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**WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER SOCIETY**

# EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

For the King Baudouin Foundation, every year is special and 2023 was no exception. You will see why in this annual *Snapshot*, which features some of the high points. They are the moments that give us the energy we need to continue what we do and to carry out the many ambitious and meaningful projects we support.

Our 2024-2026 strategic vision, which was approved by the Board of Governors in December 2023, is entitled *'No one left behind'*. This means that we will do our utmost to work towards inclusion. Leave no-one by the wayside. This is what motivates many philanthropists. It is also a mission that has an impact on our organisation. The 2023 retrospective sets out, in a number of small boxes across the following pages, a foretaste of the changes that will take place in 2024. But we will come back to this.

The King Baudouin Foundation helps those who help, and this is once more reflected in our results for the past twelve months. Thanks to the generous support of philanthropists and the Belgian National Lottery, as well as our own financial means, in 2023 we were able to support individuals and organisations for a total amounting to 133 million euros. In 2022, the figure was 118 million euros.

Yet our work is about much more than just financial means. Together with you, we aim to have an impact. We want to work for a better society by favouring a transversal approach. The exhibition 'Looking for the end of the world! A climate expedition aboard The Belgica' held at the BELvue Museum is one such illustration. The exhibition retraced the history of the discovery of the Antarctic, but it highlighted aspects of our national heritage whilst at the same time raising public awareness about the current search for solutions to the climate crisis. The Good Wave project, on the other hand, aims to improve communication on climate action by proposing inspirational ideas that persuade us to act today.

We also achieve a positive impact by taking a continuous approach that focuses on the long term. So, in 2023, we celebrated a decade of the Boost programme. Thanks to this initiative, over 800 young people have been trained and successfully supported into higher education and the labour market. For the young people, this represented a personal investment in their future. For us, it was an important undertaking for society. Another example is 'Present for the Future', a vast social debate on the future management of radioactive waste. This participatory process brought together experts, citizens and almost 1,100 young people for an exchange of views and to formulate recommendations on this key question for decades to come.



And finally, our 2023 event Be Philanthropy brought together over 1,000 people from the philanthropy sector to consider the future of philanthropy. Globalisation is influencing our life every day. The world is changing and most of the time it is also in crisis, which means there is an even greater need for solidarity and philanthropy. This is why 2023 was also marked by the development of Myriad, an international alliance to facilitate cross-border giving, for which the King Baudouin Foundation is the flag carrier for Europe.

My very warmest thanks for your support and collaboration.  
Happy reading!

**Briec Van Damme**  
CEO

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## MISSION

- To contribute to building a better society in Belgium, Europe and elsewhere in the world.
- To be an actor for change and innovation, serving the public interest and increasing social cohesion.
- To endeavour to maximise our impact through capacity building among organisations and people who contribute to building a better society.
- To encourage effective philanthropy among individuals and businesses in Belgium, Europe and around the world.

## OUR

# DNA

The King Baudouin Foundation, an independent and pluralist public utility foundation, has been acting to improve society for almost 50 years.

## VALUES

- Integrity & transparency
- Solidarity & kindness
- Diversity, equity & inclusion
- Pluralism & independence
- Sustainability

## VISION

### IN BELGIUM

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

### IN EUROPE

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

### INTERNATIONAL

To become a significant player in cross-border philanthropy internationally, thanks also to Myriad, the international alliance for borderless giving.

## WORKING METHODS



### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

#### HELPING THOSE WHO HELP

- 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.



### RESEARCH

- We share the results of research into major issues facing society, carried out by experts from many fields.



### PROMOTING PHILANTHROPY

- We support individuals and businesses committed to helping one or more good causes in Belgium, in Europe and all over the world.
- We help them to transform their wishes into effective and sustainable action.



### 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.



### 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.



### ADVOCACY

- We raise awareness among policymakers and citizens about the challenges for society.
- We encourage them to act in order to create positive and sustainable change in society.



### EVENTS

- We organise events such as debates, seminars and study days concerning societal issues.
- We also organize exhibitions on themes such as the climate, democracy and heritage.

