23 May – 25 May 2023

Call for session proposals

Philea Forum 2023 | Šibenik

About the Philea Forum theme:   
“A New Compass for Europe: Forged in Crisis, Forward in Hope”

If you don’t know in which direction you are sailing, then no wind is favourable. Faced with myriad maelstroms from climate change to social inequity, what kind of Europe do we want, and need? What direction should it be heading, and how can philanthropy play a role in steering it with a value- and principles-based approach?

Europe may have an inherently geographic character, but increasingly it is defined by its ideals, values and principles. We often refer to “European values” or the “European way of life”, but do we give sufficient thought to how we define and live up to these values, or how we protect them when they are under threat?

This second Philea Forum will transport more than 700 delegates to the heart of the Euro-Mediterranean region to discuss what such values mean to us, and how philanthropy can use them as compasses to navigate today’s challenges around climate, democracy and equality. The critical role of education and the countdown to the SDGs will also be highlighted. The Forum will provide a diverse and inclusive space for extending the dialogue on how to shape a forward-looking Europe, from international, regional and local perspectives.

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The Philea Forum 2023 will take place in Šibenik, a historic Mediterranean port on Croatia’s Adriatic coast. Ports like Šibenik are more than just cities on the sea ‒ they are historic intersections of people, ideas, cultures and practices. As such, Šibenik will offer a creative haven for philanthropy professionals to plot a new course ‒ given the treacherous seas we are navigating – towards the kind of Europe we want and need.

## Programme – Reflections for framing

Amid the compounding crises of the Covid-19 pandemic; climate change; inequality fuelled by an energy and cost of living crisis; mounting tensions between civilisations and worldviews; the world today is at an inflection point. If, in the words of Jean Monnet, “Europe will be forged in crises and will be the sum of the solutions adopted for those crises", what kind of Europe are we heading towards?

Ten years after the accession of Croatia to the EU, the philanthropic community will come together to assess how it can contribute to creating the Europe we need, for the world we want – and this against the backdrop of the most important war on the continent in generations; ahead of the second “SDG Summit”, marking the mid-point in the implementation of the 2030; and one year before the EU elections.

While cross-cutting themes of key interest to the philanthropic community will inform conversations, the programme will be structured around four functional tracks of crucial importance for philanthropy today and tomorrow. This functional approach will allow for a critical analysis of how philanthropy can fully play its part.

### Functional Track 1: Strategy

* How can philanthropy deal with the risks and consequences associated with the crises of democracy and climate, as well as challenges around power and growing inequality? What role can philanthropy play in moving towards better futures while keeping our dignity intact based on a shared trajectory, common values and European identity?
* How can philanthropy further support (and accelerate) the realisation of the SDGs?
* What are the emerging trends and promising philanthropic interventions for promoting and protecting democratic, equitable and sustainable societies?
* What other approaches do we need to address the root causes of inequalities between and within our societies; democratic decay; and climate change? How can philanthropy bring structural solutions?
* How do philanthropic organisations think about the intersections of different crises, and what strategies are effective in addressing these?

### **Functional Track 2: Philanthropy toolbox**

* Why and how can/should we shift funding practices? What financial and non-financial tools are available beyond grants, and how to use them?
* What roles do impact investing and mission-related investment play?
* What funding practices can help combat the immediate effects of a crisis, as well as create greater resilience in communities in the face of future crises?
* Why does value-based giving matter? To what extent should protecting and strengthening core European values (human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights) be a priority of foundation giving? What are good practices in integrating these values throughout every aspect of grantmaking and examining how their values are reflected in their practices?

### **Functional Track 3: Collaboration with different stakeholders**

* What type of relationships and partnerships with grantees and local stakeholders can help funders address inherent power imbalances; move towards localisation, decentralisation, and decolonisation of philanthropy; and support European and global solidarity? What conceptual frameworks for partnering exist and how can they better embed equity?
* How can we radically transform philanthropic collaboratives to magnify their capacity to address large-scale social, economic, and environmental challenges?
* What are the opportunities and challenges for building cross-sectoral and cross-border coordination and cooperation to improve accountability, media freedom, and rule of law in defence of democratic principles in Europe and beyond?

### **Functional Track 4: Policy, enabling frameworks and data**

* How can we produce insights from shared data to ensure that the right services are directed to the right people at the right time throughout rapidly changing crises?
* What additional data can help steer the sector in a better direction given the current economic and political contexts, demonstrate its added value to the public and policy makers?
* How can we counter threats to the enabling environment of philanthropy in a context of wider civil society/social economy and how can we pro-actively move this agenda?
* How can philanthropy exchange and cooperate with EU institutions? How can we keep track of the progress on proposals emerging from the Conference on the Future of Europe? How can collaborative efforts be used to deliver effective policies for future transitions in Europe and beyond?

# Philea Forum 2023: Get involved by proposing a session

The Programme Committee is launching a call for session proposals with the aim of asking interested parties of Philea to contribute first hand to the content of the conference.

The Committee will select the majority of the content of the conference through this participative process. The success of the Philea Forum comes from our community!

