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PEX WELCOME PACK

PURPOSE

PEXcommunity is an ever-growing community of over 300 people from philanthropy networks across Europe and beyond, attracting new people to join through its many engagement layers.

To fulfill the need for having one resource where the new members can find all the information related to PEX, the PEX Secretariat has prepared this Welcome Pack to be shared.

In the next sections, you will be able to find all the information on what PEX is about: social media accounts and publications, PEX projects and who to contact for each project, several PEX moments where the whole community comes together, how to engage with and become part of the community as well as which organisations are already part of the community.

If you have any further questions which this document is not addressing, please feel free to get in touch with Biray Bensu De Meulemeester at biray.demeulemeester@dafne-online.eu.

We hope you find this resource helpful and share it with your colleagues who you think might be interested in being part of such an active and engaging community!

PEX Secretariat

PEX is hosted by Philea – a joint Dafne & EFC convergence
PEX is where the European philanthropy infrastructure meets!

PEXcommunity stands for collaboration, diversity, creativity and exchange in the European philanthropic sector. It unites more than 60 philanthropy networks, among them thematic, regional, national, European and global organisations.

PEXcommunity was jointly co-created at the PEXforum 2020 in Madrid, the first Europe-wide event bringing together representatives of national, regional and European philanthropy networks.

PEX is a community of people working in the European philanthropy ecosystem. PEX provides a unique space to create a European philanthropy identity as common ground to jointly advance the philanthropy ecosystem in a changing world. And, PEX is co-created by this group of brilliant, inspiring and dedicated group of people, the PEXcommunity who wish to be a part of shaping this long-term and rewarding journey to drive collective learning, collective imagining and collective acting.

To break the silos, to make sure that our efforts complement each other rather than compete with each other, to realise goals and ambitions, to create a common European philanthropy identity, we gather representatives of philanthropy infrastructure organisations in Europe, under the PEXcommunity in different formats and set-ups. The recent convergence of Dafne and the EFC into Philea brings even more opportunities for finding synergies and building bridges across the range of PEX activities.

Visit www.pexcommunity.eu for more up-to-date information.

PEX is driven by you: your ideas, your experience, your vision!

“The trusted relationships established through the PEXcommunity are contributing to its sustainability and utility. They allow for a shared understanding of issues and challenges, foster connections, build collective intelligence and promote collaboration – all of which make us more effective and valuable to our respective constituencies.”

James Magowan
European Community Foundation Initiative
PEXForum

The annual event that brings the PEXcommunity together!

PEXforum is the Europe-wide annual event where the PEXcommunity gathers to collectively identify challenges and opportunities for the sector, share best practices and insights, explore concrete projects and invite others to collaborate. This gathering is hosted by Philea and another PEX organisation which lasts for 2 full days, taking place usually in January.

PEXforum 2020 was held on 23-24 January 2020 in Madrid, Spain. More than 120 people left Madrid empowered by the experience of contributing to building a new peer community that has so much to offer for each and everyone involved in the European philanthropy infrastructure. We collectively identified challenges and opportunities for the sector, shared best practices and insights, explored concrete projects and invited others to collaborate. Discover or reminisce about the PEXforum 2020 through our video report or through our PEXmagazine which summarises the event with beautiful visuals, vivid quotes, links to blogposts from the participants and short case-studies that were presented at the PEXforum 2020.

PEXforum 2021 was held on 27-28 January. Coming back to the PEXforum after a year which no one could have imagined, it was such a magical moment of togetherness that made over 160 participants feel more hopeful, grateful, inspired and encouraged. Although it was held virtually, instead of in Istanbul as we had hoped, we made the best out of this chance of coming together with our peers; some old, some new faces... We looked back in time to see how long we had come, and looked into the future to search for ways to make this distance even longer until the next PEXforum planned for 2022 in Istanbul. For PEXforum 2021, we created a multimedia page which brings together the various outcomes of the event including short audio clips, quotes, visuals as well as our very own podcast and the storybook.

PEXforum 2022 will be hosted in Istanbul on 15-16 September. More information will be shared in early 2022.
PEXMOMENTS

Get connected & inspired by the PEXcommunity!

PEXquarterly as the quarterly gathering of the PEXcommunity, this recurring event was born after the PEXforum 2021, out of the need and the will for the community to stay connected between the PEXforums. At this gathering, the PEXcommunity comes together to focus on ways of increasing existing collaboration efforts and creating new ones. This event usually takes place on the first Tuesday of March, June and October, lasting for 2 hours.