# OUR ACTION

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The King Baudouin Foundation is active in a wide range of fields in the public interest. We work for the long term in order to create maximum impact on society. This can be seen in our 2023 activities across the numerous programmes we conducted at all levels, in Belgium (from the most local up to national level), in Europe and around the world.

In 2024, we aim to strengthen even further the transversal dimension and synergies between our programmes and projects. Our objective is to respond to the challenges of society in a constantly changing world, in an innovative and effective manner and with the ambition of leaving no-one behind.

## HOW HERITAGE CAN HELP SAVE THE PLANET

In autumn 2023, the BELvue Museum highlighted the Belgica expedition to the Antarctic in its interactive exhibition *'Looking for... the end of the world! A climate expedition on board the Belgica'*.

This expedition took place 125 years ago, but its purpose and work are more relevant today than ever. The team of international scientists on board the steam ship returned in 1899, two years after leaving Antwerp on an unprecedented voyage to the White Continent. They spent 13 months there, trapped in the ice floe, but nevertheless continuing to study the ecosystem. The heritage of the Belgica scientists continues to inspire their contemporary peers to search for solutions to the climate crisis, whilst also inspiring us to act in our own environment.

The BELvue exhibition attracted over 18,200 visitors. It was also an illustration of how the Foundation makes the climate and sustainable development a common thread across its activities, including heritage.



## BELVUE: AT THE HEART OF THE KBF'S NEW DEMOCRACY PROGRAMME

The BELvue Museum provides us with insights into Belgium and its history. From 2024, it will also be the heart and starting point of the Foundation's new Democracy programme.

[belvue.be](http://belvue.be)



## 'PRESENT FOR THE FUTURE': CITIZENS CONSIDER THE MANAGEMENT OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE

How to manage high levels of long-lasting radioactive waste? This is the key question that has been posed since the Belgian Federal Government decided, at the end of 2022, to bury this waste. Given that this is an issue of concern to every citizen, in 2023 the Foundation organized (at the request of ONDRAF ) **'Present for the future'**, an extensive societal debate on the management of dangerous radioactive waste. This unprecedented participatory process brought together, in parallel, various groups of people to gather their ideas, arguments and recommendations. One of the most notable aspects of the debate involved young people who will have to shape this policy for the future. Over one thousand third-grade secondary school pupils debated the subject in the classroom and 120 of them participated in the Youth Summit. This massive response shows that, despite its complexity, this subject affects society. Young people, citizens and experts set out a roadmap for future decades.



## BE PHILANTHROPY 2023: INSPIRATIONAL COMMITMENT!

During the 2023 Be Philanthropy event, the King Baudouin Foundation assembled over 1,100 philanthropists, policy makers, notaries, bankers, asset managers, socially-responsible entrepreneurs, foundations and family offices from Belgium and abroad at Autoworld, Brussels. This three-yearly event is the occasion for the word of philanthropy to find sources of inspiration and exchange ideas and experience about trends, challenges and opportunities.

## FETA: INVOLVING VULNERABLE GROUPS, AN APPROACH THAT WORKS

With the European project **Fair Energy Transition for All (FETA)**, the Foundation aims to ensure that 'green' political measures also benefit those groups that are difficult to reach and to get their support. Over a two-year period, about 1,000 vulnerable people were interviewed across nine European countries to provide input into detailed recommendations presented to national authorities and the EU. The Belgian government put these proposals for inclusive transition at the centre of its EU Presidency in the first half of 2024. FETA was also present at COP28, the United Nations climate summit, in December 2023. The project attracted the attention of the European Commission, national policy makers and organisations. The FETA team assembled the information gathered from the research carried out, to understand vulnerable groups and develop together with them some constructive solutions, in a publication *'Make the invisible visible'*.



