

SNAPSHOT 2024

Working together towards a better society



Together, we make the difference

• In a world that's changing at breakneck speed, everyone needs stability and safety. But also the hope and the drive to make tomorrow brighter and better. That sense of security and hope takes root where people join forces and care for one another—both in word and in deed.

The King Baudouin Foundation supports citizens and organisations committed to making a real difference. From philanthropists who donate funds or valuable assets, to experts who share their knowledge, and businesses that embrace social responsibility.

All bringers of hope are welcome

With their support, we fund and organise projects that make a positive, lasting impact on society and create opportunities for vulnerable people.

In 2024, the Foundation supported nearly 5,000 projects, both locally in Belgium and beyond its borders, across six vital pillars of society: social justice & poverty, health, education & talent development, democracy, climate, environment & biodiversity, and heritage & culture.



BRIEUC VAN DAMME,
CEO KING BAUDOUIN FOUNDATION

“More than ever, people who join forces and care for one another are the cornerstone of our prosperity and wellbeing.”

How do we put this into practice?



By enabling philanthropy

We inform and inspire potential philanthropists and individuals who wish to make a positive contribution to society.



By strengthening society

We support people and communities by organising and funding projects that create a meaningful and lasting impact.



By bringing experts together

We connect those with lived experience, universities, and public authorities to co-create innovative and practical solutions for today's and tomorrow's challenges.



By promoting sustainable change

We raise awareness among policymakers and citizens and encourage them to actively contribute to positive, lasting transformation.

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HEALTH

EDUCATION AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT

DEMOCRACY

CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY

HERITAGE AND CULTURE

Challenges and commitment

Our societies face profound challenges: a loss of security, growing inequality, increasing polarisation... These developments undermine social cohesion and make open dialogue more difficult. In this context, the King Baudouin Foundation is more committed than ever to playing a role: to foster connection, rebuild trust, and ensure no one is left behind.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors—individuals, businesses, and the players of the National Lottery—the philanthropy we promote becomes a catalyst for change. Rooted in the realities on the ground, it enables meaningful, concrete projects that might otherwise never have seen the light of day. Projects that bring people together and make a genuine difference for the communities they serve.

In 2024, we supported thousands of initiatives, both in Belgium and internationally. A selection is presented in this Snapshot. This network of local action—here and abroad—reflects our 'glocal' approach: close to people, open to the world.

In an increasingly uncertain world, we continue our work with determination and agility. More than ever, it is essential to anticipate societal needs and to develop realistic, innovative solutions for the great challenges of our time. By supporting those who commit themselves, we help restore trust, keep democracy alive, and build a fairer society. Because everyone matters.

Brieuc Van Damme, CEO King Baudouin Foundation

A warm society begins on every street corner

... In an era of increasing globalisation, the importance of the local is only growing. It's in these communities that people can join forces to make a tangible difference and build small, caring societies where citizens look out for one another. The King Baudouin Foundation gives these projects the oxygen they deserve. Everyone counts, at every level.

A local mindset in everything we do

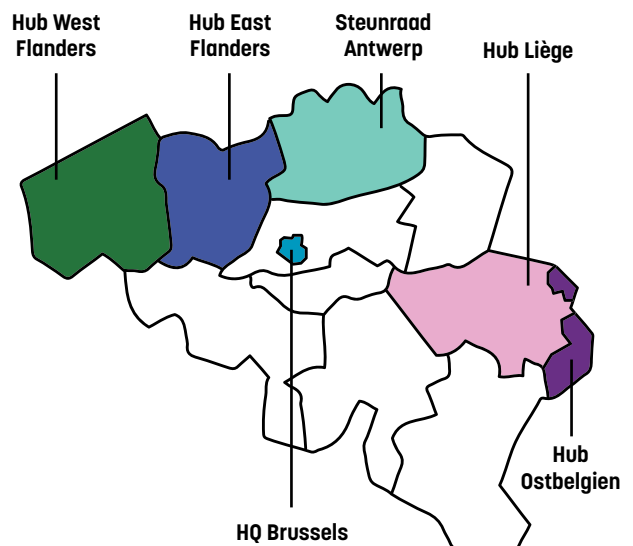
Together with local partners, we strengthen communities, support new initiatives, and invest in social innovation. After all, no one knows better which ideas make a real difference and which organisations deserve a helping hand than the people from the region itself. In everything we do, we ask: what impact will this have locally?

