of support created
- ❖ Engagement with Philea 'Philanthropy for Ukraine'
- ❖ Capability Building: 1 Online meeting to "CFs and refugees in neighbouring countries" (33 participants from 13 countries) connects CFs with different level of experience in their work with refugees
- ❖ 3 Online learning products provided

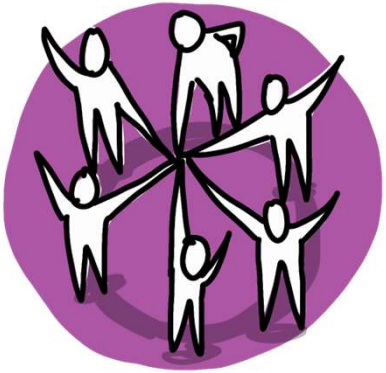


CONNECTION WITH THE FIELD



- ❖ Physical meetings came back! Many CFSOs organised national and international in person meetings
- ❖ ECFI participated in and co-created:
 - Philea - international conference with Spanish-ECFI Study visit (Barcelona)
 - UK-CF conference combined with ECFI Study Visit
 - Bündnis congress and BVDS Day of Foundations
 - Italian CF Conference
 - Romanian Federation Conference
 - Ukrainian CF Conference

EXPANSION OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FIELD



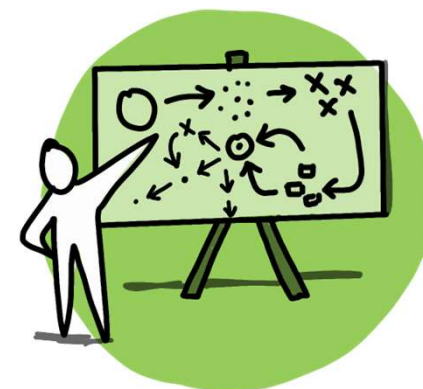
- ❖ The first post-covid physical meeting connected 41 practitioners from 5 emergent countries and 4 more established countries

- ❖ For a first time it enabled practitioners from Spain (established CFs as well as initiative groups) to learn from the national as well as the international peer learning community



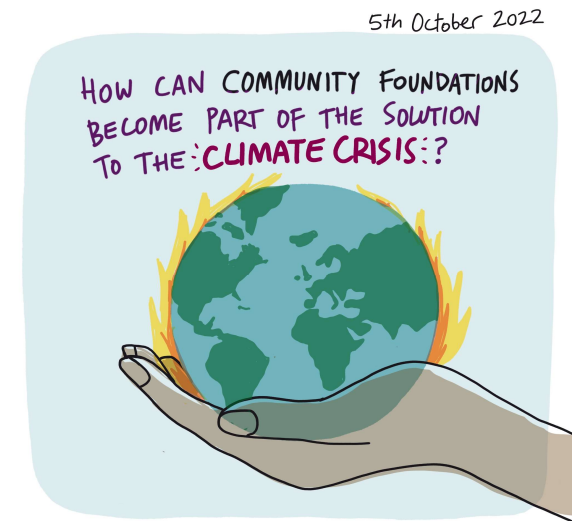
PEER LEARNING ACTIVITIES 2022 IN CATEGORIES

- ❖ Thematic Meetings on 4 topics:
 - Community Foundations and Refugees
 - Architects of change
 - Community Foundations and the Climate Crisis
 - Community / Citizen Organising
- ❖ 2 Study Visits connected with national/international events:
 - Spain/Barcelona with Philea meeting
 - UK/Manchester with UKCF biannual conference
- ❖ 2 CF2CF exchanges
 - Czechia/Via Foundation and Serbia/Trag Foundation
 - Romania/CF Bucharest and The Netherlands/LSA Bewoners
- ❖ Learning Lab with 3 participants and 4 online group meetings



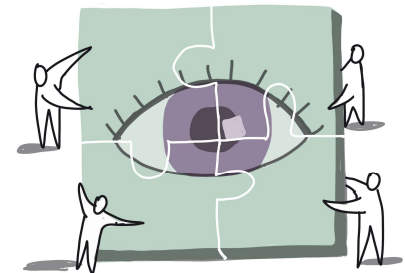
CONNECTING COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS WITH THE SDGs HIGH PRIORITY OF SDG 13

