

# Climate philanthropy networks

Shaping and supporting the philanthropy  
ecosystem in the field of climate



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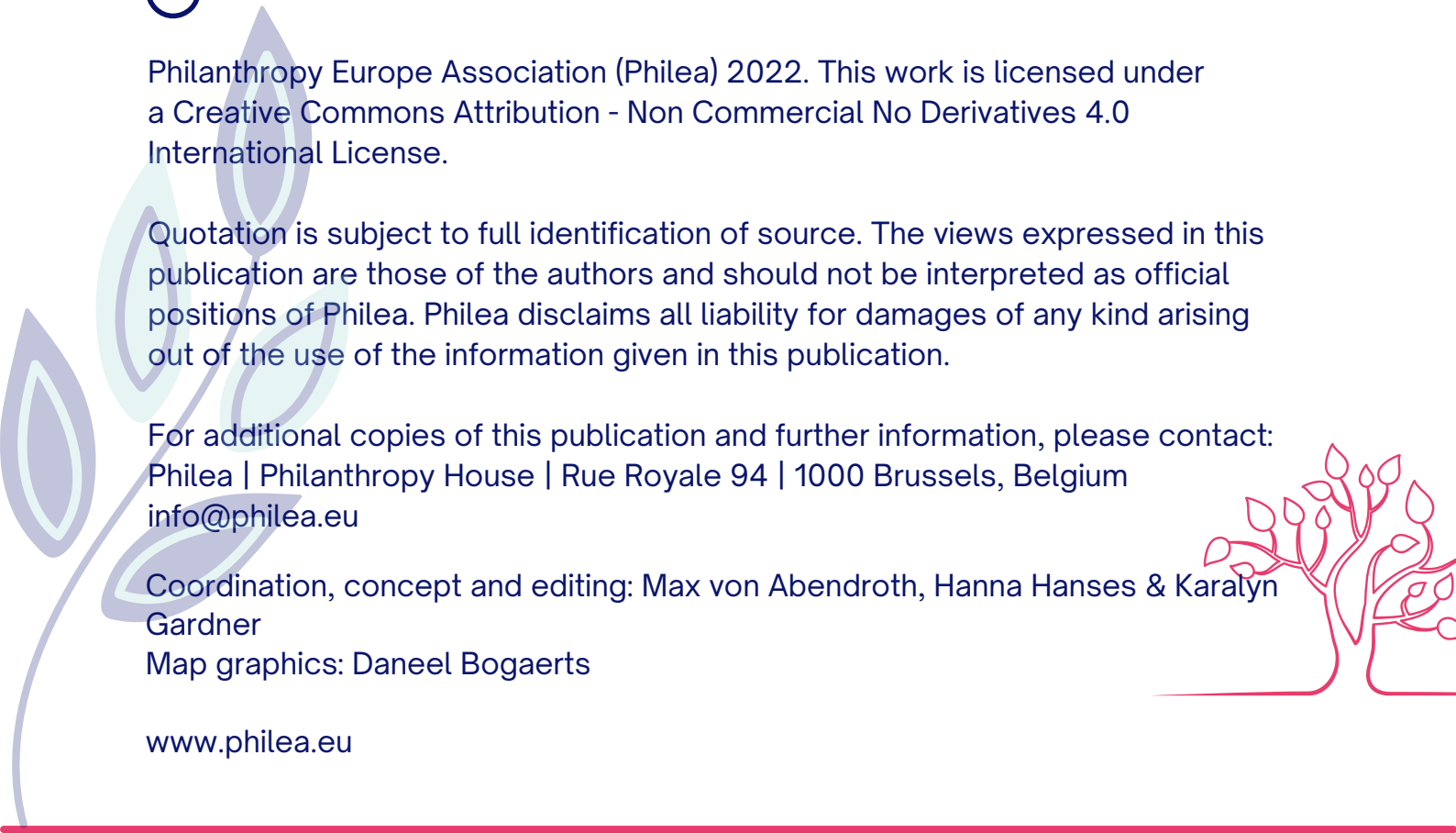
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# INTRODUCTION



Climate change is the crisis of our time. Bending current emissions trajectories is the central task to achieve climate neutrality. This requires enhanced action and cooperation in and across all societal sectors on a global scale. Looking at recent developments in the philanthropy sector reinforces my hope that we can achieve this.

Philanthropy has a huge role to play in the transformation that is aimed at bringing about climate neutrality in a fair and equitable way. This potential, however, is markedly disconnected from the amount of philanthropic giving to climate which adds up to only about 2% globally. But this figure may not capture the full picture as we are witnessing a very positive development in the philanthropic community, over the past two years in particular: An increasing number of foundations and philanthropy infrastructure organisations (PIOs) do recognise that the climate crisis is not the environmental problem it has been treated as over recent decades. Rather, this crisis is a systemic societal challenge that touches upon every aspect of human life and, thus, every philanthropic activity.

