

CF Study Trip Project

What is it?

- 1 week
- Group of CF practitioners
- Country with community foundations
- Local Partner (typically association of CFs or CF Support organization)
- **Meetings with local CF staff and board members and donors**
- Reflections of the meetings
- Facilitator(s) taking care for the group process
- Written papers - reflections after the trip

Who?

- A project of the C.S.Mott Foundation
- Collaborative partnership with country partners:
 - 2010 - Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation and the Association of Bulgarian Community Foundations
 - 2011 - Czech Association of Community Foundations
 - 2012 - Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland and the Polish Federation of Community Foundations
 - 2013 - Association for Community Relations and the Romanian Federation of Community Foundations
 - 2014 - Center for Philanthropy and the Slovak Association of Community Foundations

Purpose

The main purpose of the Study visit is **learning**.

- a) **Participant curiosity and interest** in learning, personal development and readiness for sharing experience and insights;
- b) **Good process** i.e. well-structured and balanced agenda and flow of visits, events and interactions.
- c) Functioning **logistics** and infrastructure.

2010-2014

Bulgaria – 2010 (11 participants)

Czech Republic – 2011 (14 participants)

Poland – 2012 (30 participants)

Romania – 2013 (40 participants)

Slovakia – 2014 (40 participants)

Context & Rationale

- Vacant regional space for sharing and reflecting different developments in the CF field.
- Phasing out of other infrastructure and peer learning programs: **Community Philanthropy Initiative (CPI) and Transatlantic Community Foundation Network.**

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- The **diversity** of countries in the CEE Europe,
- **Different tempos and approaches** of support and development of CFs
- **Uniqueness of each community** in which CFs have been established,
- **Need to stop and reflect**
- **The combination of the practitioners' experience with the experience of experts**
- **An open-end** endeavor that has one common denominator: **a interest of their participants to share and to reflect.**