

# Private Funding Opportunities 2011

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## Abstract

This paper contains available funding opportunities in Development Education and Awareness Raising from international private funds.

This is only an indicative overview of published announcements, to have a complete and official version of these funding opportunities, please refer to foundations website.

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## 1. The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation - Civil Society Programme (Central/Eastern Europe and Russia Programme area)

**Web site:** <http://www.mott.org/about/programs/civilsociety/europeandrussia.aspx>

**Geographic coverage:** Part of the new EU Member States (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania); Western Balkans (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, and Serbia); former Soviet Union (FSU) countries that will share a border with the enlarged EU (Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova); Russia.

**Eligibility criteria:** Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia working primarily with current grantees. In Bulgaria and Romania: open to new initiatives that mobilize human and financial resources for citizen activity. In all six countries: prioritize support for indigenous organizations. Western Balkans: NGOs working on the regional, national and/or multi-community levels. Seeking to support indigenous organizations, but consider support to non-local organizations that demonstrate the ability to strengthen local capacity in the long term.

**Objectives:** To foster societies in Central/Eastern Europe (CEE) and Russia in which people and communities respect each other's rights and engage effectively in decision making to influence policies and processes that shape their lives at the local, national, and/or international levels.

The mission of the Civil Society program is to support efforts to assist in democratic institution building, strengthen communities, promote equitable access to resources, and ensure respect of rights and diversity.

It aims at:

- strengthening the nonprofit sector;
- promoting people's rights, responsibilities and participation;
- improving race and ethnic relations.

**Priorities:**

- Networking activities of indigenous grant makers to share best practices as well as to influence the use of in-country financial resources.
- Indigenous grant makers to increase the effectiveness of their work through building their organizational capacity and raising the quantity and quality of financial support provided for citizen activity.
- Select non-profit organizations, especially those serving other nonprofits, to improve the quality of their own work and services, and facilitate their constituencies in shaping public policy at all levels.
- Initiatives to develop local, regional and national platforms through which people and nonprofits can engage in meaningful dialogue and joint action with other key players and influence public policy.
- Initiatives to mobilize human and financial resources in areas where philanthropy is still developing.

**Amount:** Median grant size: \$100,000. The majority of our grants are between \$15,000 and \$250,000 annually.

**Timeline:** Proposals should be submitted to the Foundation at least four months before the start of the proposed grant period. Program budgets are allocated on a calendar-year basis. Applications are accepted year-round, but those received between September 1 and December 31 will be considered only for the following calendar year



**Previous grants:** For the list of projects awarded in previous years check the website specifically for each programme

<http://www.mott.org/about/searchgrantsresults.aspx?programThird=9426&programThirdName=%20European%20Union-New%20Member%20States%20&%20Accession%20Countries%20&limit=10&sortBy=Disposition Date&dir=desc>

## 2. Evens foundation

### Foundation

**Web site:** <http://www.evensfoundation.be/en/index.html>

**Geographic coverage:** Member States of the European Union. Preference is given to projects taking place in one or more of the three countries where the Evens Foundation is located (France, Belgium, and Poland). Transversal projects between these countries are also encouraged.

**Eligibility criteria:** Applications for grants have to fit in closely with foundation's mission and objectives in order to be eligible.

Aside from grants the foundation also awards prizes to project or organization deemed to have made (or capable of making) an outstanding contribution to European social integration in the fields of arts, intercultural education and science; and which have demonstrated determination and creativity.

#### **Objectives:**

The objective of the Evens Foundation is to support projects, which promote the harmonious living together of citizens and states within a peaceful Europe, with respect for diversity, both individual and collective, and the integrity, both physical and psychological, with particular attention to the other.

**Amount:** The average allocation for free applications does not exceed 5.000 €..

**Timeline:** There is no deadline for submitting applications as the Evens Foundation has an ongoing review cycle. However, if you wish to apply for a specific event, you are to submit to us your application at least six months before the event occurs.

### Evens Prize for Media Education 2011

**Website :** <http://www.evensfoundation.be/en/prizes/media-education/2011>

**Objectives :** The call for nominations is aimed at projects in the field of Media Education that focus on improving intercultural communication competences. Existing Media Education projects that can clearly demonstrate an attempt to use media production as a communication tool for young people to enter other cultural systems can apply through the application form on our website.