This prompted many organisations to reconsider their approaches and theories of change by starting to integrate a climate lens into their work. Funders started to draw more systematically the lines between their objectives and the necessity to consider how climate impacts their fields and their ability to achieve progress. It is becoming increasingly clear to many foundation leaders that “if we fail on climate, we fail on everything”. The recognition that every foundation can – and should – do something on climate goes beyond grantmaking to also include organisations’ operations and, very importantly, their asset management.

This has resulted in multiple commitments from foundations and PIOs, with the addition of the International Philanthropy Commitment on Climate Change hosted by WINGS and the launch of an Italian philanthropy commitment by Assifero in 2021. Together with existing commitments in the UK, France, Spain and Canada, they are brought together under the umbrella of the #PhilanthropyForClimate movement. More than 500 organisations are already



part of this movement, and most of these do not even consider themselves climate funders. This is encouraging – and something people working in the climate field for more than a decade, including myself, have been waiting and advocating for, with growing impatience and concern.

It is crucially important now to support, nurture and grow this development within and beyond the sector. PIOs of all kinds have a responsibility to do so, be they general networks and associations, issue-specific, or advisory. This mapping shows the growing diversity and number of networks that have embraced this mission. It is important for them to coordinate and collaborate – the [European Philanthropy Coalition for Climate](#) (EPCC) is the platform for doing so. The EPCC's added value is to empower PIOs of all kinds to drive climate action in their work, organise peer exchange and thereby constantly improve the infrastructure to make the #PhilanthropyForClimate movement bigger and even more effective.

We need to harness the power of networks because one thing is very clear: We can only win together! We must cooperate; share insights and strategies; and pool our resources to make this movement much more than the sum of the individual actions. Because we should not be mistaken: While all of these positive things happen, greenhouse gas emissions keep rising despite a small dip due to the coronavirus pandemic. We are not on track! And while we know that this transformation is feasible technologically and economically, [there is still no plausible scenario for deep decarbonisation in terms of societal transformation dynamics](#).

With COP26 in Scotland in 2021 we have finally entered the decade of implementation. **So, let's do it. Let's be bold, let's be fast, let's think big!** Thank you all so much for your continued commitment and energy in being part of the solution to this existential emergency.

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# CLIMATE PHILANTHROPY NETWORKS

Philanthropy infrastructure  
organisations shaping  
and supporting the  
ecosystem in the  
field of climate

EUROPEAN PHILANTHROPY  
COALITION FOR CLIMATE - 2022

Partners  
for a New  
Economy

European  
Community  
Foundations  
Initiative  
(ECFI)

EDGE Funders  
Alliance

Environmental  
Funders  
Network (UK)





Assifero (IT)

Centre for French  
Foundations (CFF)

Active  
Philanthropy

Foundation  
Platform F20

## OBJECTIVES

-  Systemic change
-  Capability building
-  Community and capability building
-  Shaping policy







# PROFILES OF CLIMATE PHILANTHROPY NETWORKS

The organisations in this mapping range from those that are solely dedicated to climate issues to more general networks that work in a range of areas. The profiles in this section give a flavour of each organisation, with a focus on activities and goals in the field of climate.

# ACTIVE PHILANTHROPY



Active Philanthropy is committed to a fair and sustainable future for all life on earth. To this end, we support philanthropists and foundations who want to make a lasting difference in protecting the planet for future generations.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advice
- Knowledge hub
- Partnerships
- Grantmaking and/or pooled funding

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- [Climate Philanthropy Guide: Funding the Future – How the climate crisis intersects with your giving](#)
- [Climate Mitigation Tool](#)





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**Active  
Philanthropy**

Type of organisation	Advisory and Knowledge Hub
Objectives/issues covered	Multi-issue work
Activities	Three main pillars: 1) knowledge sharing and learning opportunities, 2) expeditions and events, and 3) donor advisory, grant services and funding opportunities. With our work, we also support the development of the European and international climate philanthropy ecosystem and infrastructure for better and more climate philanthropy.
Target group	Foundations and philanthropists, including co-funders and organisations interested in beginning their commitment towards climate action
Funding model	Grants, donations, as well as earned income through advisory and grant services
Connecting point to other alliances	Philea; WINGS; CLI; EVPA; F20; Ariadne; EDGE; ClimateWorks; European Climate Foundation; Environmental Funders Network; AVPN; Stifterverband; Deutsches Stiftungszentrum
Link to public institutions	WEF
Link to US	Scientific institutions and NCFP
Outreach to local community	Through grant management services
AOB	The opportunities for individuals and foundations to put a climate lens on their existing portfolio are manifold. Our activities help to find the right approach for everyone and get to swift action with an impact

# ARIADNE

Climate Justice Community



European funders for social change and human rights.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Knowledge hub
- Community/ies of practice