We invite you to send us your proposal on what you think are the most pressing issues in the fields of **Climate**, **Democracy** and **Equality,** and which fits under one of the four functional tracks: **Strategy, Philanthropy toolbox, Collaboration with different stakeholders, and Policy, enabling frameworks and data**.

Proposals will be assessed using the following criteria:

* **Relevance to conference programme:** Raises questions and lets participants find possible solutions related to the core topics of the conference programme.
* **Evidence-based and methodological:** Draws from research-based facts and goes beyond description, tries to present methodological conclusions.
* **Driving impact ‒ sustainable and scalable:** Allows participants to walk away with concrete outcomes such as collaboration proposals, ideas to develop, calls to action which can have a transformative impact on society; and encourages the participation of the sector’s “Next Generation”.
* **Diverse and inclusive:** Must interest (and be relevant to) a wide range of foundations and foundation associations or networks regardless of their specific field of activity. Highlights diversity in experiences, geography, gender, and addresses the role philanthropy infrastructure can play.
* **Engaging format:** In addition to presentations, offers participants a chance to interact and contribute in new and creative formats (see suggestions below).
* **Youth participation:** We aim to ensure that the voice of and focus on young people remains a constant throughout the Forum (crafting the session proposals, taking on speaking and moderating roles, facilitating the workshop etc.).

Proposed sessions should **NOT**:

* Be self-promoting or present a catalogue of individual organisations/projects
* Lecture participants
* Come from one single organisation i.e. not the result of a collaboration

## What the Programme Committee wants to see

While we greatly appreciate the effort put in to all the session proposals, the Programme Committee will favour those that seek new and engaging formats, enabling participants to actively participate, get to know each other, learn from each other, co-create and plant the seeds for future collaboration. Just a few examples could be:

* “Clinic” sessions, where one or more issues are outlined and participants are asked to work on possible, impactful solutions
* World cafés, Fishbowls, Campfire sessions, Agora
* …

The Programme Committee will assess the adequacy of the resources proposed to properly carry out the sessions as well as the experience of the moderators proposed for the interactive sessions.

## Good to know

* Before completing and returning your session proposal, please keep in mind:
* The length of the session slots varies between 60 and 90 mins. Please select the desirable length of your session in the form. The Programme Committee will review and confirm the length.
* The deadline for submission is 6 January 2023. Incomplete proposals or proposals sent after the deadline will not be included in the selection process.
* The Programme Committee’s responsibility is to put together a dynamic, balanced and cohesive conference. For this reason, they may eventually suggest changes regarding the proposed format, speakers/moderators, timing, specific session content, etc.
* The Committee’s decision is final.
* The Conference Secretariat will work with organisers to edit and finalise all texts related to selected sessions, including titles and descriptions, in line with Philea style guidelines.
* Forms should be submitted to the Forum Secretariat at [events@philea.eu](mailto:events@philea.eu)

## Next steps

The results of the selection will be shared right after the Programme Committee meeting at the end of January/beginning of February 2023.

* If your session proposal was selected, you as the organiser will receive a step-by-step guide on what information is needed and when (i.e.: titles and descriptions, speakers’ names, AV/IT needs, room setup…) and you will be assigned a contact person from our organisation to support you in delivering a successful session.
* Draft session proposals will be posted online by the end of February, when the online registration opens.

# Call for session proposals – online form

## Deadline for submissions: 6 January 2023 at 10:00 CET

***Please fill in digitally***

**1. Proposed session title** (max 80 characters)**\***

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**Theme -** **please choose at least one main theme. Intersectionality of themes is welcome.**

 Climate  Equality  Democracy

**Functional track (please choose 1)\***

 Strategy  Philanthropy toolbox  Collaboration with different stakeholders

 Policy, enabling frameworks and data

**Session description** (max 500 characters – describe the content of the session and why Forum delegates would choose to attend this session. How will you make it relevant to a wide range of grantmaking/operating foundations and philanthropic infrastructure organisations?)**\***

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*Should this session be accepted, the title and description will be edited and published online.*

**2. What are the key questions this session aims to address? And against what socio-political-economic backdrop will the conversation take place?\***

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**3. Methodology, session format and timing\* –** How will this session be structured and run?

*Please be specific: The 2023 Programme Committee is looking for* ***creative sessions*** *which will revolve around* ***dynamic interaction*** *and* ***stimulate debate*** *in the room (and beyond). We are looking for workshops, masterclasses, fishbowl and world café format sessions. Lectures, long power-point presentations and self-promotion are strongly discouraged.*

**(Please choose 1)**

 90 minutes  60 minutes

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**4. Facilitators/moderators – Initial ideas**

*Please include a variety of geographic, ethnic, gender and otherwise diverse backgrounds in the team that will facilitate the session. The Committee reserves the right to send suggestions to increase these perspectives. As far as possible, indicate how likely it is that these speakers will participate.*



*\*indicates required field*

**Please note there is no budget available for paying speakers, so please bear this in mind when you propose potential speaker names.**

*The Forum is self-sustained and all participants (speakers included, if they would like to stay for the rest of the conference) will be asked to cover their registration fee:*

* *Speakers attending 1 day (on the day of session) - €400*
* *Speakers attending more than 1 day - €800*

## Proposal submitted by:

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Philea Member □ Philea Associate □ Other organisation □

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