



# **Community Foundation Study Trip**

The concept, purpose and some guidelines

# The Concept

- Learning attitude
- Hosts
- One week program
- Facilitation for interaction
- Demanding Logistics
- Reflection & Conversations

# Purpose

- Attempt to capture the diversity of CFs in Europe
- Reflect upon the CF diversity by practitioners and theorists
- Building a learning community among the community of philanthropy practitioners

# History

- Project of the C.S.Mott Foundation (2010-2015)
- Bulgaria (2010)
- Czech Republic (2011)
- Poland (2012)
- Romania (2013)
- Slovakia (2014)
- Northern Ireland (2015)

# Germany

- Highest dynamics of growth of CFs
- Strong continental tradition of philanthropy
- Combines unique blend of recent and more distant experiences relevant to the European civil society
  - Cold War & Reunification
  - EU project
  - Refugees

# Guidelines in Sites

- Awareness of time
- Active listening techniques
- Observation techniques and note taking
- Restraining from evaluative commenting unless asked by hosts
- Asking questions in neutral way
- Speaking from experience

# Participants

- CF practitioners
- Social researchers and authors
- Donors
- Facilitators and Group Leaders
- Interest and curiosity
- Learning and personal development attitude
- Willingness to share experience with peers
- Relationship building

# Participants - 2014





# CF Practice Lab

- Website ([www.cfpracticelab.org](http://www.cfpracticelab.org))
- Access based on registration
- Accessible to former and future participants of CF Study Trip
- Available resources and information on previous study trips