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- 2022 Forecast for European Social Change & Human Rights Funders







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Type of organisation	Issue-specific network [online portal community]
Objectives/issues covered	Climate justice
Activities	
Target group	Human rights funders, Ariadne members
Funding model	Combination of core and project grants, membership contributions, and conference fees
Connecting point to other alliances	EDGE; Candid; EFN
Link to public institutions	No: unclear mandate to shape climate policy
Link to US	Some US-based members (who fund in Europe) and partner with some US-based affinity groups
Outreach to local community	No
AOB	Upcoming report on "funding with a climate lens" with Candid; interested in analysis of impact of climate on other areas



Today we do know that to face the systemic challenges in front of us we need collective action. No single hero, no single genius, no single country, no single foundation (even a giant one) can bring about the required change alone. If we want to enlarge the resources available to face climate change, if we want to accelerate learning processes and avoid losing precious time in reinventing the wheel, if we want to scale collective impact, if we want to enable influence on public policies, we need to recognise the unique role of philanthropy networks, and intentionally and strategically invest in them. This funders commitment is a pledge open to public scrutiny and represents just a starting point to call to action a movement of private foundations and funders committed to embed a climate lens in the various aspects of their organisations. And as Assifero, in collaboration with the other networks and the European Philanthropy Coalition for Climate, we are committed to support all foundations that are embarking on this journey, providing a safe space for exchange and sharing experience and ideas, and facilitating collaborations and collective learning processes."

## ACTIVITIES:

- Knowledge hub
- Philanthropy commitment on climate change

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- [Making sense of profit: Survey on the awareness of foundations and philanthropic bodies on the climate crisis](#)





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Type of organisation	General network
Objectives/issues covered	To strengthen and promote an effective, visible, connected and informed philanthropic system. Main issues & topics covered: funding and reporting practice; climate philanthropy; embracing the Agenda 2030 and the role of foundations; governance and organisational development; gender lens; work in affinity groups (community foundations, family foundations, corporate foundations)
Activities	La dichiarazione d'impegno di fondazioni ed enti filantropici sul cambiamento climatico (Declaration of commitment of foundations and other philanthropic bodies on climate change)
Target group	Foundations and philanthropic organisations
Funding model	In general, for the whole network: Fee-based membership model (approx. 75% of the total income) and project-related funding (25%)
Connecting point to other alliances	European Philanthropy Coalition for Climate, F20, ASviS, Philanthropy for Climate
Link to public institutions	Part of Cabina di Regia del Terzo Settore (set within the Italian Government), of Consiglio Nazionale del Terzo Settore (Set within Ministry of Labor and Social Policy) and Consiglio Nazionale per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo (CNCS)
Link to US	No
Outreach to local community	No
AOB	

# ASSOCIATION OF CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS (ACF)



The Funder Commitment was developed by Nick Perks on behalf of a small group of foundations in 2019 and was launched at the ACF conference. It contains six commitments that charitable foundations and other funders will take on climate change. Signatories commit to educate and learn about climate change; to commit resources to addressing the causes and impacts of climate change; to integrate climate change into existing programmes, priorities and processes; to consider climate change in investment strategies; to decarbonise operations; and to report on progress. It is now hosted by the Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF), with regular learning events to support foundations to act on climate, and peer exchange meetings for signatories to the Commitment. ACF organises annual reporting on progress for foundations who are signed on to the Commitment, and regularly meets with an advisory group to further develop the Commitment.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Community/ies of practice
- Philanthropy commitment on climate change

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- Funder Commitment on Climate Change: Year 1 Report (April 2021)





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Type of organisation	General network
Objectives/issues covered	Multi-issue work
Activities	Funder Commitment on Climate Change: development, implementation and ongoing learning processes
Target group	All foundations in the UK are eligible to sign up to the Funder Commitment on Climate Change
Funding model	ACF start-up and first year of hosting is funded by Esmée Fairbairn Foundation. We originally planned to fund future work from core but with a more ambitious plan, we are now looking for external funding.
Connecting point to other alliances	EFN; Fit for the Future Network; Beacon Collaborative; ACEVO; NCVO
Link to public institutions	National Lottery Community Fund; Charity Commission
Link to US	No
Outreach to local community	Some signatories are community foundations
AOB	Addressing questions such as what makes initiatives emerge and how to maintain momentum, what motivates foundations to be involved?