- ❖ The interest in online SDG Wake-up calls was low in 2022
- ❖ But sustainability was one of the main topics on national conferences
- ❖ ECFI highlighted SDG 13 and relevance on climate crisis to CFs
- ❖ The TM „How can community foundations become part of the solution to the climate crisis?“ informed 38 participants from 13 countries
- ❖ The TM leads into the Learning Journey in 2023



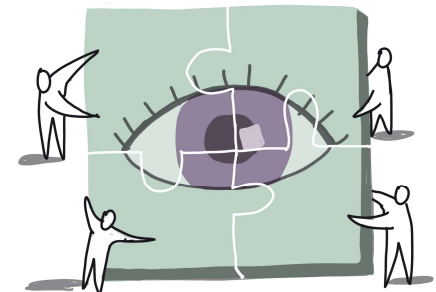
LEARNINGS FROM THE FIELD

- ❖ The Knowledge Center offers a rich and diverse variety of resources for the field
- ❖ 10 Views from the field / blogs offered insights to learnings from within the field across Europe
- ❖ 5 Learning Lab reports
- ❖ 3 Peer Learning reports
- ❖ Guide to Community Foundations in the Netherlands
- ❖ Serbian translation of SDG Guide
- ❖ Field-driven evaluation of ECFI covering 2020 - 2022
- ❖ State of the Field report 2022 and Summary document with figures, facts and foresights



LEARNINGS FROM THE FIELD - EVALUATION

- ❖ The field led evaluation report offers meaningful insights to ECFI's role:
 - “ECFI weaves a more connected and consolidated CF Movement in Europe”
 - „ECFI is filling a significant gap in consolidating community philanthropy“
 - „ECFI is giving CFs visibility and recognition“
 - „ECFI acts as a connector toward CFs and CF movements“
 - „For emerging countries ECFI is a source of courage, inspiration, knowledge, partnership, resources of various sorts and connections“

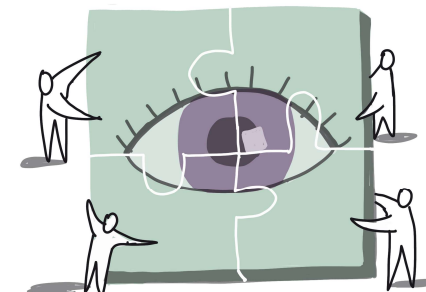


LEARNINGS FROM THE FIELD - FIELD RESEARCH

- ❖ Led to publication of State of the Field and much more in-depth understanding of CFs and the supporting infrastructure.
- ❖ Preparation of the ECFI Atlas and Directory



<https://www.communityfoundations.eu/directory>



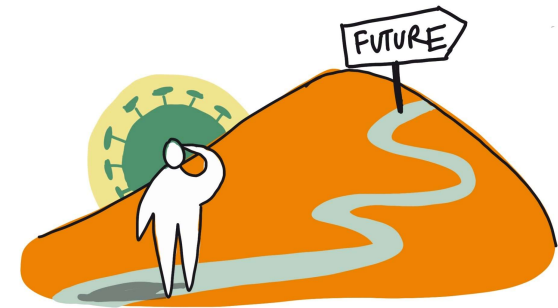
NEW PARTNERSHIPS FOR 2023 AND 2024

- ❖ The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation approved the renewal of ECFIs proposal for 2023 and 2024
- ❖ ECFI worked with Fondation de Lille and the Spanish Association on a new partnership funded by Porticus
- ❖ “C2C - Citizen to Citizen” starts in January 2023 with ambitious objectives and a European partnership construction:
 - Stronger CF movement in Europe
 - Sustainable CFSOs in emergent countries
 - A CF network in France and a higher number of CFs in France



ACTIVITIES 2022 - WHAT WE LEARNED

- ❖ With beginning of the Russian invasion into Ukraine, the value of ECFI as a long-term network with established connections and trustful relationships became evident
- ❖ CFs and CFSOs want to meet in person!
- ❖ The interest in learning from each other was higher than before
- ❖ Crisis increases the need of powerful local philanthropy
- ❖ The interest into the local philanthropy raises
- ❖ ECFI can help building bridges between the local, the national and the global philanthropy



Thanks for collaborating with us!

