

# SNAPSHOT 2022

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Foundation

*Working together for a better society*

Under the honorary Presidency of Queen Mathilde

**WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER SOCIETY**



# EDITORIAL

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Dear readers,

Snapshots are precisely that. A temporary record of moments in time that are quickly overtaken by something new. But in the annual *Snapshot*, the King Baudouin Foundation proves that its role far surpasses the trend of the day.

We do jump into the trenches where and when it's needed. In the second half of 2022, when first-line support services such as refugee centres and food banks were faced with having to close because of skyrocketing energy prices, we sprang into action.

Our focus, however, is on the long term. We work at the crossroads of multiple social issues and aim for systemic impact. This is why we invested €118 million in some 4,000 organisations last year.

This approach allows us to respond to the crises of a complex world with as much support as possible – to define the connections between these problems and to work on the most relevant structural solutions from that focal point.

In a hyperconnected world, that means looking across borders and seeking international cooperation in addressing global challenges. “Think global, act local” is our leitmotif.

We do this through initiatives with other European associations, such as Fair Energy Transition for All, which sees us working with vulnerable populations to explore how the transition to sustainable energy can be fair for everyone.

And also as part of Myriad, a unique philanthropic network of partners that also includes KBFUS, KBF Canada and Give2Asia, which is seeing initiatives sprouting up across the world. The support of an independent press in war-torn Ukraine is a beautiful example.



And of course this edition of *Snapshot* contains numerous examples of local initiatives we are helping to make a difference, such as documenting the number of homeless people.

I hope you enjoy learning about the King Baudouin Foundation and our work.

**Briec Van Damme**  
CEO

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## MISSION

As an actor of innovation and change, we contribute to building a better society in Belgium, Europe and in the world. We do this in collaboration with numerous partners, experts and donors. We focus on our activities across all fields of public interest and aim to have maximum impact on society.

## VALUES

- Integrity and transparency
- Pluralism and independence
- Respect for diversity
- Promotion of solidarity

OUR

# DNA

The King Baudouin Foundation, an independent and pluralist foundation of public utility, serving the public interest for over 45 years.

## VISION

### IN BELGIUM

To anchor our activities, from the local to federal level.

### IN EUROPE

To continue to position the King Baudouin Foundation on the European stage.

### INTERNATIONALLY

To collaborate, as part of the Myriad alliance, with KBFUS, KBF CANADA and Give2Asia in order to increase our impact in cross-border philanthropy.

## WORKING METHODS



### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We support organisations and citizens committed to working for a better society. We allocate part of our capital to investments that have a social impact.



### PROMOTING PHILANTHROPY

We support individuals and businesses committed to helping one or more good causes. We help them to transform their wishes into effective and sustainable action.



### ADVOCACY

We raise awareness among policymakers and citizens of the challenges for society. We encourage them to act within an effort to create positive and sustainable change in society.



### RESEARCH

Experts from many fields analyse the major problems facing society, based upon facts and figures. We share this knowledge and the results of research through freely available publications.



### BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

We bring together stakeholders concerned by particular problems in society in an effort to better understand such issues, develop solutions and share good practices, etc.



### PARTNERSHIPS AND MISSIONS

We work in partnership with private and public actors (including institutions, businesses and other foundations). We conduct missions commissioned by public bodies.



### EVENTS

We organise events such as debates, seminars and study days concerning societal themes. We also organise exhibitions relating to democracy and heritage.



# OUR ACTIVITIES

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Our activities are long term and cover various fields of public interest, through eight programmes.

WE WORK AT  
DIFFERENT LEVELS:  
IN BELGIUM  
(FROM THE LOCAL TO  
NATIONAL LEVEL),  
IN EUROPE AND  
INTERNATIONALLY.







# CROSS-OVER PROJECT

## FOR A FAIRER AND GREENER EUROPE

The energy transition concerns us all, but not everyone has the same resources to fully participate. In order to leave no-one by the wayside, the European **Fair Energy Transition for All** project gives a voice to the most vulnerable citizens in Europe.

The KBF publishes national and European recommendations in support of a fair and equitable energy transition for everyone. What makes this project so original is that the recommendations include the concerns and needs expressed by 900 citizens living in poverty across nine European countries (Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland and Spain).

- A collaboration between the KBF and a consortium of five European philanthropic organisations.
- A cross-cutting project involving three of our programmes: Europe; Social justice & poverty; Climate, the environment & biodiversity.





# SOCIAL JUSTICE & POVERTY

We support initiatives that help the most vulnerable.  
We encourage new approaches to lowering the risks  
of poverty and strengthening social cohesion.



