

The logo features the word "PEX" in a bold, pink, sans-serif font, followed by "community." in a black, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a white circle. This white circle is part of a larger graphic consisting of several overlapping circles in shades of pink, grey, and dark blue. Two thin, intersecting red lines are also visible within the white circle.

PEXcommunity.

WELCOME PACK 2022

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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 fulfil 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 PEX: what PEX stands for, PEXmembers and partners, PEXprojects and people behind them, PEXmoments which bring the whole community together, social media accounts and publications, opportunities to engage with and become 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 Bensus De Meulemeester at biray.demeulemeester@philea.eu.

We hope you find this resource helpful and share it with your colleagues who you think might be interested in becoming part of our vibrant community!

PEX Secretariat

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ABOUT PEX

PEX is where the European philanthropy infrastructure meets!

PEX stands for collaboration, diversity, creativity and exchange in the European philanthropic sector. It unites more than 70 philanthropy networks, among them thematic, regional, national, European and global organisations.

PEX 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. PEX is co-created by PEXcommunity — a group of dedicated people, who wish to co-shape a 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 additional opportunities for finding synergies and building bridges across the range of PEX activities.

Visit [this page](#) 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.

The first **PEXforum 2020** was co-hosted with the Association of Spanish Foundations (AEF) and 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. Discover more about the PEXforum 2020 through our [video report](#), or through our [PEXmagazine](#), which captures the vibe of the event and conveys beautiful visuals, vivid quotes, links to blogposts from the participants and short case-studies that were presented at the PEXforum 2020.

PEXforum 2021 was co-hosted with Ariadne and was held on 27-28 January 2021 under the theme: "From Crisis to Renewal: Living up to our Vision of a Just and Sustainable Europe". Though originally planned to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, PEXforum 2021 was moved to the digital space to help the 160 participants feel more hopeful, grateful, inspired and encouraged in the times of uncertainty. European identity, social justice, the power of storytelling and imagination were the common thread of the discussions. 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 storybook.

PEXforum 2022 will take place on **24-26 August** in **Istanbul, Turkey**. More information can be found on the next page.





Driving (eco)systems change

Exploring the transformative power of collaboration in philanthropy

PEXforum 2022 will take place on **24-26 August** at **Kadir Has University in Istanbul**, co-hosted by **TÜSEV & Philea** and facilitated by **SenseTribe**.

This year, philanthropy infrastructure professionals are meeting in Istanbul! PEXforum 2022 will welcome **100+ participants** from Europe and beyond, representing over 70 regional, national, European and global philanthropy networks. We are going to (re)connect with peers, reflect on common challenges that the philanthropy ecosystem is facing as a whole, and take a step further into more effective and impactful collaboration.

Our timely and interactive programme is built around the topics of trust, systems change and ecosystem collaboration. The keynote speeches will provoke us for collective sensemaking, while philanthropy networks will inspire us by pitching their case studies. With the professional facilitation provided by SenseTribe, we will unleash our collective intelligence and leverage the potential of the network.

Programme:

24 August | Day 0 - Networking cocktail & dinner

- **Networking cocktail & Turkish dinner**

25 August | Day 1 - Connecting & Exploring

- **Community building** | (Re)connecting with the PEXcommunity
- **Nutshell talks** | Engaging insights into case studies of the community
- **Collective storytelling harvest** | Exploring the experiences and stories of philanthropy from specific lenses
- **Collective presence exercise** | Connecting at a deeper level with the group
- **Exploring the role of philanthropy and the trust debate**
- **Networking dinner** | Enjoying typical Turkish cuisine with a spectacular view

26 August | Day 2 - Imagining

- **Driving (eco)systems change and exploring collaboration**
- **Open space for collaboration**
- **Site visits** | Exploring Turkish philanthropy & civil society

More detailed programme can be found [here](#).



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Interested in joining us in Istanbul?



Register now & bring you team and board members

Take advantage of our **early bird rate before 17 July** and a special discount for delegations of 3 and more people from the same organisation! The more the merrier — we value different perspectives. Registrations are [here](#).



