



SWISS PHILANTHROPY

Foundation

Creating and Managing Philanthropic Funds

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Swiss Philanthropy Foundation is an independent public-utility hosting foundation established in 2006 and based in Geneva, Switzerland. Our mission is to encourage charitable giving by creating and managing philanthropic funds. Swiss Philanthropy Foundation provides philanthropists with a simple, and flexible structure to achieve their charitable objectives with a maximum impact and a minimal administrative burden, while guaranteeing a good governance framework, especially in terms of due diligence and reporting.

Historically, Swiss Philanthropy Foundation has created and hosted 56 philanthropic funds representing CHF 200,000. In 2019, CHF 17 million were distributed to over 170 non-profit organisations for their charitable projects, in Switzerland and abroad.

The Foundation is the sole representative for Switzerland since 2008 of the Transnational Giving Europe network.

Values

Independence - Professionalism - Simplicity - Responsibility

Governance

The Foundation Board brings together nine members from both civil society and the private sector, representative professions and requirements related to today's philanthropy. It ensures independence from donors, recipients and financial organizations. In 2014, the Board adopted a Governance Charter that guarantees the transparency and professionalism of the Foundation with regard to the individuals and institutions it works with or serves.

The Finance Committee advises and assists the Board in its supervisory role on all matters relative to its investment policies, processes and asset allocation. It ensures these are in line with the Foundation's mission and aims, both in terms of the Foundation's own capital and the funds it manages. In 2015, the Foundation adopted a Financial Management Charter establishing a good governance framework for the investment strategy and the financial management of its assets, inclusive of sustainable criteria.

The Foundation's team of six people is responsible for the day-to-day management of Foundation, ensuring it is run as efficiently as possible. The team is in close relation with both donors and organisations. It performs due diligence and conformity to public-utility requirement of the supported beneficiary organisations and collects reports on the use of the donations.

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Transnational Giving Europe

Transnational Giving Europe (TGE) is a partnership of leading public-utility European foundations and associations aiming at supporting and developing philanthropy across Europe, while ensuring a reliable governance and due diligence framework. It was established in 1998 and continues to expand across Europe.

The TGE network enables donors, both corporations and individuals, resident in one of the participating countries, to financially support non-profit organisations in other member countries. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by the legislation of their country of residence.

In 2019, the TGE channeled more than € 13.8 million in tax-effective, cross-border donations to more than 400 beneficiaries across Europe.

TGE is currently operational for donations in favour of the Covid-19 Response Fund from Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Reliable Framework

TGE offers donors the comfort of a network of prominent grant-making foundations, anchored in each of the countries covered, where they have outstanding relationships with most non-profit organisations and enjoy the confidence of national authorities. They ensure that contributions are allocated to the charitable organisations donors have chosen to support.

Quality Review of Beneficiaries

TGE partners' long-standing experience as grant-makers and their intimate knowledge of the non-profit sector in their home country serve donors' generosity. Their involvement with donors' gifts is a guarantee of the quality of the project and organisation donors wish to support.

Tax Effective Cross-Border Giving

Cross-border donations made via the TGE Network receive all applicable fiscal benefits in the countries where donors pay tax.

For more information, please consult www.transnationalgiving.eu, or contact info@transnationalgiving.eu.