# ASSOCIATION OF SPANISH FOUNDATIONS (AEF)

Asociación Española de Fundaciones



More than 150 foundations in Spain have already committed to climate action by signing the Climate Emergency and Social Justice Pact. They are working together to develop a set of tools to implement the Pact.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advocacy
- Advice
- Philanthropy commitment on climate change





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Type of organisation	General network
Objectives/issues covered	Multi-issue work
Activities	Funder Commitment on Climate Change (official name Fundaciones por el clima): development, implementation and ongoing learning processes
Target group	Spanish foundations that are members and non-members of AEF
Funding model	3 categories of financial contribution by supporting foundations: -Partner foundations: Daniel and Nina Carasso and Sabadell Banc Foundation -Allies foundations: Prince Albert II Monaco and Anesvad Collaborating foundations: Prosegur, Aon, Cepsa, ONCE
Connecting point to other alliances	Philea and its membership, WINGS (Iberoamerica network)
Link to public institutions	Contact with the Spanish Climate Change Office and Ecological Transition Ministry
Link to US	No
Outreach to local community	Via foundation signatories
AOB	

# AUSTRIAN FOUNDATIONS ASSOCIATION

Verband für gemeinnütziges Stiften



Philanthropy has the capacity to set good examples of how to collaborate in order to save our planet, our future. As a philanthropy support organisation, we want to offer learning opportunities and raise awareness of the urgency and importance of environmental protection and climate action. Doing so we work together with other initiatives, such as the Circular Economy Forum, the Austrian Climate Protection Ministry and sustainably active businesses."

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advocacy
- Advice
- Knowledge hub
- Community/ies of practice
- Communications
- Philanthropy commitment on climate change

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- Foundations & the Environment: Biodiversity
- Foundations & the Environment: Circular Economy
- Achtung, Stiftung!







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Verband für  
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Stiften

Type of organisation	General
Objectives/issues covered	Supporting the Austrian philanthropy sector and the association's members in its/their development
Activities	Advocacy, awareness-raising, events, publications, studies, weaving networks
Target group	Austrian foundations and funders; Austrian stakeholders from the public and private sector; media
Funding model	Membership fees and project-based funding
Connecting point to other alliances	WINGS, Bündnis für Gemeinnützigkeit
Link to public institutions	Austrian ministry for climate, environment, energy, mobility, innovation and technology; Austrian agency for environment; Innovation Foundation for Education
Link to US	Mott Foundation, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors
Outreach to local community	Local stakeholders such as initiative groups working towards our goal of rolling out the concept of Community Foundations in Austria
AOB	

# BEACON COLLABORATIVE



The Individual Philanthropy Commitment on Climate Change is a framework for action that will help dedicated private donors and philanthropists stand shoulder-to-shoulder with professional grantmakers to support a positive transition to a net-zero world.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advocacy
- Knowledge hub
- Community/ies of practice
- Communications
- Philanthropy commitment on climate change

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- Individual Philanthropy Commitment on Climate Change





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The Beacon Collaborative

Type of organisation	Issue-specific network
Objectives/issues covered	Gain commitment from non-environmental philanthropists to take climate action
Activities	Campaign to attract individual philanthropists as signatories to the Individual Philanthropy Commitment on Climate Change, easy-access educational resources to support them, tracking survey to monitor progress in second year
Target group	Non-environmental philanthropists (individual donors giving >£1,000 annually)
Funding model	Partnership between Beacon Collaborative and EFN
Connecting point to other alliances	Beacon Collaborative's Organisational Council includes EFN, ACF, CAF, UKCF, CIOF, Philanthropy Impact, The Philanthropy Workshop, New Philanthropy Capital, Pro Bono Economics as well as UK government representatives and wealth advisers. The Donors for Climate has been shared across these networks to encourage signatories.
Link to public institutions	No
Link to US	No
Outreach to local community	No
AOB	

# CLEAN AIR FUND



We're working towards a world where everyone can breathe clean air. We support the World Health Organisation (WHO) target to reduce deaths from air pollution by two-thirds by 2030. Alongside this, our goal is to develop and deliver on concrete targets shared by the people and organisations working to tackle air pollution."

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advocacy
- Partnerships
- Community/ies of practice
- Communications
- Grantmaking and/or pooled funds

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- [State of Global Air Quality Funding. 2021](#)
- [Joined up action on Air Pollution](#)
- [Air Pollution in India & its Impact on Business](#)







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AIR  
FUND**

Type of organisation	Issue-specific network
Objectives/issues covered	Environment/climate: Air pollution, air quality; early childhood development, health
Activities	Grantmaking and some direct project delivery
Target group	Those most affected by air pollution in target geographies, particularly children, the elderly and low-income communities
Funding model	Reganter
Connecting point to other alliances	Philea (joining in 2022), Environmental Funders Network, Active Philanthropy
Link to public institutions	UK government (Defra), local authorities, cities and mayors in UK; governments and decision-makers in targeted geographies
Link to US	We have a project beginning in 2022 in Providence, Rhode Island, and have contact with several US-based donors. We are not, however, formally linked to any US funding networks, though would consider joining if of strategic value to us and the air quality community more widely
Outreach to local community	One of our overall strategic objectives is to further develop the clean air field, which includes working with grass-roots campaigners, community groups and locally-led organisations. We fund these groups directly, support them with locally gathered data to support their campaigning, support microgranting initiatives using our initial funding, and aim to fund diversely to ensure equitable outcomes.