Motivated ambassadors across the country

Our community grows each year and stretches across the country—just like our team. Every staff member can become an ambassador of the King Baudouin Foundation in their own region. They serve as the Foundation's antennae and spokespersons in the places where they live, were born, or grew up.

Local roots through our hubs

We strengthen local engagement by building a network of philanthropic hubs throughout the country. These hubs act as central points where local initiatives are better supported and can reinforce each other. So far, we have launched four hubs: in West and East Flanders, Eastern Belgium, and Liège.



Hub East Flanders

The Chat Café of psychiatric hospital Sint-Lucia

One in five Flemish people will face mental health challenges at some point in their lives. Yet, there's still too little open conversation about it. That's why therapists and patients at the Sint-Lucia Psychiatric Hospital in Sint-Niklaas are inviting local residents for a friendly coffee chat in the mobile 'Bar Bèta' chat café. Supported by #EenHartVoorWaas.



Hub West Flanders

10 years of the LISA Student Fund

A student room, tuition fees, independence... Student life is both a challenge and a significant financial burden. The LISA Student Fund provides financial support and individual guidance to students who need assistance due to social or family circumstances. To reach these young people, the Fund collaborates with local secondary schools. In 2024, the LISA Student Fund celebrated its tenth anniversary. What began with just 3 pupils has grown into a support programme for no fewer than 79 students.



Hub Liège

A first for Wallonia

The first of its kind in Wallonia, the Philanthropy Hub of Liège represents a major step in the Foundation's commitment to strengthening its local presence and accessibility. It serves as a true gateway for anyone—donors, philanthropists, and project leaders—who wishes to get involved in a philanthropic initiative in the province of Liège. The hub fosters synergy by connecting people and organisations seeking support with those eager to help. It also directs them towards existing initiatives and calls for projects, while helping to raise awareness of the Foundation's work and the wealth of initiatives already active in the region.

Bürgerfonds Ostbelgien

A dynamic local player

The 'Bürgerfonds Ostbelgien' is a regional fund aligned with the values of the King Baudouin Foundation, dedicated to improving quality of life, fostering social cohesion, and preserving heritage in the German-speaking Community of Belgium and surrounding areas. In 2024, it supported 70 diverse local projects with over €300,000—ranging from cultural events and addiction prevention to mental health and gender-based violence support. It also funds early education programmes in schools to combat bullying and discrimination and backs the 'A Heart for East Belgian Children' initiative, which helps disadvantaged youth access equal opportunities and brighter futures.



Solidarity across borders

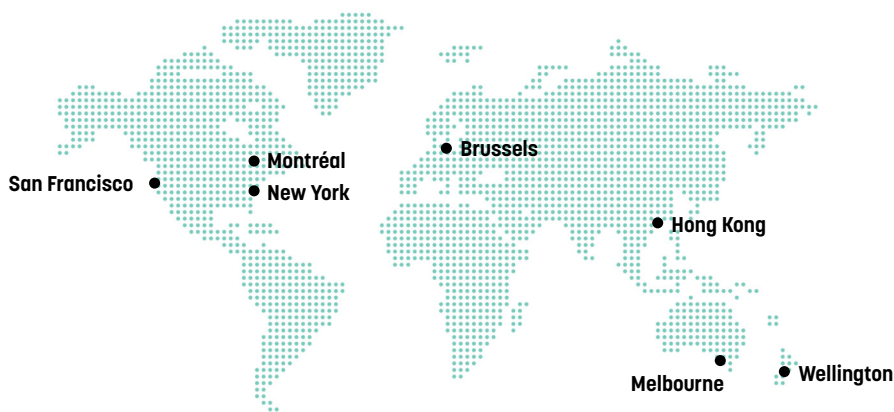
• Solidarity knows no borders. Over the years, the Foundation has built up a broad network of partners across the globe. This has enabled us to grow into a key player in the field of international philanthropy.

Safeguarding European democracy

Together, we can make a difference—across borders. In Europe, the King Baudouin Foundation works in partnership with a range of organisations. In recent years, the focus has naturally been on strengthening and safeguarding democracy. But the Foundation's activities extend far beyond European borders as well.