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

# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POVERTY

## COUNTING THE HOMELESS AND PEOPLE AWAY FROM HOME: AN INTERNATIONAL EXAMPLE

In the night of 19 to 20 October 2023, a census was made, for the fourth consecutive year, of the homeless and those away from home in 58 towns and communes across Flanders and Wallonia. These counts were supervised by research teams from CIRTES UCLouvain and LUCAS KU Leuven and were a KBF initiative conducted in close collaboration with local authorities, associations and volunteers. In Flanders, the cities of Antwerp, Ghent and Leuven conducted the operation. In Wallonia, thanks to a contribution from the regional government, the counts were held in La Louvière, in the district of Mons-Borinage and in 34 communes of the province of Luxemburg. The census method used is being emulated abroad and is already used in the Netherlands, whilst the European Platform Against Homelessness has instigated a pilot project in the towns of ten European Union countries.

In Belgium, the counts are the last to be carried out under the auspices of the KBF. Now that the methodology has been finalised, it is the Observatoire du Sans-abrisme (the Homelessness Observatory) that will be responsible for conducting the census in Wallonia and the Steunpunt tot Bestrijding van Armoede, Bestaansonzekerheid en Uitsluiting (the Support Centre for Fighting Poverty, Insecurity and Exclusion) in Flanders. Brussels has already been conducting its own census since 2008.



## MEASURING MATERIAL DEPRIVATION AMONG CHILDREN

There are too many children in difficulty in Belgium. Almost 13% of them are deprived every day of at least 3 of the 17 elements considered by the EU as essential to their development. Belgium falls below the European average. Children who grow up alone with their mother are the most exposed to risk of poverty. These are the findings of a recent study conducted by Anne-Catherine Guiot (LISER) and Wim Van Lancker (KU Leuven), at the request of the King Baudouin Foundation. The researchers used the child material deprivation indicator for their study, which measures the daily difficulties encountered by children and which can be different from those experienced by their parents. With the results of this research, presented to around one hundred policy makers on 18 October 2023, the KBF hopes to have provided new angles of analysis to use in the development of effective structures to fight child poverty.

## BETTER ACCESS TO HOUSING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY

Families experiencing poverty are finding it increasingly difficult to find quality but affordable housing. The Fonds Pauvreté des Enfants and the Kinderarmoedefonds (respectively the Francophone and Flemish Child Poverty Fund), both of which are managed by the KBF, have joined forces to grant a total of 1.85 million euros to 16 long-term projects designed to help single-parent families and large families experiencing poverty to find safe and quality accommodation.

## OUR ACTION

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.



### THE GENERET PRIZE IS AWARDED FOR PROMISING RESEARCH ON CHARCOT'S DISEASE

On 16 February 2023, Professor Ludo Van Den Bosch and his team from the Neurological Laboratory at VIB-KU Leuven were awarded the prestigious **Generet Prize for Rare Diseases**. The prize was awarded for the team's promising research on Charcot's Disease or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a neurodegenerative condition that affects the functioning of the muscles and ends in their total paralysis. To date, there is no effective therapy.

Professor Van Den Bosch hopes to remedy this situation thanks to his research on an enzyme present in the motor neurons that control the muscles. Together with his team, he has discovered that transport patterns in the disrupted motor neurons of ALS patients can be reactivated, enabling contact with the muscles

to be re-established. The researchers hope that this will reverse the course of the condition. The Generet Prize was presented in the presence of previous prizewinners.

The ambition of the Generet Fund, which is supported by the King Baudouin Foundation, is to make Belgium an international centre for rare diseases. Since 2018, the Fund has awarded a prize of one million euros each year to a leading researcher working in a Belgian research institution conducting high-level research in the field of rare diseases.

*Photo (from left to right): Prof. Steven Laureys, Prof. Rosa Rademakers, Prof. Ludo Van Den Bosch, Prof. Pierre Vanderhaeghen and Prof. Miikka Vakkula.*



### TUBBE, WHERE IT IS RESIDENTS WHO ARE IN CHARGE IN ALMOST 200 CARE HOMES

Thanks to support from the KBF, no fewer than 197 care homes in Belgium have changed course over the last four years. All of them now apply the six basic principles of participatory care: autonomy, joint decision-making, shared experience, community, open communication and sharing. The Tubbe Model enables residents to have their say about their daily life and their place of living, which has a positive impact on their quality of life. For further information (in French and Dutch only) see [tubbe.be](https://tubbe.be)