**Amount :** The Prize money of 20.000 € will be dedicated and divided by the external Jury Members and the Evens Foundation and will be used to create a new dimension to the winning project(s). Only projects that fulfil all criteria can submit.

**Deadline is on the 15th April 2011.**

### 3. Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Peace; Racial Justice; Power and Responsibility Programmes

**Web site:** <http://www.jrct.org.uk/default.asp>

**Geographic coverage:** UK; Europe.

**Objectives:** Trust objectives for the Peace, Racial Justice and Power and Responsibility

**Programmes are:**

- *Peace*: work that promotes the non-violent resolution of conflict, including work on the arms trade, the creation of a culture of peace, developing effective peace building measures and supporting the right to conscientious objection to military service.
- *Racial Justice*: work which promotes racial justice in all parts of society, including empowering black and minority ethnic people to engage in decision making and policy development, and work which monitors and challenges racism and racial injustice whether relating to colour or culture.
- *Power and Responsibility*: work that encourages an appropriate relationship between people and the institutions that affect them; including the promotion of accountability, openness, responsiveness and a respect for human rights across the public and private sectors.

**Priorities:** According to programmes

**Amount:** Average grant of £30,000. Actual grants range from a few hundred pounds to £100,000+ and may be single payments or spread over up to three years.

**Timeline:** Applications can be sent in at any time. At present the Trust has only three grant cycles each year.

<http://www.jrct.org.uk/text.asp?section=00010004>

**Previous grants:** For the list of previously funded projects consult the website [http://www.jrct.org.uk/past\\_grants.asp?section=000100040005](http://www.jrct.org.uk/past_grants.asp?section=000100040005).

### 4. Stefan Batory Foundation - Civic Institutions Program and The East - East Program (Subprogram for European Integration)

**Web site:** <http://www.batory.org.pl/english/index.htm>

**Geographic coverage:**

Civic Institution Program: mainly aimed at Polish NGOs and NGOs from Visegrad countries; The East – East Program (Subprogram for European Integration): It is open to Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine. It is also open to applications from throughout the European Union providing such applications address candidate and potential candidate countries and Eastern neighbours.

**Objectives:**

- seeks to support initiatives which inform and empower the development and expansion of open society, specifically through collaborative work among civic society organizations in more than one country;



- supports initiatives designed to share ideas, expertise, experiences and knowledge and to promote practical actions that result from information and knowledge networking beyond borders:
- build and/or strengthen resources and expertise;
- share best practices/lessons learned in social transformation;
- collaborate on innovative solutions to common challenges;
- create and/or strengthen international advocacy coalitions.

**Priorities:**

- Enhancing the role and involvement of civil society in public life
- Promoting the rule of law and transparency in public life
- Developing international cooperation and solidarity

**Programs :**

*Democracy in Action* : supports projects that enhance civic participation in public sphere and promote the attitude of civic responsibility for the quality of Polish democracy.

*Civic coalitions* : supports coalitions of non-governmental organizations from Visegrad countries that undertake efforts to enhance the role of civil society in public life, build civic dialogue and influence public policy.

*Equal opportunities* : supports organizations that work to provide equal access to education for school children and youth from small towns and low income families as well as those that strive to counteract the social exclusion of disabled children.

*East East; Partnership Beyond Borders* : supports international projects implemented in countries of Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus.

**Timeline:** Concept papers may be accepted on an on-going basis. The implementation/action plan must be received six weeks from notification of acceptance of the concept paper.

**Previous grants:** For the grants awarded in 2007 consult the website <http://www.batory.org.pl/english/about/ar2007/index.htm>.

## 5. The Office Depot Foundation - Making a Difference in Children's Lives; Building Communities; Disaster Relief

**Web site:** <http://www.officedepotfoundation.org/index.asp>

**Geographic coverage:** International

**Eligibility criteria:** Only organizations that can provide proof of qualifying non-profit status (including a tax-exempt determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service) or proof of the organization's charitable purpose.