**Almost one in five homeless adults is aged between 18 and 25.** The results of a study conducted by UGent, KULeuven and UCLouvain, which was commissioned by the KBF, shed new light on the profiles of these young adults, the reasons for their situation and potential levers for action. The study has the ambition of inspiring policymakers in the development of targeted and effective policies.

# HEALTH

We invest in health and  
the quality of healthcare.  
We try to fill gaps in  
scientific research, and  
we support the promotion  
of good health and the  
responsible use of data.



Professor Rosa Rademakers (VIB-UAntwerp Center for Molecular Neurology) has been awarded the **Generet Prize for Rare Diseases**, worth one million euros, for her research into a rare form of dementia.



# HERITAGE & CULTURE

We safeguard and preserve significant items of Belgian heritage for future generations. We facilitate innovative projects with a local or international dimension, relating to our natural, architectural, cultural or movable heritage.

The **three volumes of Maurice Maeterlinck's *Théâtre***, illustrated by **Léon Spilliaert**, acquired thanks to the Eliane Vercaempt Fund, have joined the collections of the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium. The rescue operation for this masterpiece of the Flemish Community was made possible thanks to the unique collaboration of the RMFAB, the Flemish Community and the KBF.



# SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

We study and map social engagement. We support public interest initiatives led by citizens, associations and foundations.



In 2022, **40% of associations witnessed a deterioration in their financial situation**. Government subsidies provide an essential safety net for associations faced with upheavals caused by successive crises. This is one of the key conclusions of the **Associations Barometer**, which provides an overview of the financial health of the charitable sector in Belgium.



# EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT OF TALENTS

We contribute to inclusive and effective education and giving every talented person an opportunity to develop his/her potential.



Entrepreneurship outside Europe: in 2022, **26 young Belgian professionals** have been offered a grant from the **Prince Albert Fund** to manage a one-year business development project outside Europe for a Belgian organisation.

We contribute to the protection of our natural resources to fight climate change and find sustainable answers to the needs of society.

# CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & BIODIVERSITY



**What could work be like tomorrow in a more circular economy?** Professionals from a variety of backgrounds developed four possible scenarios, set out in the publication *Travailler dans une économie plus circulaire - horizon 2035* (Working in a more circular economy - horizon 2035). Two webinars provided food for thought on the questions we should be asking to prepare for a more circular professional economy.



# EUROPE

We support reflection, platforms for debate, new voices in discussions and the development of solutions for key European challenges. To increase our impact, we work with over 50 European partner foundations.



In order to **fight disinformation and preserve freedom of the press**, which has been damaged by the war in Ukraine, the KBF, along with other foundations, is supporting the Centre for Freedom of the Press. Established by the NGO Reporters Without Borders (RSF) in Lviv, the Centre provides logistical, financial and psychological support to journalists in Ukraine.

We facilitate international philanthropy and empower actors of change in the countries of the Global South.

# INTERNATIONAL



"Peace means much more than the absence of war". The Somali organisation **Elman Peace and Human Rights Center** has been awarded the **KBF Africa Prize** for its efforts in fighting violence and promoting social justice. Elman Peace has developed a number of programmes aimed at providing education for children and adolescents, empowering girls, providing support for victims of rape and improving the well-being of war victims.



# SOLIDARITY IN TIMES OF CRISIS

MORE THAN EVER, IN TIMES OF CRISIS, WE SHOW OUR SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING THE MOST.

WE MOBILISE OUR PHILANTHROPIC TOOLS, EXPERTISE AND NETWORKS TO FACILITATE PEOPLE'S GENEROSITY AND TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN THE FIELD IN A WAY THAT IS COMPLEMENTARY TO OTHER ACTORS.



## THE ENERGY CRISIS

THE ENERGY CRISIS AND PRICE HIKES ARE HAVING A SERIOUS IMPACT ON THE MOST VULNERABLE IN SOCIETY AND THESE ARE INCREASINGLY NUMEROUS IN ASKING FOR HELP FROM ORGANISATIONS FIGHTING POVERTY.

To help these organisations maintain their services despite the price increases they faced in autumn 2022, **the KBF allocated nearly €3 million to 500 organisations fighting poverty.** This support represents a real breath of fresh air for social restaurants, women's shelters, food parcel distribution initiatives and organisations that provide aid to the homeless and vulnerable young people, which are having to deal not only with an increase in requests for their help, but also with increases in their own costs.

Almost half of the organisations requested less than the maximum amount of support, in order to allow as many of them as possible to benefit from the call. Such thoughtful and heart-warming solidarity!

## THE WAR IN UKRAINE

THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE HAS GENERATED ENORMOUS NEEDS ON THE GROUND. THE KBF HAS ACTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO EMERGENCY AID AND TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES.