### THE FUTURE OF CARE

Healthcare, and especially frontline care, is under enormous pressure. Organisations have considerable difficulties in attracting and retaining new workers and the workload is extremely heavy. In two recent reports, *L'emploi dans l'aide et les soins. Quel avenir ? (Employment in support and care. What future?)* and *Le bien-être dans le secteur de l'aide et des soins : la parole aux professionnels (Well-being in the sector of support and care: professionals have their say)*, the **Dr. Daniël De Coninck Fund** highlights challenges for the sector, as well as setting out innovative examples for actors in search of solutions. The recommendations in these two reports were debated on 12 October 2023, during a study afternoon on the future of work in the care sector: what policies are required, what lessons can be learned from experience in the field and what sustainable practices are worth looking at.



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

# CLIMATE, THE ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY

## THE GOOD WAVE: A NETWORK FOR EFFECTIVE CLIMATE ACTION

Many citizens are already doing what they can to curb global warming. However, the climate emergency demands much broader mobilization, including of people who currently remain on the sidelines. With **The Good Wave**, the Foundation is helping organisations to create tailor-made messages to drive the latter's involvement.

Working on changes in behaviour requires specific knowledge and experience. Fortunately, interesting learning is available from science and extensive innovative practice in the field. The Good Wave aims to make such sources of inspiration accessible, intelligible and applicable by bringing together a solid network of professionals who are active and communicate about the climate.

The Good Wave is therefore a website packed with practical and educational tools on various subjects: the impact of

climate action, management of climate-related fears, narrative techniques, fake news, and the polarization of debate. The content has been developed on the basis of research in the social and behavioural sciences.

The Good Wave is also Wavemaker Sessions, short thematic discussions on a precise subject. Anyone wishing to involve their organisation in effective and sustainable actions can participate in the sessions.

And finally, there are intensive Learning Labs, three-day sessions during which attention is focused on effective communication and activity regarding the climate. During these Learning Labs, participants analyse their own practices and consider the best way of addressing issues among various target groups.

[thegoodwave.be](https://thegoodwave.be)



The Good Wave was launched on 21 September 2023 with an event to present it to the general public. After a debate about the role that social and behavioural sciences can play in climate transition, participants were able to take part in workshops on subjects such as effective participation, narrative techniques and the framing of discussions.



## OUR ACTION

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.



### DIPPING INTO OUR ART NOUVEAU TREASURES

Thanks to the King Baudouin Foundation's Heritage Fund and the generosity of our patrons, in recent years we have been able to acquire a number of Art Nouveau masterpieces for today's and future generations to enjoy. The Foundation dipped into its collection to present some 40 emblematic objects and works of art to the general public in its exhibition **'Art nouveau. Stories of Exceptional Objects'**, presented at the BELvue Museum (from 7 June 2023 to 7 January 2024). Art Nouveau artists frequented each other in exhibitions and salons of the time, but they were also neighbours, colleagues and friends who moved in the same circles. Through the exhibits at the BELvue and the stories relating to them, some 58,800 visitors to the exhibition were able to have a 'photograph' of this flourishing artistic community that lived and worked in Brussels at the beginning of the 20th century.

### BRUSSELS CELEBRATES 130 YEARS OF ART NOUVEAU

2023 marked 130 years since the inauguration of one of the most striking Art Nouveau buildings in Brussels: the Tassel House, designed by Victor Horta. Brussels seized the opportunity to celebrate this exceptional artistic movement.

The Foundation added further brilliance to the occasion by, among other things, acquiring through the Braet-Buys-Bartholomus Fund, some chairs designed by Victor Horta, now exhibited at the Brussels Art & History Museum, and with a series of postage stamps, two of which represented works in the KBF's collection.

[heritage-kbf.be](https://heritage-kbf.be)



## OUR ACTION

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



### CREATING A SOCIAL DYNAMIC THROUGH LOCAL INITIATIVES

Aimed at encouraging positive citizen initiatives that foster establishing bonds, creating a social dynamic and sharing moments of conviviality in rural areas, each year the KBF launches two calls for small-scale, local projects: in Wallonia, **Vis Mon Village** (Live my Village), and in Flanders, **Buurten op den Buiten** (Neighbourhoods on the Outside). Each project can receive up to a maximum of 5,000 euros.