An organization will not be considered for funding more than one time per calendar year.

**Objectives:**

- Making a Difference in Children's Lives – to support activities that serve, teach and inspire children, youth and families.
- Building Communities – to support civic organizations and activities that serve the needs of our community.
- Disaster Relief – to support disaster relief efforts of recognized national, regional and local agencies, and to provide disaster relief to Office Depot associates who have experienced catastrophic loss.



**Amount:** Grant amounts will be a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$10,000 (very limited). The majority of grants issued are in the vicinity of \$1000.

**Timeline:** Applications are retrieved on a monthly basis and are reviewed by a committee. It can take up to eight weeks before receiving a response. Proposals related to disaster relief and recovery: considered throughout the year.

## 6. The MacArthur Foundation – Program on Global Security and Sustainability (Global Migration and Human Mobility)

**Web site:**

[http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.1494505/k.6946/Grantmaking\\_Guidelines.htm](http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.1494505/k.6946/Grantmaking_Guidelines.htm)

*The Migration Initiative is currently under review. New guidelines will be posted soon on the website.*

**Geographic coverage:** Worldwide

**Eligibility criteria:** Nonprofit organizations, including research institutes and universities. Grants are awarded for research and policy studies, dissemination, and related activities. The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting projects that reflect diverse national, institutional, professional, and cultural perspectives on global migration.

**Objectives:**

- 1) to develop improved understanding of global migration through support of policy-relevant empirical research and improved sources of data on migrant flows;
- 2) to encourage better governance of migration at global, regional, and national levels;
- 3) to stimulate new thinking on broader issues of global human mobility.

**Amount:** Around 5 million dollars a year.

**Timeline:** There are in general no fixed deadlines.

**Previous grants:** For the list of previously funded projects check the website <http://www.macfound.org/site/c.lkLXJ8MQKrH/b.1494541/k.EFOC/Migration.htm>.

## 7. The Scaife Foundations (Carthage Foundation and Sarah Scaife Foundation)

**Web site:** <http://www.scaife.com/carthage.html>, <http://www.scaife.com/sarah.html>

**Geographic coverage:** There are no geographical restrictions.

**Eligibility criteria:** NGOs

**Objectives:** Programs that will address public policy questions concerned with national and international issues

**Timeline:** Grants considered at quarterly meetings; Requests may be submitted at any time.



## 8. The Open Society Institute (OSI) and the Soros foundations network –The Human Rights and Governance Grants Program, Open society Central Eurasia Project

**Web site:** <http://www.soros.org/>

**Geographic coverage:**

Human Rights and Governance Grants Program: Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union and Mongolia

Open Society Central Eurasia Project : Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union and Mongolia

East, East, Partnership Beyond Borders : Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Tajikistan, Turkey, and Ukraine, and with partners in Slovenia, Russia, Croatia, Lithuania, and Hungary.

**Eligibility criteria:**

Human Rights and Governance Grants Program: National and international advocacy organizations promoting political and civil rights at local, national and regional levels; national and international organizations to advance governmental accountability.

Open Society Central Eurasia Project : international and regional NGOs, academic institutions, think tanks and other structures to support their work, help build local capacity, bring international expertise to bear on the region and promote cooperation between local activists and international civic movements.

East, East, Partnership Beyond Borders : supports collaborative initiatives of nongovernmental and civil society organizations in two or more countries.

**Objectives:**

Human Rights and Governance Grants Program: The mission of the Human Rights Fund is to ensure that there is at least one mainstream human rights advocacy NGO in each state of the region, capable of alerting the public to, and promoting government accountability for, human rights abuses through monitoring, litigation, and advocacy. The fund supports organizations promoting political and civil rights at the local, national, or regional level. It also provides funding to several international organizations working in the region. Funding is principally targeted towards groups working on fundamental rights issues. The program also funds a number of specialized organizations working in critical areas such as the rights of Roma; detainees; women; the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community; and people with mental disabilities.

Open Society Central Eurasia Project : to strengthen civic leaders in the region and to construct support networks for them within international structures and movements. In 2011, the Central Eurasia Project funds are available in the following programmatic areas: Human Rights, Labor Migration, Transparency and Consumer Protection, Transparency of Western Military and Security Cooperation, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

East, East, Partnership Beyond Borders : to supports international projects implemented in countries of Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus.