PEXmonthly was set up during the Covid-19 pandemic to bring in members of the PEXcommunity to exchange updates from their organisations and countries on the latest restrictions as well as regulations regarding the philanthropy sector. This event usually takes place on the first Monday of the month, being replaced by the PEXquarterly event in March, June and October.

"What if? Reimagining philanthropy" is a series of facilitated online events with an inspiring talk by an invited speaker on a wide range of issues. The speaker presents a challenge, which is followed by a “question burst” in a brainstorm format, discussion in small groups and collective sense-making. This quarterly event series aims to inspire collective thinking, test experimental ideas in innovation sandboxes, raise questions to challenge the status quo, and generate new possible routes for philanthropic, social, and political action.
PEXNEWS & PLATFORMS

Get in touch with colleagues and share ideas, thoughts and build relationships

PEXnews is a monthly newsletter, co-designed by the PEXcommunity and delivered by Philea, that reflects on trends and developments in the European philanthropy ecosystem and provides the latest news from the philanthropy field. Find out more here.

Join the conversation on PEXcommunity LinkedIn group! You can get in touch with the wider PEXcommunity, make announcements and exchange ideas.

We have some mighty power in our network and invite you to experience it by joining our special online community on Mighty Networks – in only a few clicks you can create your own account, write a short bio and upload your picture, and get in touch with your peers from the community. 
Download the app on your phone: for Android click here; for iOS click here.

Join your peers at the PEXcommunity platform to:

GET INSPIRED

BE CONNECTED
Connect directly with your colleagues from philanthropy networks across Europe.

ALL IN ONE PLACE
Access to the full potential of the PEXcommunity: networks, knowledge, collaboration and inspiration.

EASY ACCESS
Follow the conversations on PEXprojects under the "Topics" section to stay updated.

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Here is where collaboration happens! So, come and join us!

PEXcommunity is actively involved in a wide range of collaborative initiatives and working groups, among them 10 PEX projects that address key challenges for European philanthropy. Colleagues from national, regional and thematic philanthropy networks meet regularly to work collectively towards each project’s objective.

Enabling Environment for Philanthropy, PEX links to Philea’s efforts to maintain and develop the enabling operating environment for philanthropy across Europe. Find out more here.

Philanthropy Coalition for Climate brings together national, European and thematic philanthropy networks committed to supporting their foundation members to live up to the climate challenge. Find out more here.

Next Philanthropy provides an inclusive space for a meaningful conversation and action on what’s next for philanthropy in Europe. Find out more here.

Philanthropy.Insight provides a self-assessment framework for foundations around five criteria: commitment, public utility, relevance, performance and accountability. This forms a crucial element in addressing the legitimacy question philanthropy is exposed to regularly.

European Hub for Civic Engagement is an online cooperation platform for civil society, connecting local, national and European organisations.

Funding Practices focus on issues including how to evolve the current mainstream funding practice (mainly short-term and project-restricted), core-support, trust-based philanthropy, participatory grantmaking and system-change funding.
PEXNEWS
SOUNDING BOARD

From the PEXcommunity, for European philanthropy!

PEXnews Sounding Board contributes to shaping content and co-designing the monthly PEXnews newsletter which reflects on the most relevant news and developments from the European philanthropy sector.

The board consists of up to nine members and partners – recruited from PEXCEOs, comms community and PEXpartners – who can contribute expertise in communications, outreach and strategic planning.

PEXnews Sounding Board is elected for a term of two years and it meets on a quarterly basis.

Currently, it is constituted by the following members:

- Zibran Choudhury (Alliance Magazine)
- Julie Broome (Ariadne)
- Max von Abendroth (Philea)
- Hanna Stähle (Philea)
- Angela Pauly (Philea)
- James Magowan (European Community Foundation Initiative, ECFI)
- Martina Fin (EDGE Funders Alliance)
- Georgina Siklossy (European Venture Philanthropy Association, EVPA)

Even more interested? Get in touch with us! Write to alina.shenfeldt@dafne-online.eu

“Communicating philanthropy requires greater diversity in the face of changing generations and rapid technological development.”
Polina Nyukhina
Ukrainian Philanthropists Forum
Gender Equity and Justice aims to frame the debate on gender and diversity and contribute to a gender-balanced and more diverse sector in Europe. Find out more [here](#).

Data Insight is about closing today's gap of European philanthropy data and insights. The aim is to help better decision-making and scenario planning for our sector, our partners as well as the regulators.

Racial Equity focuses on the roots of racial injustice in Europe and considers both programmatic and internal implications for philanthropy. Additional resources [here](#).

