

Case well made for community foundations at EESC hearing

Jan Despiegelaere, Streekfonds, attended the opening hearing in the process of the preparation of an EESC Opinion entitled ‘European Philanthropy: an untapped potential’. The objective of the Opinion is to explore which measures and initiatives should be taken at EU and national level in order to promote organised philanthropy and eliminate barriers. Jan reported that ‘the case was well made for community foundations by Ludwig Forrest, KBF (Rapporteur’s Expert) and Gerry Salole, EFC, and some of the EESC members on the Working Group, notably Tom Jones, UK and Ionut Sibian, Romania are actively involved in community foundations.’ Jan was able to follow up directly with one of the members by sending him the ECFI European Guide in order to improve his knowledge about the field and its potential. You too can contribute to informing this important discussion by offering information to your national EESC members. [More information on the Opinion](#) - including a list of the EESC Working Group members who come from Austria, Belgium Hungary, Romania, Spain and UK.