

EPIM Partner Foundations

Why do we invest in a European Programme for Integration and Migration?



IRELAND

THE ATLANTIC PHILANTHROPIES is guided by a mission to bring about lasting changes in the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people. We believe in the power of advocacy by those who will benefit by it and seek to strengthen the capacity of leaders and support the development of vibrant movements for social justice and equality. Through our Reconciliation & Human Rights Programme, we focus on migration issues in Ireland, the USA and South Africa. Noting the calls for common approaches across Europe in these areas and the increasing role that the various institutions of the EU are playing in the development of asylum, immigration and integration policy, EPIM provides us with the opportunity to partner with other foundations and organisations to create the necessary links between the work we support at the national level to that which is occurring at the European level. **Our view is that by supporting civil society to participate and influence the migration debate at the EU level it will feed into the national level and vice versa.**

www.atlanticphilanthropies.org

UK

The **BARROW CADBURY TRUST** is an independent, charitable foundation, committed to supporting vulnerable and marginalised people in society. The Trust provides grants to grassroots voluntary and community groups working in deprived communities in the UK, with a focus on the West Midlands. It also works with researchers, think tanks and government, often in partnership with other grant-makers, seeking to overcome the structural barriers to a more just and equal society. One of its strategic objectives is to help **ensure that migration is managed in a way that is equitable and socially just**, ensuring that the voices of both migrants and receiving communities are heard in the public debate. <http://www.bctrust.org.uk>

ITALY

The **COMPAGNIA DI SAN PAOLO** funds works of public interest and social well-being, particularly in the fields of scientific, economic and legal research, education, art and culture, and health; and to provide assistance to, and protection of, less-privileged social groups. Compagnia di San Paolo is very interested in participating in the EPIM Programme as an occasion to cooperate with other foundations working in the field of migration and integration with very concrete goals. Our foundation normally works at local level, whereas **through EPIM we have the opportunity to develop a European view on migration and link it with the national and local level**. Recently, Compagnia is considering some initiatives dealing with asylum seekers and refugees. So, we are very interested in what the new EPIM phase will develop within this specific area.

www.compagnia.torino.it

UK

The **DIANA PRINCESS of WALES MEMORIAL FUND** continues the Princess humanitarian work in the UK and overseas. By giving grants to organisations, championing charitable causes, advocacy, campaigning and awareness raising, the Fund works to secure sustainable improvements in the lives of the most disadvantaged people in the UK and around the world. The work of Refugee and Asylum Seekers Initiative at the Fund is to

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ensure that the rights of people seeking asylum are upheld and that children are treated as children, regardless of their immigration status.

Although this initiative has a UK focus, the Fund has joined EPIM in recognition that **the European context has a significant impact on the UK in terms of policy and legislature as well as influencing the political climate and media.** With a move to a Common Asylum System for the EU in 2012, there is a need to support those working at European level to ensure the highest standards of protection are upheld for those who are seeking sanctuary, and that they are treated with fairness and humanity. **EPIM is a means for the Fund to have an impact at European level and is a valuable way of sharing intelligence across a wide network of grantees and foundations.**

<http://www.theworkcontinues.org>

BELGIUM

FONDATION BERNHEIM supports economic and social issues; education; culture and research; and peace. Integration is one of our objectives – so **we are particularly keen to support the engagement of civil society in developing constructive practices** in the integration and migration fields at the national and European level.

www.fondationbernheim.be

PORTUGAL

FUNDAÇÃO CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN supports and promotes charitable, artistic, educational and scientific endeavours. **We joined EPIM in order to pursue our engagement in the dialogue at the EU level** initiated in 2006, which takes place in parallel with our national work. The connection to the local level is a priority for us.

www.gulbenkian.pt

UK

The **JOSEPH ROWNTREE CHARITABLE TRUST** is an independent, progressive grant-making foundation. Migration is a central part of our Racial Justice area of work, which aims at building a harmonious and just society. JRCT prioritises policy development and advocacy. **EPIM is an opportunity to add value to our existing programme.** We learn from **working closely with foundations from across Europe; from policy briefings; and from the grantees' activities.** **EPIM makes grantees more effective by funding them, guiding them, and encouraging them to work in partnership with each other.**

www.jrct.org.uk

BELGIUM

The **KING BAUDOUIJ FOUNDATION** is an independent and pluralistic foundation that pursues sustainable ways to bring about justice, democracy and respect for diversity. KBF has been engaged since 2002 in the strengthening of civil society at EU level on migration issues through the EFC interest group and the EPC. **We believe that coalition-building through EPIM will strengthen the voice of civil society at EU level, create a strategic focus, and ultimately leading to increased impact.**

www.kbs-frb.be

UK - SWITZERLAND

The **OAK FOUNDATION** addresses issues of global social and environmental concern, particularly those that have a major impact on the lives of the disadvantaged. EPIM provides a great opportunity to learn from our colleagues, leverage resources and ensure a pan European impact to our work. While OAK is not generally involved in the broad migration and integration debate, **we are keen to engage with European peers on some critical issues and uphold fundamental guarantees prescribed by international law. These include the right to protection of those fleeing persecution and their freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention.** Through EPIM, we support a number of innovative efforts to address these concerns including through the participation of migrants themselves in policy debates.

www.oakfnd.org

GERMANY

The **ROBERT BOSCH FOUNDATION** works to alleviate suffering of all kinds and promote the moral, physical and intellectual development of the people. The Robert Bosch Foundation wants to sustain active and sustainable integration policies respecting cultural diversity and the values of democratic societies. **We have joined EPIM to share experiences at the European level, to complement our current activities at the German level** through the launch of the German Centre on Migrants' Integration.

www.bosch-stiftung.de

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