Numerous funds managed by the KBF have made means available to meet urgent needs in Ukraine and neighbouring countries. In Belgium too, various initiatives have benefited from support to encourage the **care and integration of Ukrainian refugees.**

The KBF is also engaged in the road to **democracy**, notably by financing independent Ukrainian media and Russian media in exile fighting to make their voices heard in the face of propaganda.





# CROSS-BORDER PHILANTHROPY

THE KBF IS MEMBER OF MYRIAD

As part of the Myriad Alliance, the KBF aims to facilitate cross-border donations throughout the world.



In answer to the growing demand of philanthropists who wish to support good causes in the four corners of the world, the KBF collaborates, through the **Myriad Alliance**, with KBFUS, KBF CANADA and Give2Asia, an American philanthropic organisation, and its entities in Hong Kong SAR and Australia. Working together, the partners make available more than 50 years of experience in cross-border giving to serve the philanthropic

objectives of individuals, businesses and other organisations. With Myriad, donors in four continents can now support charitable organisations in confidence and throughout the world, with the same services, as well as being able to benefit from local tax advantages and develop global philanthropic projects.

For more information : [www.myriad.org](http://www.myriad.org)



Following the **earthquake** that happened in early 2023 in **Turkey and Syria**, the KBF mobilised, complementing other actors to provide a rapid response to philanthropists who wished to show their solidarity with victims. As part of the Myriad Alliance, the Foundation worked with the Give2Asia initiative **to support the civil population through local organisations**. A donors' circle was created to collect donations, part of which was devoted to emergency humanitarian aid, while the other part supported more long-term reconstruction.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING A BETTER SOCIETY IN BELGIUM, EUROPE OR ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD?

We are always available to help individuals, businesses and organisations wanting to get involved with one or more good causes or to contribute to the public interest, including during times of crisis.

Please do not hesitate to contact our **Centre for Philanthropy**. Together, we can develop a made-to-measure solution that gives meaning to your philanthropic commitment and ensures its greatest impact. We would be delighted to put our years of experience and our vast network of contacts at your disposal.



# THE KBF

## IN FIGURES

### 2022

€ 118,533,011

IN SUPPORT PROVIDED

4,037

ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTED

497

INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED

1,247

ACTIVE FUNDS SET UP BY  
INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES

189

CALLS FOR PROJECTS

4,610

EXPERTS IN OUR INDEPENDENT  
JURIES AND COMMITTEES

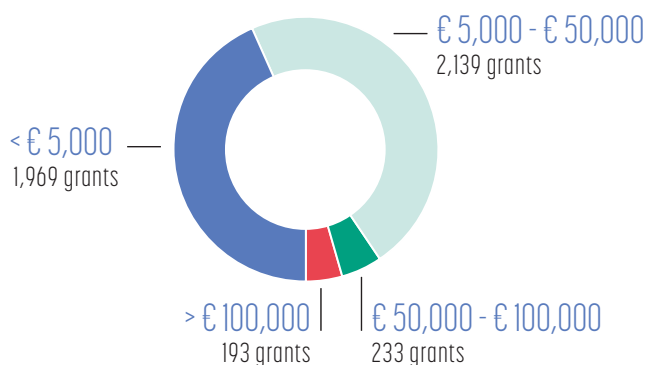
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MEMBERS OF STAFF

126,376

DONATIONS TO THIRD-PARTY PROJECTS  
MADE VIA THE KBF

### SUPPORT: AMOUNT

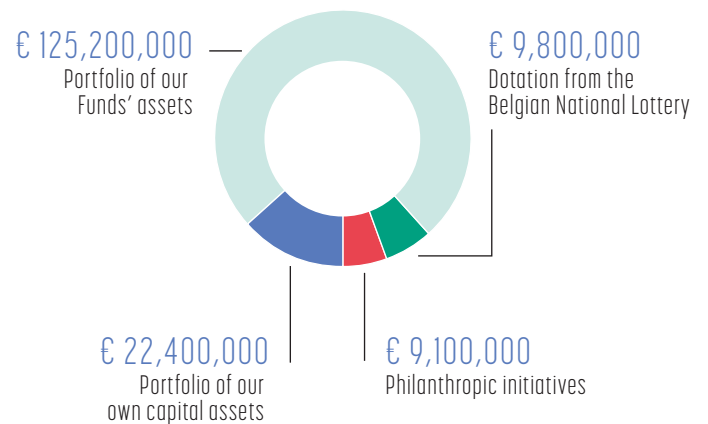


### 2023

€ 166,500,000

TOTAL BUDGET

### WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM ?



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THE NATIONAL LOTTERY  
AND ITS PLAYERS,  
AND ALSO TO OUR MANY  
DONORS FOR THEIR ONGOING  
COMMITMENT