# CLIMATE LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE



CLI helps philanthropists match their passions and interests to impact - with the rigour and urgency this challenge requires.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advice
- Knowledge hub
- Partnerships





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Type of organisation	Advisory
Objectives/issues covered	CLI offers both advice for new climate donors and strategic support for experienced donors to enlist their peers
Activities	When working with CLI, philanthropists will get started quickly, receive tailored guidance on high-impact solutions and engage with CLI's network of peers and world-class climate experts. They can receive direct advising, connection to climate solutions, NGOs, peers and experts in a faster way than learning on their own
Target group	Philanthropists, foundations and family offices interested in learning about significant giving at scale to climate as part of a portfolio
Funding model	Because CLI's staff, overhead and operations are fully funded, CLI does not fundraise for itself, charge for its services nor does it issue grants. This model gives CLI the freedom to advise donors on an array of critical issues and connect them directly to a global network of effective, trusted partners leading the way in solving climate change
Connecting point to other alliances	CLI is connected to all major alliances for climate
Link to public institutions	No
Link to US	Yes
Outreach to local community	Advise foundations to support grassroots organisations
AOB	Cross-coordination between philanthropy networks; importance of consistent messaging of possible action (e.g. align funding and endowment investing)

# CLIMATEWORKS FOUNDATION



ClimateWorks is a global platform for philanthropy to innovate and accelerate climate solutions that scale.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advocacy
- Advice
- Knowledge hub
- Partnerships
- Grantmaking and/or pooled funds
- Philanthropy commitment on climate change

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- [Funding trends 2021: Climate change mitigation philanthropy](#)
- [Achieving global climate goals by 2050: Actionable opportunities for this decade](#)
- [Achieving a just and sustainable economic recovery](#)





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Type of organisation	Issue-specific network
Objectives/issues covered	Our mission is to end the climate crisis by amplifying the power of philanthropy
Activities	We operate 10 Global Programs and 3 Global Services: Global Intelligence, Global Collaborations, and Global Grantmaking
Target group	Leading climate mitigation funders around the world.
Funding model	We are a U.S.-based, 501(c)(3) public charity (not a private foundation) and are supported by several dozen funding partners. Our annual budget varies, but is in the \$100M range
Connecting point to other alliances	The Climate and Land Use Alliance, Drive Electric Campaign, Clean Cooling Collaborative, and several other collaborative programmatic initiatives are hosted at ClimateWorks as well as more than a dozen funder collaboration groups. ClimateWorks also collaborates with some regional grantmakers.
Link to public institutions	Several of our programmes and services work closely with public institutions globally
Link to US	We have numerous funders, grantees, and partners in the US
Outreach to local community	Mostly no. Our focus is on large funders.
AOB	

# EDGE FUNDERS ALLIANCE



Building community and changing philanthropy for systemic alternatives.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Knowledge hub
- Community/ies of practice





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**EDGE | FUNDERS ALLIANCE**  
**ENGAGED DONORS FOR GLOBAL EQUITY**

Type of organisation	Issue-specific network
Objectives/issues covered	Systemic change
Activities	Systemic change: climate change as cross-cutting issue; not only environment but also human rights, migration, capitalism, patriarchy, climate justice; member initiatives like GAGGA but no structured process in place
Target group	System change funders, EDGE members
Funding model	Core and project grants
Connecting point to other alliances	Ariadne, F20, Philea, DivestInvest, Prospera, WINGS, IFIP, HRFN
Link to public institutions	No
Link to US	No
Outreach to local community	Members support the Fridays for Future through coordinated funding
AOB	Barcelona Declaration; climate as horizontal topic



# ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDERS NETWORK



EFN aims to improve the effectiveness of environmental philanthropy and to increase the amounts of funding going to environmental causes.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advice
- Knowledge hub
- Partnerships
- Community/ies of practice
- Grantmaking and/or pooled funds

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- [greenfunders.org/resources/](https://greenfunders.org/resources/) including Where the Green Grants Went 8; Environmental Philanthropy: Stories to Inspire; and Acting on the Climate Crisis – Why, How and the Role of Philanthropy: A resource pack for funders





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Environmental  
Funders Network

Type of organisation	Issue-specific network
Objectives/issues covered	Help established philanthropy to be more effective & increase amounts of money available for environmental causes
Activities	Networking; research; cultivate donors for environmental causes; programming for NGOs, focused on fundraising and communications
Target group	Largely UK-based funders and potential funders
Funding model	2/3 grants and 1/3 membership contributions on a sliding scale; no need to pay membership contributions to participate in the EFN
Connecting point to other alliances	Other environmental grantmaking networks e.g. in Australia, Canada, US, Europe, China; Ariadne; CLI; Ten Years' Time; Synergos
Link to public institutions	No
Link to US	Within the sub-group "Climate Funders Network", more US funders are involved
Outreach to local community	No
AOB	Would like a "what's in the pipeline" database among networks