**Timeline:** Depending on the programme but most of them accept application on an on-going



basis.

Human Right and Governance Grants : The next Sub-Board meeting is on April 30, 2011. Deadline for submitting proposals **to be considered** on this meeting is March 1, 2011.

Open Society Central Eurasia Project : ongoing

## 9. Sigrid Rausing Trust, Civil and Political Rights Program, Women's right, Minority rights and Social Justice programs.

Website : <http://www.sigrid-rausing-trust.org/>

Geographic area : international

Objectives : The Sigrid Rausing Trust was founded to promote international human rights. The grant programmes are [Civil and Political Rights](#), [Women's Rights](#), [Minority Rights](#), [Social Justice](#) and the [Miscellaneous Fund](#). Each programme has a number of sub-programmes,

Current grantees : check <http://www.sigrid-rausing-trust.org/Grantees/Current-Grantees>

<http://www.sigrid-rausing-trust.org/Grantees/Programmes>

Amount : The 2011 Trust budget is £20million, There is no minimum or maximum level for a grant.

Deadline : The Trust does not accept unsolicited applications for funding.

## 10. Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe

Website : <http://www.ceetrust.org/>

Eligibility criteria :

- formal and informal non-profit, non-governmental organizations
- citizens' groups, coalitions, movements, individuals (only for Fellowship opportunities), educational institutions.
- A partner could be an organization that will be directly involved in the implementation of the project, or an unregistered community group, or organizations that support the project or will be involved in some other way in applicants' work (except subcontractors). Please note that having partners is not a requirement for funding and that the contracting party with the CEE Trust will be the applicant organization.

Objectives : to promote the development of civil societies in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia by supporting civil society organizations to gain greater effectiveness and stability.

- to create a supportive **environment** for civil society, which includes legal, fiscal and political environments favorable to a strong civic life;
- to strengthen the non-profit sector through **capacity building**, advocacy, intra sector and cross-sectoral cooperation and partnership;



- to enhance the financial sustainability of non-profit organizations by developing public and private sources of support for nonprofit sector and by supporting the operational and strategic development of nonprofit organizations.

## 11. Allianz Cultural Foundation- Building Bridges for the Youth in Europe

**Web site:** <http://www.allianz-kulturstiftung.de/en/foundation/index.html>

**Geographic coverage:** Europe

**Eligibility criteria:**

1. Exceptionally gifted young people from all sectors of art, culture and education;
2. Multinational and intercultural cooperation projects which promote the European integration process.

**Objectives:** Support of educational and cultural projects, which benefit the European integration process and encourage the development of a European identity.

**Priorities:** Contemporary cross-genre or cross-media concepts and initiatives with special emphasis on innovative projects in content and method perceiving the new trends in art, culture and education from the moment they emerge (often a workshop character)

**Deadline :** Project applications for 2012 have to be received by **April 30, 2011**, at the latest.

## 12. Fondation de France

### Partenariats en Méditerranée

Call For Proposals 2011 : “Méditerranée, d’une rive à l’autre”

**Website :** <http://www.fondationdefrance.org/Nos-Aides/Vous-etes-un-organisme/Solidarite-avec-les-personnes-vulnerables/A-I-international/Partenariats-en-Mediterranee>

An Arabic version of the project is available on the website.

**Objectives :** to support partnership between Algerian, M, Tunisian, organizations and French organizations active in the youth area.

**Priorities :** support initiatives which focus on professional integration and access to income for vulnerable youth.

**Amount :** In 2010, the previous projects received 13 000€

**Deadline :** **31<sup>st</sup> of March 2011**

## 13. Robert Bosch Foundation

**Website :** <http://www.bosch-stiftung.de/content/language2/html/391.asp>



## International Relations Western Europe, America, Japan, India, Turkey

**Objectives :** The program area “International Relations Western Europe, America, Turkey, Japan, India” focuses on German-French relations, German-American relations, German-Turkish relations, German-Japanese, German-Indian relations, promoting Europe, supporting young international elites, and supporting other projects outside these main focus areas.