Submit a nutshell talk

PEXforum is a place to share your initiatives, explore what others have to offer and invite your peers to collaborate. You've got a **case study to showcase at PEXforum**? Get in touch with us: biray.demeulemeester@philea.eu.



Spread the word

PEXforum is shaped by the community that is driven by the shared purpose and connection. Help us spread the word to ensure different voices are invited and we can collectively shape an inclusive and sustainable philanthropy ecosystem. **Share the message by mentioning #PEXforum22** and invite those who you think might be interested!

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.

"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.

Besides these moments, **PEX organisations are always welcome to host their PEXmoments** at any of their events (i.e. annual conferences) and invite the PEXcommunity or any specific group within the PEXcommunity (i.e. PEXprojects) to the relevant parts of the programme.

In May 2022, Philea hosted a **"PEXlunch"** gathering at the annual Philea Forum in Barcelona, bringing together the PEX Gender Equity and Justice, PEX Racial Equity and PEX Comms Community groups in an informal setting.



PEX PLATFORMS

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

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

Join your peers on the PEXcommunity homepage:

share what inspires you – pick up what inspires your peers – test new project ideas – get collaboration going.

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.



www.pex-community.mn.co

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PEXPROJECTS

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 **PEXprojects** 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](#).

European 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.



PEXPROJECTS

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.

[Funding Practices](#)



[Climate & Philanthropy](#)



[Gender Equity and Justice](#)



[Racial Equity & Philanthropy](#)



[Next Philanthropy](#)



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Enabling Environment for Philanthropy

PEX CO-CREATION COUNCIL

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

The purpose of the Council is to facilitate collective vision and action, to challenge, support and enable PEX. The Council is in charge of co-shaping the programme of the annual PEXcommunity gathering – PEXforum.

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

- Annie Hillar (PAWHR)
- Debora Guidetti (Ariadne)
- Florence Miller (Environmental Funders Network)
- Joanna Pienkowska (ACF)
- Justyna Duriasz-Buřhak (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)

HOW TO GET ENGAGED



Share this welcome pack with your team.



Participate in PEXforum 2022 in Istanbul! Click [here](#)



Read #1 issue of [PEXmagazine](#).



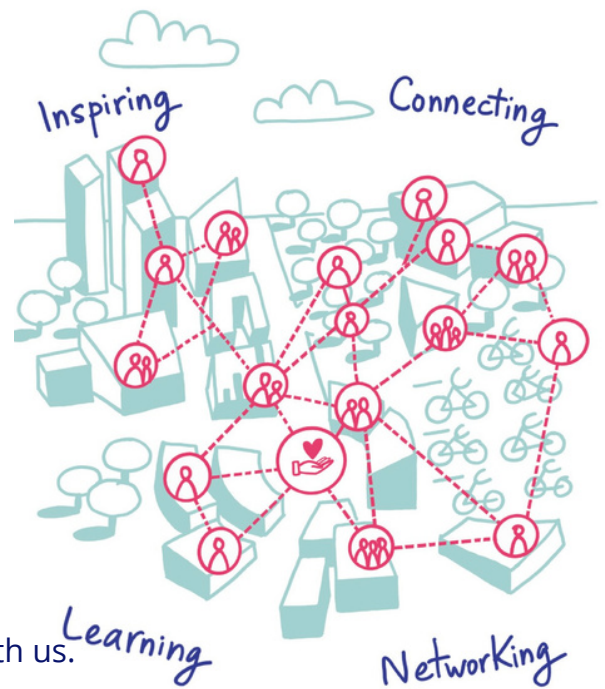
Join our PEXprojects' working groups.



Write an article or share your news with us.



Even more interested? Get in touch with us!
Write to biray.demeulemeester@philea.eu



PEXORGANISATIONS

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

PEXORGANISATIONS

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)
United Kingdom Community Foundations (UKCF)
Ukrainian Philanthropists Forum
WINGS
World Economic Forum

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