Innovation Sandboxes aims to explore and then prototype new ideas that no single foundation or network would or could approach on its own.

Resilience Building is set to share insights and foresights, spread risk, innovate and cooperate to build resilience. This project explores the actions required to contribute to building the resilience of the system as a whole.

As part of these projects, we have developed a series of knowledge hubs in order to gather information in an open source, living document relevant to philanthropy networks in Europe. Click the icons to discover the various hubs.
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Funding Practices
Resilience Building
PEX CO-CREATION COUNCIL

PEX Co-Creation Council represents the diversity and expertise of the PEXcommunity to jointly develop PEX in the future.

The first PEX Co-creation Council was set up in October 2020 to design the PEXforum 2021. Later, the Council agreed in February 2021 to establish a more permanent Co-Creation Council.

With a high turnout rate at the elections in June 2021, the PEXcommunity voted for 12 PEX Co-Creation Council members, – 10 representatives of philanthropy networks and 2 representatives of PEX partners for the 2021-2022 season.

PEX organisations
- Alina Shenfeldt (Russian Donors Forum)
- Annie Hillar (PAWHR)
- Debora Guidetti (Ariadne)
- Florence Miller (Environmental Funders Network)
- Joanna Pienkowska (ACF)
- Justyna Duriasz-Bułhak (Polish Donors Forum)
- Mihaela Giurgiu (ECFI)
- Rana Kotan (TUSEV)
- Rosa Gallego (Spanish Associations of Foundations)
- Suzana Djordjevic (Serbian Philanthropy Forum)

PEX partners
- Omri Preiss (Alliance4Europe)
- Zibran Choudhury (Alliance Magazine)

The purpose of the newly established Council is to facilitate collective vision and action, to challenge, support and enable PEX. Also, it is in charge of starting preparations for the next PEXforum 2022.
HOW TO GET ENGAGED

1. Share this welcome pack with your team.

2. Write an article or share your news with us.

3. Sign up for PEXnews here.

4. Read #1 issue of PEXmagazine.

5. Join our PEXprojects' working groups.

6. Want to hear more? Click here.

7. Even more interested? Get in touch with us! Write to biray.demeulemeester@dafne-online.eu
PEX ORGANISATIONS

PEX is a community of people and organisations who believe in the value of collaboration to drive societal change:

- Active Philanthropy
- Alliance Magazine
- Ariadne
- Assifero
- Association for Community Relations (ARC)
- Association for the Practice of Transformation (APT)
- Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF)
- Association of Community Foundations Slovakia
- Association of Finnish Foundations
- Association of German Foundations
- Association of Liechtenstein Charitable Foundations and Trusts
- Austrian Foundations Association
- Beacon Collaborative
- Belgian Federation of Philanthropic Foundations
- Bulgarian Donors Forum
- Calala Women's Fund
- Centre for the Study of Philanthropy & Public Good
- Civitates
- Climate Leadership Initiative
- ClimateWorks Foundation
- Croatian Foundations Forum
- Czech Association of Community Foundations
- Czech Donors Forum
- EDGE Funders Alliance
- Environmental Funders Network (EFN)
- European Climate Foundation
- European Community Foundation Initiative (ECFI)
- European Programme for Integration and Migration (EPIM)
- European Research Network On Philanthropy (ERNOP)
- European Venture Philanthropy Association (EVPA)
- Federation of Community Foundations in Poland
- FIN
- Foundation Knowledge Centre
- Foundations of Banking Origin and Savings Banks (ACRI)
- Foundation of Luxembourg
Foundations Platform F20
French Foundation Centre (CFF)
Future Foundations UK
Gender Funders CoLab
Global Alliance on the Future of Food
Global Dialogue
Global Philanthropy Project
Impatience Earth
Knowledge Center for Danish Foundations
Network of European Foundations (NEF)
OECD netFWD
Partners Albania for Change and Development
Partners for a New Economy
Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity
Philanthropy Impact
Philanthropy Ireland
Philea - Philanthropy Europe Association
Polish Donors Forum
Portuguese Foundation Centre
Romanian Federation of Community Foundations
Russian Donors Forum
Serbian Philanthropy Forum
Slovakian Centre for Philanthropy
Spanish Association of Foundations (AEF)
Stiftelsesforeningen, Foundation Association
Swedish Association of Foundations
SwissFoundations
Synergos Global Philanthropists Circle
The Academy for the Development of Philanthropy (ADPP)
The Philanthropy Workshop
Transnational Giving Europe (TGE)
Third Sector Foundation of Turkey (TUSEV)
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