In Wallonia, 38 projects were selected in 2023 and were supported with a total of 176,092 euros. The wide variety of projects supported included the creation of a community garden, installation of a wood-fired community oven and restoration of a former laundry. Since 2012, Vis Mon Village, which is managed by the KBF in partnership with the Walloon Ministry for Rural Affairs, has supported 420 projects with a total of over 1.8 million euros.

In Flanders, through Buurten op den Buiten, the KBF and the Vlaams Landmaatschappij (Flemish Land Agency) supported 43 local initiatives in 2023, amounting to a total of 195,334 euros. Projects included support for friendship groups, community gardens and allotments, and a sing-along concert. Since 2012, Buurten op den Buiten has supported 532 projects with a total of 2,195,143 euros.

What is common across this huge range of projects is that all of them have had a practical and positive impact on the life of the local rural community, strengthening social cohesion and improving the quality of people's lives.

### BECAUSE.EU THE NEW SHIP WINDOW FOR GOOD CAUSES

[www.bonnescauses.be](http://www.bonnescauses.be), the database for charitable organisations in Belgium, has now become [www.because.eu](http://www.because.eu). This KBF website is the most complete and reliable shop window for good causes in Belgium. The database provides, free of charge, clear, precise and accessible information on over 30,000 organisations operating in Belgium. Some of the data are based on official sources and these are automatically updated. [www.because.eu](http://www.because.eu) thus favours a transparent and exhaustive vision of the charitable sector. Organisations can highlight their activities whilst volunteers and potential donors can easily locate a cause dear to their hearts.

[because.eu](http://because.eu)

because  
it matters!

SINCE 2024, THE THEME OF SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT  
HAS BEEN INTEGRATED INTO ALL KBS PROGRAMMES.

## OUR ACTION

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



### THE IMPACT GENERATION IS MAKING ITSELF FELT AT THE PRINCE ALBERT FUND

Each year, the Prince Albert Fund gives talented young people the opportunity to develop a business project whilst working for a Belgian company outside Europe. They choose the projects themselves, on the basis of priorities for their generation, and in 2023 there were again 30 candidates. Half of them chose to work for a large Belgian company and half for a scale-up, especially companies in the digital technology sector.

All of the projects submitted were in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, such as health and wellbeing, industry and innovation, and the climate. Young people are now choosing newer, less well-known companies in which they

can also take on newer types of roles such as sustainability manager and decarbonization business manager, which reflect their own values. This was the reason behind a pilot project with an NGO being conducted in 2023, because the boundaries between the traditional and social economies are becoming blurred for young people. In 2023, three new board members joined the Prince Albert Fund: Yamina Krossa, Katrien Herdewyn and Paulina Murrath.

[princealbertfund.be](https://princealbertfund.be)

### BOOST: HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE TO REALIZE THEIR WILDEST DREAMS

Over the last ten years, more than 800 young people from vulnerable backgrounds have been successfully supported, enabling them to continue into higher education and the labour market, thanks to Boost, one of our talent development programmes. Youngsters such as these face numerous obstacles in their life. The programme, launched in 2011 by the KBF in collaboration with the SofinaBoël Fund for Education and Talent, operates in 8 towns and cities across Belgium: Antwerp, Mons, Brussels, Ghent, La Louvière, Liege, Verviers and Ostend. The programme's 10th anniversary offered the opportunity to take stock of the results. Young talents, who are supported from the 4th stage of secondary education through to getting their degree in higher education, have a 95% success rate in secondary school. 58% of these 'Boosters' entered university and a further 40% entered a college of further education, with a success rate of between 65% and 73%.



On 8 November 2023, Boost celebrated its positive impact in a special event, but Boost is in no way resting on its laurels. The programme is going to be launched in three additional towns (Charleroi, Eupen and Hasselt) over the coming four years and aims to double the number of 'Boosters'.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAMME, ITS PARTNERS AND TESTIMONIES  
ETC. ON [BOOSTFORTALENTS.BE](https://boostfortalents.be)

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.