**Timeline:** Interested organizations should first send an inquiry about whether the planned projects is eligible for support.

## International relations Central and South-eastern Europe, CIS, China

**Objectives:** This program area supports projects that deal with Germany's relations to countries in Central and Southeastern Europe, CIS and China. The program area covers four focus areas: Language and Culture Promotion, Media Dialog, Politics and Civil Society, and International Exchange. Projects to promote Sino-German relations are currently being developed.

**Timeline:** Interested organizations should first send an inquiry about whether the planned projects is eligible for support.

## 14. The King Baudouin Foundation

### Assisting the Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings (AVoT)

Protection for victims of human trafficking in the Balkans

**Website :** [http://www.kbs-frb.be/domain\\_search.aspx?top=1078&LangType=1033](http://www.kbs-frb.be/domain_search.aspx?top=1078&LangType=1033)

**Objectives :** provide support for NGOs that assist the trafficking victims in the Balkans, builds their capacities, and reinforces their co-operation with the public bodies in the fight against trafficking. The project also conducts awareness activities at the national and European level in order to extend the rehabilitation possibilities offered to these victims.

**Priorities :**

- **Trafficking Victims Re/integration Programme (TVRP):** support to programmes that result in sustainable reintegration of victims, build NGO capacity in this sector, encourage cooperation and synergies with government agencies and contribute to a systematic approach to monitoring and evaluating reintegration services. Funding has been granted on the basis of a two-year action plan to pre-selected NGOs in Southeastern Europe.

- **Awareness actions** with decision-makers in order to raise European standards in the fight against trafficking and to promote an approach centred on human rights and the victims. Funding has been granted to a pan-European coalition aimed at mainstreaming access to justice for victims of trafficking or forced labour and more especially financial compensation for material and non-material damages.



## Verschueren (Leona Verschueren Fund)

Support for small organizations fighting poverty, violence and exclusion

Support for local, small-scale projects in Latin America in the fight against child slavery, child prostitution and the deployment of child soldiers

**Website :** <http://www.kbs-frb.be/call.aspx?id=260068&LangType=1033>

**Eligibility criteria :**

- Application must be completed in Dutch, English, French or Spanish.
- Application must be completed.
- Applicant is an organization and develops the project alone or in a partnership in Latin America.
- Applicant organization and the project can have no commercial aim.

**Objectives :** The Leona Verschueren Fund wants to support concrete initiatives from organisations which make a contribution to the fight against this child slavery in Latin America.

**Deadline :** Application must be received **before 1st July 2011.**

## 15. The Aga Khan Foundation – Education; Rural Development; Civil Society; Cross-cutting issues (Human Resource Development, Community Participation, Gender and Development, Environment)

**Web site:** <http://www.akdn.org/agency/akf.html>

**Geographic coverage:** With few exceptions, the Foundation funds programmes in countries where it has offices and local professional staff to monitor implementation (South and Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East).

**Eligibility criteria:** There are no formal application procedures.

Before developing full proposals, enquiries should be made to the Foundation office in the country where the proposal originates or where the project would be executed; if there is no local AKF branch or affiliate, enquiries may be addressed to the Foundation office in Geneva.

**Objectives:** The Foundation is committed to bringing lasting benefits to project participants. It is equally committed to bringing valuable lessons to the attention of policymakers and others whose decisions affect the lives of the poor. The Foundation shares what it learns with the public, raising awareness of important issues facing disadvantaged sectors of the international community.

**Priorities:** The Foundation focuses on a small number of specific development problems by forming intellectual and financial partnerships with organisations sharing its objectives.