# EUROPEAN CLIMATE FOUNDATION



The European Climate Foundation is dedicated to responding to the global climate crisis by creating a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions society. We harness the power of effective philanthropy to support the climate community in shaping public debate and forging bold solutions.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advocacy
- Advice
- Knowledge hub
- Partnerships
- Community/ies of practice
- Communications
- Grantmaking and/or pooled funds

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- 10 Lessons for climate philanthropy
- The Green Deal is the new social contract





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Climate  
Foundation

Type of organisation	Issue-specific network
Objectives/issues covered	Systemic change
Activities	Pooled funds; co-creation of strategies; societal and political change to ensure a fair and socially just climate transition to a net-zero economy and society; translation in policies through communication, advocacy, network building, reports, public campaigning, etc.
Target group	Bring non-climate actors into climate philanthropy
Funding model	Mix between regrantor and actor
Connecting point to other alliances	Hosting and incubating thematic funder platforms (Tara, Forum for New Economy); cooperation with other regional strategic regranters (eg. Energy Foundation, ClimateWorks etc)
Link to public institutions	Involved around Paris Agreement; European Green Deal; sometimes direct engagement with the European Commission by the CEO, and with political contacts mostly held by the grantees
Link to US	Mix of US and European funders
Outreach to local community	No
AOB	Potential gap is a discussion about foundations' own practices, mainstreaming climate and aligning investments with values.

# EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INITIATIVE (ECFI)



Community Foundations can be vital ‘change agents’ in translating multilaterally agreed policy frameworks into effective measures at the local level as they offer specific insights on the operating environment including local networks, infrastructure and organisational skills. Integrating a climate lens and SDGs in the daily work and in all the aspects of the life of community foundations is possible, and the ECFI whole-of-organisation approach is an extremely useful tool in the toolbox.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advocacy
- Advice
- Knowledge hub
- Partnerships
- Community/ies of practice
- Communications
- Philanthropy Commitment on Climate Change

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- [Acting on climate change](#)
- [From SDG talk to action](#)
- [Community foundations embracing the SDGs](#)





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**Europe**



Type of organisation	Issue-specific network
Objectives/issues covered	Strengthening and promoting the community foundation movement in Europe
Activities	Facilitating peer-learning and exchanges; field research; communications within and about the community foundation field
Target group	Community foundations, support organisations, foundations, policymakers and informers
Funding model	Grant aided
Connecting point to other alliances	PEX; Philea; WINGS; CANDID; F20; ERNOP; national level support organisations in 23 countries in Europe and elsewhere e.g. Canada and Latin America
Link to public institutions	University of Kent; St Andrew's University; Engagement Global (Germany); Centre on Philanthropy and Civil Society, City University of New York
Link to US	CANDID; Council on Foundations; Centre on Philanthropy and Civil Society, City University of New York; and US national conference on community foundations via Kansas Association of community foundations
Outreach to local community	No
AOB	Focusing on encouraging community foundations and relevant support infrastructure to adopt and meet national and / or international philanthropy commitments on climate change

# FOUNDATIONS PLATFORM F20



The F20 platform consists of more than 70 foundations and philanthropic organisations from different parts of the world calling for full alignment of G20 politics with the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement. F20 welcomes all foundations that seek to be part of the solution and to build bridges between civil society, the business and financial sectors, think tanks and politics – within the G20 countries, between them and beyond.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advocacy
- Knowledge hub
- Partnerships
- Community/ies of practice
- Communications

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- Joint Climate Statement of the G20 Engagement Groups to the Italian G20 Presidency 2021
- F20 Policy Briefing #3 “Funding. Climate Action and COVID-19 Recovery by New Special Drawing Rights - A Game Changer?”







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**Global**

Type of organisation	Issue-specific platform of foundations
Objectives/issues covered	Sustainable finance; nexus between biodiversity and climate; looking at the role of foundations in supporting the G20 process
Activities	Connect COP and G20 processes towards 2020 SDG Agenda & Paris Agreement
Target group	Strategic partner of foundations in G20 countries interested in alignment of G20 politics with the SDGs and the Paris Agreement
Funding model	Foundation contributions
Connecting point to other alliances	Global Alliance for the Future of Food (nexus areas), CLI (India), WINGS, AVPN
Link to public institutions	Key to their work (G20, COP)
Link to US	Global network, the focus is on a strong collaboration between the German G7 Presidency and the Indonesian G20 Presidency in 2022
Outreach to local community	No, but strong connection to Germany as F20 was founded in Germany in 2017.
AOB	Interest in asset management and investment side of the #PhilanthropyForClimate Commitments