## EUROPE

### CIVITATES: FIGHTING FOR A HEALTHY PUBLIC DIGITAL SPACE

Today, a great deal of our information is provided online and this is also where many of our political discussions take place. Democracy therefore needs a healthy digital space. **Civitates**, managed by the Network of European Foundations (NEF), including the KBF, supported actors in civil society who put pressure on legislators to enact the European Digital Services Act (DSA), which obliges the big tech companies to be accountable and transparent. With this law on digital services, the European Union has created a strict framework for social networks, among others, in the fight against disinformation and polarisation.

Thanks to its lobbying activities, civil society has been able to secure the guarantees that are essential to a healthy public digital space and thus to act as a counterweight to the strength of large tech companies. The support provided by Civitates reinforced the voice of civil society and enabled it to carry more weight in debates.

Civitates is continuing to support the beneficiaries of its activities so as to ensure application of the DSA at national level, as well as the establishment of appropriate control bodies. This should provide the legislation with teeth to act and to force social networks to do what they are asked to do.

## OUR ACTION

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



### A CATALYST FOR INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Small businesses in the Global South often struggle to secure funding to expand their activities to a larger scale and increase their impact. The Business Partnership Facility (BPF), a five-year programme that ended in 2023, came to the aid of such businesses, contributing to the realization of 64 projects in 23 countries, mainly in Africa. Successfully, as shown by an independent evaluation.

The BPF was an initiative of the Directorate-General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid (DGD) of the Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, which also financed the BPF. In the five years between 2019 and 2023, the BPF allocated a total of 10.5 million euros in grants.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

[BUSINESSPARTNERSHIPFACILITY.BE](https://businesspartnershipfacility.be)

Businesses could present, together with government bodies or NGOs, a project that was economically sustainable by acting on at least one of the three millennium development goals: climate, the environment and biodiversity, gender and female entrepreneurship or decent work and social protection.

According to the evaluation, business leaders appreciated that the programme took into account the reality of commercial activity in Africa and they indicated that the BPF had often been the springboard to securing other financing. The final report estimates that the BPF funding had also been essential in creating employment and improving working conditions, increasing incomes in the local community and providing greater responsibilities to women.

### SOLIDARITY WITH VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS

The devastating earthquakes that struck Turkey and Syria in February 2023 left almost 60,000 people dead. In September, an earthquake in Morocco cost the lives of almost 3,000 people. The damage was incalculable and hundreds of thousands of people found themselves without shelter. The KBF put its philanthropic tools and its network at the service of individuals and businesses who wished to show solidarity with the victims of these catastrophes and this resulted in a total of 820,000 euros being donated for Turkey and Syria, and a further 890,000 euros for Morocco. The KBF's partners within the Myriad Alliance (see page 14) also facilitated donations being made.



# INTERNATIONAL PHILANTHROPY



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Unlocking the full potential  
of international philanthropy



## MYRIAD, THE ALLIANCE FOR BORDERLESS GIVING

Philanthropy knows no frontiers. This is why the King Baudouin Foundation and its partners founded Myriad, the Alliance for borderless giving, in 2021. Thanks to Myriad, philanthropists, businesses and organisations can support projects and organisations of general interest in more than one hundred countries around the world. Myriad anchors cooperation between various international philanthropic structures: Myriad USA, Myriad Canada, Myriad Australia, The Gift Trust of New Zealand, Give2Asia, Give2Asia Foundation Ltd (Hong Kong SAR) and, of course, Myriad Europe represented by the King Baudouin Foundation.

IN APRIL 2024,  
THE KING BAUDOIN FOUNDATION LAUNCHED MYRIAD EUROPE.