## 16. Rockefeller Brothers Fund

**Website :** <http://www.rbf.org/>

**Geographic coverage :** Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo

**Goal 1:** Improving the performance, accountability, and transparency of government

**Strategies:**

- Enhancing the capacity of civil society to monitor the quality of public sector governance and service delivery
- Strengthening the investigative and educational practices of media and nongovernmental organizations
- Strengthening the capacity of government and nongovernmental institutions to conduct sound policy analysis

**Goal 2:** Building civil society capacity and effectiveness to strengthen participatory democracy

**Strategies:**

- Strengthening the organizational and financial capacity of the civic sector
- Stimulating indigenous philanthropy and solidarity in society

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**Goal:** Building a culture and practice of sustainable development

**Strategies:**

- Contributing to participatory and inclusive approaches to the design and implementation of strategies for sustainable development
- Supporting educational reforms to include sustainable development concepts and practices as part of curriculum
- Introducing and encouraging energy efficiency and environmental protection approaches in economic and infrastructure development

**Amount:** Grants vary in size, typically ranging from \$1,500 to \$300,000.

**Deadline :** The online grant inquiry is the recommended starting point for requesting a grant from the RBF. Staff review each inquiry for fit within current program guidelines, funding priorities, and budget constraints. The review process may take up to 90 days from the time the inquiry is received.

## 17. National Endowment for Democracy - Discretionary Grants

**Web site:** <http://www.ned.org/grants/discretionaryGrants.html>

**Geographic coverage:** Central and Eastern Europe (non EU countries), Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Middle East and Northern Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Eligibility criteria:** indigenous democratic groups

**Objectives:** The aim is to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through nongovernmental efforts. The Endowment is guided by the belief that freedom is a universal human aspiration that can be realized through the development of democratic institutions, procedures, and values.



**Deadline :** 8 of April 2011 for the June board meeting, or 24 of June 2011 for the September board meeting

## 18. The Minor Foundation for Major Challenges

**Web site:** <http://www.minor-foundation.no/>

**Geographic coverage:** Worldwide

**Objectives:** The foundation gives support to information projects that aim to limit human-created climate changes. Any project whose objective is to influence public opinion and change attitudes to these problems is eligible for support.

**Priorities:** The foundation seeks innovative, experimental, untested measures and will give priority to the media and tools that have the greatest impact at any time. Choosing between several small and fewer larger projects, the preference will be given to the larger projects.

**Deadline :** no specific deadline

## 19. The virtual foundation

**Website:** <http://www.virtualfoundation.org/whatis/>

**Geographic coverage:** Consortium Members of the Foundation (Argentina, Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Georgia, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Nepal, Nicaragua, Poland, Romania, Russia, Sao Tome e Principe, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan).

**Objectives:** The Foundation supports grassroots initiatives around the world. It aims to encourage private philanthropy among citizens from all walks of life, and to support local projects initiated by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in their own communities. The purpose of the Foundation is to promote international philanthropy focused upon small scale projects.

**Priorities:** Projects submitted should be in one of the following areas:

- Environment
- Human Health
- Community Building and Sustainable Economic Activity
- Increasing the Capacity of Grassroots Organizations.

**Amount:** Between USD 500 – 1500; proposals in the USD 2000-5000 range must be unusually strong, extremely well written, and documented with highly appealing visuals.

## 20. European Cultural foundation

**Website:** <http://www.eurocult.org/grants>

**Geographic coverage:** Members of the EU

**Eligibility criteria:** Cultural organisations and individuals

**Objectives :** to support all kinds of artistic and cultural expression: music, visual arts, theatre, dance, film, documentary, multimedia, photography, design, fashion and cultural-capacity building. The grants programme supports projects that harmonise with three guiding principles which emphasise: empowering people through art and culture, connecting sources of knowledge, and linking cultural policy and practice.

Two interesting types of grants :



- collaboration grants : transnational, cross-sectoral activities by independent cultural and artistic organisations working together or with organisations from other sectors. The main applicant needs to be a cultural organisation based in Europe, while partner applicants can work in sectors outside the cultural field, in Europe.
- Balkan Incentive Fund for Culture (BIFC) : help support collaborative artistic and cultural projects conceived by organisations within, or cooperating with, the countries of the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia).

**Amount :**

Collaboration grants and BIFC, the average award funded is €15,000 with the maximum being €30,000.

**Deadline :**

Collaboration grants : are evaluated twice a year and the next deadline for applications will be **1 March 2011 (9:00 Central European Winter Time)**. The second and final deadline for 2011 is **1 September 2011**.

BIFC : The grant scheme operates on a rolling basis throughout the year, with quarterly reviews of submitted applications.