# FRENCH FOUNDATION CENTRE (CFF)

Coalition française des fondations pour le Climat



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Fighting climate change is the major challenge of our time. CFF would like to gather the funds and foundations of the French philanthropic ecosystem around the climate issue. That's why the CffC was born with the support of a foundations. The CffC is committed to mobilising all funds and foundations around this priority issue.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Knowledge hub
- Community/ies of practice
- Philanthropy commitment on climate change

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- [Resources webpage](#)
- [French foundations climate commitment: year 1 report](#)
- ["Climate wake up" videos](#)





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France



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des fondations pour le Climat

Type of organisation	General network
Objectives/issues covered	National implementation Climate Commitment within foundations and endowment funds
Activities	Conferences, shared experiences and resources, workshops and working groups
Target group	French network of foundations and endowment funds
Funding model	The project is funded by foundations which developed the climate commitment at national level and are members of CFF.
Connecting point to other alliances	ACF, AEF, Philea, WINGS, ESS France
Link to public institutions	Not yet
Link to US	No
Outreach to local community	No
AOB	The Climate Commitment is a common project to embed environmental criteria into all types of foundations, and their activities. Connections between networks makes us gain time and see what works and doesn't work as well as allows for resource-sharing.

# GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF FOOD



The Global Alliance for the Future of Food is a strategic alliance of philanthropic foundations working together and with others to transform global food systems now and for future generations.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advocacy
- Advice
- Knowledge hub
- Partnerships
- Communications

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- [The Politics of Knowledge: Understanding the Evidence for Agroecology, Regenerative Approaches, and Indigenous Foodways](#)
- [Untapped opportunities for climate action: An assessment of food systems in Nationally Determined Contributions](#)
- [Reflections on the Salzburg Process on the Climate Emergency and the Future of Food: Transformation for a 1.5C World](#)





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Global

GLOBAL  
ALLIANCE  
FOR THE  
FUTURE  
OF FOOD

Type of organisation	Issue-specific platform of foundations
Objectives/issues covered	Agriculture and food
Activities	<u>7 Calls to Action</u> & 3 Cross-Cutting Activities: research (synthesis and elevating existing research, supporting accelerators and building communities of researchers); convening (power dynamics and neutral space for convenings to represent the underrepresented, at global fora); feeding global insights into local action
Target group	Diverse agents of change committed to food systems reform. Started with internal learning, are now exploring the best and highest role to advocate for food systems transformation
Funding model	Members contribute core fees depending on endowment, and members can pool or align funding for a project
Connecting point to other alliances	The Agroecology Fund; Philea networks; F20; CLI; UN bodies; Food Land Use Coalition; EAT forum; Just Rural Transition
Link to public institutions	No
Link to US	Member foundations from around the world, including many members based in the US
Outreach to local community	No
AOB	No

# IMPATIENCE EARTH



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We have 10 years to combat the worst effects of the climate crisis. As part of a diverse and growing global climate justice movement, we strongly believe that donors will play a fundamental role in supporting urgent and effective action. Tackling the emergency right now is not only vital for the future of our civilisation, it is also entirely possible and will lead us to a healthier, more peaceful and equitable world. Whether a donor is interested in transforming food or energy systems, developing technologies or supporting civil movements, creating green jobs or improving air quality, working on land or on sea, we know there are incredible opportunities for them to fund alongside fellow new climate donors. Our team of climate and philanthropy experts are there to provide pro bono advice to donors on their journey to building their confidence in climate giving and maximising their philanthropic impact."

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advice
- Knowledge hub
- Partnerships





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Type of organisation	Advisory
Objectives/issues covered	Helping donors to respond to the urgency of climate change through strategic support and advice
Activities	We support donors to build their confidence in making a climate pledge by: 1. Helping donors explore their values and existing interests to see how they connect to different climate approaches; 2. Explaining the approaches to climate action without the jargon; 3. Bringing donors into contact with experts to build understanding of the solutions they are most interested in; 4. Introducing donors to organisations in our network and finding funding opportunities that we trust have incredible impact
Target group	High-net worth individuals, family offices and foundations looking to pledge £100k+ a year to climate for the first time or scale up their ambition
Funding model	Impatience Earth is a non-profit organisation fully-funded by a major climate donor enabling us to provide pro-bono advice
Connecting point to other alliances	Impatience Earth holds strategic partnerships with other philanthropy advisory groups and networks such as CLI, Active Philanthropy and EFN
Link to public institutions	No
Link to US	No
Outreach to local community	We encourage donors to fund opportunities at community level or in the global South, either directly or via expert re-granting bodies, where small donations make a huge difference.
AOB	No



# PARTNERS FOR A NEW ECONOMY



Partners for a New Economy is an international donor collaborative: Our vision is our economy redesigned for nature and all people to flourish.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advocacy
- Advice
- Knowledge hub
- Partnerships
- Communications