Myriad: A global network

Myriad is an international alliance established by the King Baudouin Foundation that connects philanthropists and social initiatives worldwide. Active in nearly 100 countries across four continents, the network offers guidance, support, and access to an extensive network of non-profit organisations. The alliance also facilitates the generosity of many donors who support victims of natural and humanitarian disasters. myriad.org



In Africa, Latin America and Asia

The King Baudouin Foundation aims to drive change in Africa, Latin America and Asia through financial support, sharing of best practices, networking and donor assistance.

In 2024

the Foundation
was engaged in

74 countries

through

526 grants

the total grant
amount was

€22,524,206

Tanzanian 'Her Initiative' wins the KBF Africa Prize

In the presence of King Philippe and Queen Mathilde, 'Her Initiative' was awarded the KBF Africa Prize last year. Although Tanzania has made significant progress in the area of women's empowerment, 60% of Tanzanian women still live in poverty, and many lack access to the resources needed for economic development.

'Her Initiative' is a women-led organisation that offers young Tanzanian women economic opportunities through education, entrepreneurship, and digital inclusion. With the €200,000 prize and the international network of the King Baudouin Foundation, 'Her Initiative' aims to reach an additional 100,000 women in East Africa over the next five years.



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© Protect Humanitarians

'Protect Humanitarians Fund' safeguards humanitarian workers

In 2024, nearly 300 million vulnerable people—victims of conflict, forced migration, and natural disasters—required humanitarian assistance. Around the world, humanitarian workers stepped up to help, often risking their own lives: over 500 were killed, injured, or abducted.

Launched on the initiative of Olivier Vandecasteele and managed by the King Baudouin Foundation, the 'Protect Humanitarians Fund' was created to better protect humanitarian workers—particularly local staff—and to strengthen support for survivors of such incidents.

Civitates: Committed to democracy and solidarity in Europe

As a member of the philanthropic initiative 'Civitates', the Foundation supports projects that strengthen civil society and combat digital disinformation. This includes associations, non-profits, NGOs, grassroots initiatives, and trade unions. In addition, Civitates engages with policymakers to promote civic empowerment within the EU and supports organisations working to enhance the transparency of European institutions.

Seeing the unseen: Support for Kinshasa's street children

Over 20,000 children in Kinshasa live on the streets, facing exploitation, violence, and extreme vulnerability. The Bana Ya Poveda Centre, with over two decades of experience in offering shelter, education, and emotional support, is now enhancing its impact through a two-year training initiative supported by the King Baudouin Foundation and led by the Beninese NGO Terres Rouges. This collaboration emphasises a psychosocial approach that goes beyond basic needs, focusing on trauma healing, trust-building, and community reintegration. Inspired by Terres Rouges' successful methods in Benin, including outreach, tailored care, and engaging all staff in emotional support, the programme aims to shift attitudes, strengthen NGO capacity, and promote children's rights in Kinshasa—with hopes to expand its transformative impact across the DRC.



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Single market of philanthropy

As a new EU executive takes office, Philea – the Philanthropy Europe Association – together with the King Baudouin Foundation and Myriad Europe, calls on leaders to support the growing number of Europeans donating across borders. While the EU Single Market allows freedom to work, invest, and trade seamlessly, cross-border giving remains hindered by complex tax systems and bureaucracy. Their wish is for improved policies that make philanthropy as easy and impactful as other cross-border exchanges, especially in addressing challenges that transcend national boundaries.



€650 B

euros held by 186,000 European foundations (that's Belgium's GDP*)



2.9%

of EU spending is by a nonprofit**



€14 M

Europeans were born in a different EU state***



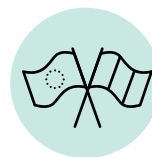
KBF has long helped European taxpayers donate efficiently across borders. In 2024, we published a comprehensive guide****



The European Commission recognised philanthropists as trusted partners in the Covid-19 and Ukraine crises and says national governments must respect a level playing field for cross-border donations.



A new legal form, the European Cross-Border Association (ECBA) could save nonprofits €770 min a year. It's time to create it!



During Belgium's EU Council presidency in 2024, KBF briefed national governments. Their positive feedback lets us look forward to unlocking the potential of European philanthropy in 2025.