*“We are expanding our capacity to identify, manage, and propose cross-continental opportunities and global philanthropic initiatives and to provide the most efficient services for international collaboration, fundraising and grant-making.”*

KBF CEO  
BRIEUC VAN DAMME

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [MYRIADEUROPE.ORG](https://myriadeurope.org)



## AN INTERNATIONAL PHILANTHROPIC NETWORK READY TO ACT

**Ludwig Forrest**, Philanthropy Director of the KBF, spoke about Myriad in 2023. “In constant evolution, Myriad adapted its structures in 2023 to become an essential tool for philanthropists, corporates, and organisations from all over the world wishing to act with confidence and efficiency for the common good, in their own country or further afield.”

### WHAT WERE SOME OF MYRIAD'S PARTICULAR PROJECTS LAST YEAR?

“There were individuals and businesses across several countries and regions of the world who wished to support the victims of the horrendous earthquakes that occurred in Syria and Turkey, followed by Morocco, who were able to make donations through various Myriad partners. Moreover, Myriad closely followed the development of Disaster Link, a network of 51 reliable partners in countries deemed to be at high risk of natural disasters, which enables aid to be rapidly implemented and adapted to those affected. In addition, a number of funds and philanthropic organisations also used Myriad, either to

collect funds from international donors or to benefit our networks in the various countries, in order to provide support of greater impact to beneficiaries and in complete security. I can think, for instance, about a family with members in Canada and several European countries that wished to group together their family's philanthropy and act on a very targeted cause by supporting worldwide research on a particular problem.”

### WHERE WAS MYRIAD'S ACCENT IN 2023?

“Myriad came into being in 2021. We realised, two years later, that we had to work on the structures and on having a shared vision. We needed to better coordinate with partners in order to better meet the needs of donors on four continents. Our network was further strengthened in 2023 with the addition of The Gift Trust of New Zealand. We also worked on the positioning and image of Myriad, including presenting the network at philanthropic events, so that businesses, families and multilateral institutions were able to discover our services and the possibilities of having a more global philanthropy.”

## 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.

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# THE KBF

## IN FIGURES

### 2023

€ 133,110,000

IN SUPPORT PROVIDED

194

CALLS FOR PROJECTS

4,294

EXPERTS IN OUR INDEPENDENT JURIES AND COMMITTEES

369

INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED

4,091

ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTED

1,363

ACTIVE FUNDS SET UP BY INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES

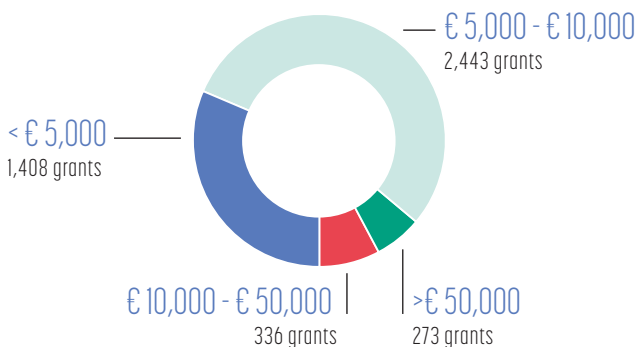
157,060

DONATIONS TO THIRD-PARTY PROJECTS MADE VIA THE KBS

136

MEMBERS OF STAFF

### SUPPORT: AMOUNT

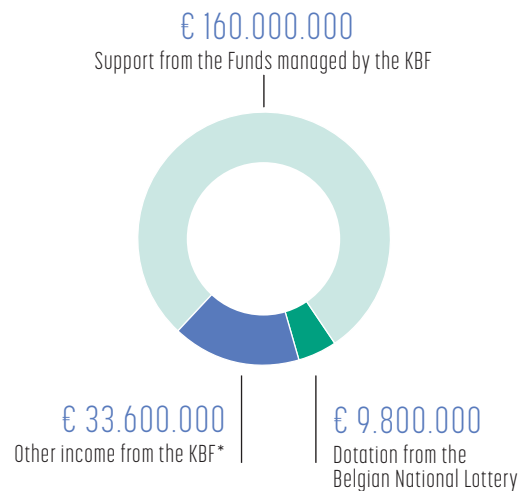


### 2024

€ 203,400,000

TOTAL BUDGET

### COMPOSITION OF THE BUDGET



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\* operational and financial income