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Global



**PARTNERS FOR  
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Type of organisation	Regranter
Objectives/issues covered	Guiding principles for funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-IDEAS: Emergent, transformative, pluralist thinking and ideas</li><li>-PEOPLE: Dynamic, reflective and collaborative people</li><li>-POWER: Strengthening connections between people and organisations to build momentum and power for change</li><li>-NATURE: Deep understanding of planetary boundaries</li></ul>
Activities	Grantmaking and/or pooled funds
Target group	Ranges from new to established organisations, from campaign groups to collaborations of different groups
Funding model	Four family foundations (Oak, KR, Mava, Marisla) initiated, and two foundations joined (Laudes and Ford Foundation)
Connecting point to other alliances	Member of EDGE; Economic Paradigm Funders, Biodiversity Funders Group; co-funding (eg. Friends Provident, OSF)
Link to public institutions	Organisations we fund are influencing public institutions and legislators / OECD is a grantee
Link to US	Strong links to the US
Outreach to local community	Not a place-based organisation, but includes regranting to organisations that work closely with individuals
AOB	Mapping visual is really helpful to understand the sector

# PHILEA



Philea aims to surface synergies on the topic of climate across all of its areas of work. Philanthropy has a key role to play in finding and supporting solutions – and there are solutions – to this threat. The climate emergency touches on virtually every area that philanthropy works in, with health, migration, poverty, and sustainability as just a few examples. By viewing Philea's work through a climate lens, we hope to empower philanthropy to make a real difference in this crisis."

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advocacy
- Knowledge hub
- Partnerships
- Community/ies of practice
- Communications
- Philanthropy Commitment on Climate Change

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- [Environmental Funding by European Funders Volume 5](#)
- [Foundation Funding for Climate Change Mitigation](#)
- [European Philanthropy Coalition for Climate](#)





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Europe



Type of organisation	General network
Objectives/issues covered	Philea nurtures a diverse ecosystem of foundations, philanthropic organisations and networks in over 30 countries. We unite over 10,000 public-benefit foundations that seek to improve life for people and communities in Europe and around the world. With climate as one of its cross-cutting themes, Philea aims to surface synergies on the topic of climate across all of its areas of work
Activities	Among its many thematic networks, Philea hosts: European Philanthropy Coalition for Climate European Environmental Funders Network European Funders for Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems
Target group	All kinds of European institutional philanthropy including climate & environmental funders, non-climate & environmental funders and philanthropy infrastructure organisations across Europe
Funding model	Membership fees and project funding
Connecting point to other alliances	Philea's membership includes 26 national associations of foundations and donors across Europe. Among other partnerships and collaborations, Philea hosts PEX, which brings together more than 70 European philanthropy infrastructure organisations including ECFI, Ariadne, EDGE Funders, F20 and EFN. Philea is a member of WINGS
Link to US	Philea has a number of members and associated partners based in the US or with US offices
Link to public institutions	European Institutions, OECD
Outreach to local community	No
AOB	Philea was launched in 2021 as the convergence of Dafne, the Donors and Foundations Network in Europe and the EFC, the European Foundation Centre

# WINGS



WINGS is a community of thought leaders and changemakers who are committed to ensuring philanthropy reaches its fullest potential as a catalyst for social progress. Our network accounts for 93 members in 58 countries. In 2021, WINGS - guided by the newly established WINGS Climate Task Force - launched the International Philanthropy Commitment on Climate Change which forms part of the global #PhilanthropyForClimate movement. This is a global call to all foundations, regardless of their mission, status, or geographic location, to come together and signal their commitment to climate action. More than 500 foundations have already signed to act on climate change. WINGS is committed to a world in which philanthropic action in all its varied forms achieves its highest potential as a catalyst for the transformative social change necessary to build a more just, equitable, and sustainable world.”

## ACTIVITIES:

- Advocacy
- Advice
- Knowledge hub
- Partnerships
- Communications

## KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- Acting Together to Lift up Philanthropy: WINGS Guidance on How to Build a Supportive Ecosystem
- How to Build the Philanthropy Support Ecosystem (PSE) Working it out Together: Engaging Philanthropy Actors in Mapping and Strengthening their own Ecosystem
- Philanthropy Networks: Creating Value, Voice and Collective Impact





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**Global**



Type of organisation	General network
Objectives/issues covered	Multi-issue work
Activities	We work in three impact areas which, together, offer the greatest potential for creating lasting systemic impact: Collective intelligence Strengthening ecosystems Advocacy and policy
Target group	Philanthropy support organisations and funders of Philanthropy support ecosystem
Funding model	Membership fees, core and project funding
Connecting point to other alliances	WINGS is a global network. We have connections with our 193+ members in 58 countries
Link to public institutions	European Union, countries in GPEDC
Link to US	Through our members (CoF, UPF, etc.) and partners (UNDP, Candid)
Outreach to local community	No
AOB	Building the <a href="#">#PhilanthropyForClimate</a> Movement



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