I believe we can change
the world if we can
start listening to
one another again.
Simple, honest,
human conversation

Margaret J. Wheatley

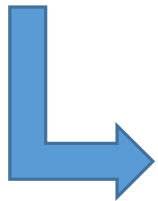




LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023/24

WHAT INFORMS ECFI's STRATEGY AND ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Evaluation
- ❖ Field research
- ❖ Your feedback
- ❖ External relationships and engagement
- ❖ Funders

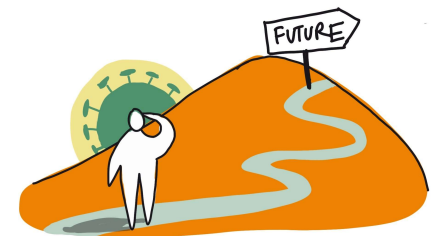


Diversity, different needs and learning trajectories

Wide range of expectations

Resources and capacity in the field limit participation

Resources and capacity in ECFI limited

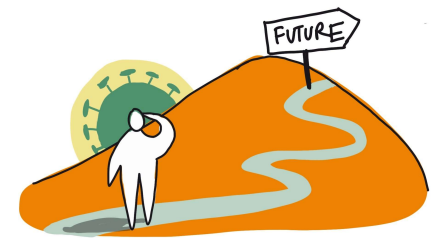


STRATEGIC ADJUSTMENTS

❖ ToC validated

Contextual changes

- Post-Covid
- Invasion of Ukraine
- Cost of living crisis
- Populism / nationalism
- Increasing evidence of impact of climate change
- European philanthropy support ecosystem



BIG PICTURE AND APPROACH 2023/24

A phase of transition for ECFI from an initiative into part of the mainstream of philanthropy infrastructure in Europe.

Principles guiding ECFI activity:

- Ensure knowledge sharing and learning spaces are open to the community foundation field and relevant stakeholders;
- Ensure that resources produced and curated by ECFI in English are made accessible to all, through adaptation and where appropriate, translation;
- Utilise specialist expertise (including from outside the community foundation field) as required to enhance the learning experience;
- Remain sensitive to the diverse social, economic and political contexts in Europe and to the variety of forms and functions of community foundations that have emerged;
- Be agile and responsive to emerging needs in the field.

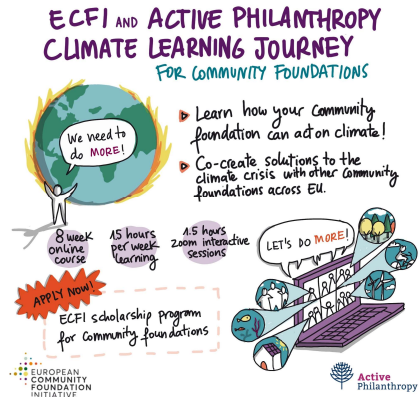


BIG PICTURE AND APPROACH 2023-24

- Strengthen connections within the CF and CFSO field;
- Engage with other relevant stakeholders (notably Philea) as appropriate to raise awareness of the potential of CFs;
- In-source (from the field)
- Internationalise national events and activities



ACTIVITIES IN 2023



Emerging countries
C2C
Safeguarding
Participatory processes

CF2CF



Study Visits

Learning Lab



LOCAL ACTION
FOR GLOBAL
GOOD



Philea Forum

Thematic
meetings

Field research



Website - Knowledge Centre and communications

ACTIVITIES 2023-24

What other topics are of interest to the field (with international learning / exchange adding value)?

How can we reach and increase engagement from the field?

How can we encourage ‘In-sourcing’ from the field (hosting, leading, contributing)?

Can we help ‘internationalise’ national events (draw on ‘hidden’ language skills in the network)?

How best to work with CFSOs (e.g. stratifying the field by type, stage of development, geography; regular informal CFSO online gatherings; etc)

What are the most valuable ‘external relations’

*Strategic (e.g. Philea, PEX, F20, ERRNOP) and topical
SDGs, Climate, Community Organising etc*

