

European CF Network Initiative

Concept

Need

- a.** to **strengthen** the non profit infrastructure and mobilize private engagement and resources for the common good at all levels;
- b.** to contribute to a **Europeanization** of the civil society

Specific needs

a. to **strengthen** national CF support infrastructures in European countries where they exist

b. to initiate (and then strengthen) CF support infrastructures in other European countries where they are still missing.

ECFN Elements

- ECFI peer learning (cfpracticelab)
- ECFI academy
- ECFI research / think tank (“ECFI institute”)

Peer Learning

- Study Trip Project
- Broadening: from CEE to Pan-European
- New Peer learning approaches
- Bi-lateral visits and exchanges
- Smaller peer groups
- *Target group*: staff and board members of CFs and CF support organizations

Academy

- Support for associations of CFs/support mechanisms for CFs
- e-learning, blended learning, hotline-type assistance,
- facilitation of resource people,
- other forms of support as identified in initial mapping and ongoing consultations with membership organizations and European CFs.

CF Research & Think Tank

- provide information on CFs in Europe to enhance understanding of the value and potential of CFs among national and European policymakers,
- In phase 1, focus on a mapping of CF support organizations and CF member organizations across Europe,
- Joint advocacy efforts targeting inter-governmental bodies such as the EU, and OECD and others
- A review of the researchers and institutions with expertise in the area of philanthropy
- *Target group:* CFs and CF support organizations, national and European policymakers, academia and business sector, donors.

Time Plan

- Preparatory Phase (October-November 2014)
- Phase I (January 2015 - June 2016)
- Phase II (June 2016 - December 2018)
- Phase III (January -December 2019)