



**EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
INITIATIVE**



WHY ECFI.

- 1914 Frederick Joff established the first Community Foundation in Cleveland
- 1975 Community foundations conquer Europe:
First Community foundation in the UK (meanwhile 48 CF's)
- 1996 First Community foundation in Germany (meanwhile more than 300)
- 2014 more than 1.800 Community foundations worldwide
more than 600 CF's in Europe, distributed in 23 countries
round about 60 support organisations

But: No supranational contact for Community foundations in Europe.

WHAT IS ECFI.

The European Community foundation Initiative is an umbrella initiative for community foundations and their support organisations in Europe.

ECFI is a cross-border network situated in Berlin.

Our partners, UK Community Foundation (London), Initiative Bürgerstiftungen (Berlin) and Centrum pre filantropiu (Bratislava) work all over Europe.

We are founded by Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Bosch Stiftung, Körber Stiftung and Lipoid Stiftung.

MANAGEMENT TEAM.

From left:

Caroline Gleim, Mark Doherty (not in the team anymore), Anja Böllhoff, Burkhard Küstermann, Boris Strečanský

and the leader of the IBS, Ulrike Reichart



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OUR PARTNERS.



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CENTRUM PRE
FILANTROPIU



UK Community
Foundations
for thriving communities

Gemeinsam Gutes
*an*stiften!



Initiative
BÜRGERSTIFTUNGEN



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ADVISORY GROUP

OUR VISION.

Our vision is a world in which strong civil organizations work in peaceful harmony in order to improve communities and societies, starting at the local level.

We want to provide the global movement of community foundations with a central contact point in Europe.

OUR MISSION.

As an umbrella initiative we build a network for community foundation associations and support organizations in Europe and encourage the launch of these organizations and their foundations.

We promote and develop the community foundation movement in Europe by creating a strong and effective network and facilitating learning exchange and joint action among them.

OUR BELIEFS.

We believe in community foundations as a vibrant form of civil self-organization.

As foundations created for citizens by citizens, they are evidence of a strong and engaged civil society, contributing significantly to the local resolution of important social issues.

Their capital endowment contributes to the sustainability of efforts on a local level.

Infrastructural support is well-suited to promote the quantitative and qualitative development of community foundations as demonstrated by national organizations.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES.

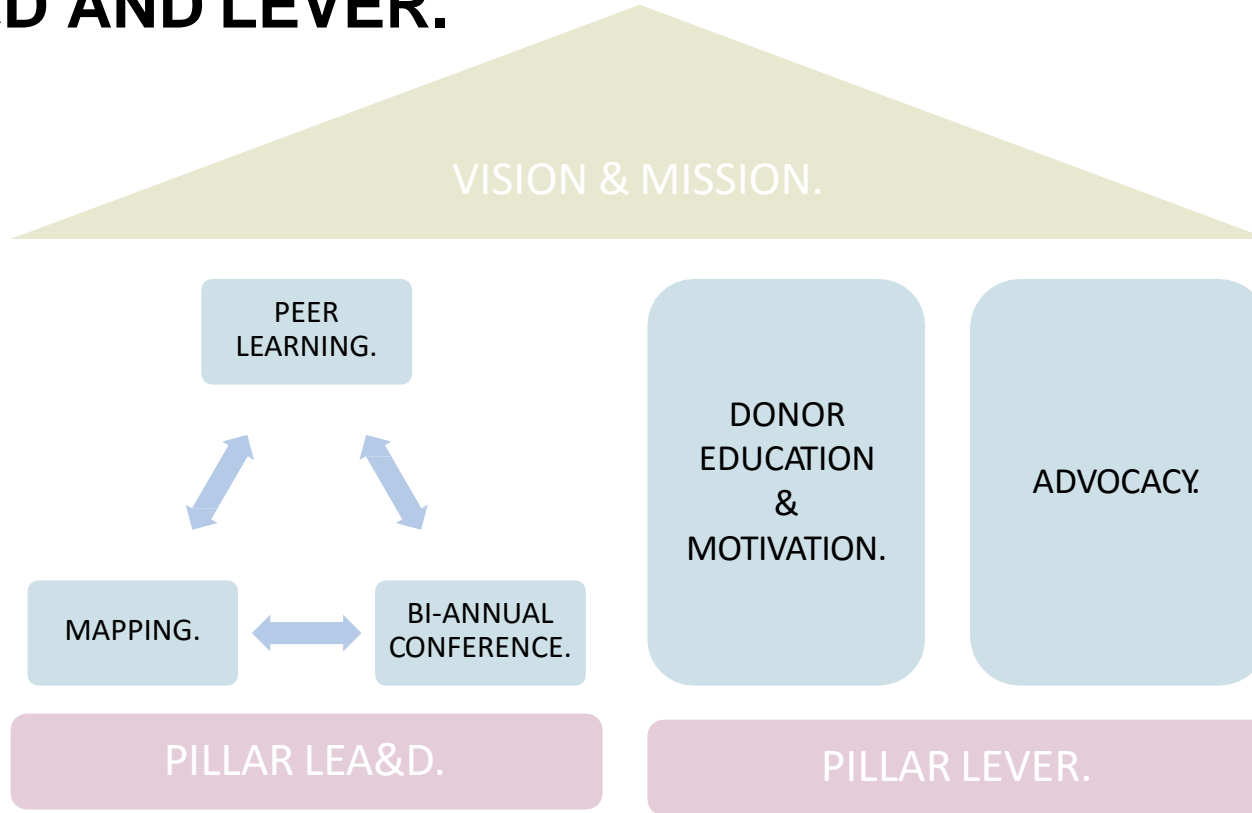
We strengthen community foundations associations and support organizations in Europe and their local community foundations by providing networking and peer learning opportunities.

We listen to the needs and challenges of community foundations and provide a platform for exchange, development of relationships and collaboration on pressing European issues.

We build a knowledge base on community foundations in Europe and promote the contributions community foundations can make to social cohesion.

We raise additional resources and involve new donors and partners at a European, transnational and national level to support the community foundation movement in Europe.

LEA&D AND LEVER.



WORKING PLAN FOR 2016.

- ∴ Start of the cross boarder peer learning program
- ∴ Start of creating an overview about the current field of CF's in Europe.
- ∴ Start of cooperation and communication with Advisory Group
- ∴ Preparation of the ECFI website (start in August 2016)
- ∴ Preparation of study visit in September in Germany
- ∴ Preparation and organisation of at least one thematic meeting
- ∴ Donors meeting in Bratislava
- ∴ Preparation of the conference in 2017
- ∴ Reflection about mapping and peer learning exchange results
- ∴ Starting activities for LEVER and first funding activities
- ∴ Establishing a system of working groups on different questions



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