For details, see the **[European Philanthropy Manifesto](#)**

Sources: *European Commission, **Philea, ***Eurostat, ****kbs-frb.be

When philanthropy accelerates social innovation

Launched in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Sofina Covid Solidarity Fund allocated €20 million between 2020 and 2022 to 15 initiatives addressing health and education challenges linked to the crisis in Western Europe, Singapore, and India. Now concluded, the initiative aimed to provide immediate relief while also fostering lasting change. An impact analysis completed in 2024 highlighted an exemplary project in India: StepOne. Thanks to a digital application, individuals infected with Covid-19 could be monitored remotely as their symptoms and treatments progressed. The tool is now used in India's public health system, including for the treatment of tuberculosis and dengue—a compelling example of the potential and impact of international philanthropy, facilitated by the Myriad alliance.



© Project Step One

Music of time

A treasured 1707 Stradivarius violin has been gifted by celebrated American violinist and teacher Charles Castleman to the Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel near Brussels, where he won the prestigious violin prize in 1963. Now in his 80s, Castleman's donation aims to support young talent by placing the historic instrument in the hands of future generations. Facilitated by the Myriad Alliance and its ART programme, the gift navigated complex international donation logistics. Initially entrusted to Castleman's former student Miclen LaiPang, the instrument will, from 2028, be made available to emerging artists in residence at the Chapel. The Chapel's CEO reflects that the instrument symbolises a profound connection to time, people, and life itself.



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Social justice and poverty

Nearly 20% of Belgians are at risk of poverty or social exclusion—that's more than 2 million people. The King Baudouin Foundation, together with its philanthropists and numerous volunteers, is committed to helping. Because everyone deserves to lead a life of dignity.

Building knowledge and raising awareness

The organisations we support are vital partners. Thanks to their expertise, we identify the causes and consequences of poverty and exclusion. We build on this by gathering data and insights—for example, on homelessness—to influence policy and raise public awareness.

Supporting solutions

With the help of our philanthropists, we can support field workers in the guidance they offer their target audiences. We do this by financing existing activities or new innovations. We place a special focus on young people, single parents, people with disabilities, and those with a migration background.

Focus on employment and housing

Housing and employment are both key pillars in the fight for greater social justice. We pay particular attention to these themes and to strengthening the organisations dedicated to them.



27.27 M

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2024



1,067

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Homelessness and inadequate housing

- We map out housing and energy poverty,
- explore solutions, and support projects
- that help vulnerable people find a home.

The Reno-Hope Awards

The Reno-Hope Awards honour organisations that transform old buildings into warm, sustainable homes for vulnerable groups—strong renovation projects with high social impact.

At the end of 2024, 12 laureates received €60,000 in support from the Foundation, along with professional guidance and the opportunity to build a network. Recipients included, among others, Collectief Goed—a housing cooperative for large low-income families—and Community Land Trust Brussels, which helps vulnerable homeowners carry out energy-efficient renovations.



Housing for disadvantaged young people

In 2024, the Ethias Youth Solidarity Awards awarded €275,000 to 15 projects tackling precariousness among under-30s. Among them, the Public Centre for Social Welfare (CPAS) of Marche-en-Famenne supports NEETs— young people not in education, employment or training—on their journey to independence. It provides them with two shared housing units and personalised guidance to help rebuild their confidence and begin shaping a life plan.

Employment

- A job opens many doors. That's why
- we connect disadvantaged groups with
- employers and offer targeted training
- in sustainable sectors.

Study on inclusion of people with disabilities

The employment rate of people with disabilities in Belgium is below 40%, while countries like Sweden and Austria exceed 50%. To address this, the King Baudouin Foundation is conducting a study into the perceptions and experiences of people with disabilities regarding work and employment. In doing so, it tackles systemic barriers and discrimination.

Shaping the Future

Through the 'Shaping the Future' initiative, the King Baudouin Foundation, together with partners such as the SD Worx Fund, aims to close the gap between vulnerable young people and the labour market. Together, we strengthen organisations that support young people into employment and build bridges between them and employers, working towards a more inclusive labour market.





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Health

Together with all stakeholders, the King Baudouin Foundation is working to create care and support that maximise quality of life—because everyone deserves this, without distinction.



16.56 M

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2024



352

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A new outlook and approach

While care in Belgium is largely accessible and effective, it doesn't always contribute to well-being. The Foundation promotes a new perspective and approach that benefits both people and long-term innovation in the healthcare system.

Starting from needs

We do this by using our expertise, providing financial support to impactful projects, and inspiring and connecting the care sector. For us, it's vital to

continually start from people's unmet needs. Care and support must be accessible at every stage of life—for everyone, including the most vulnerable.

Support for carers

Finally, professional care workers and informal carers also deserve adequate support. Our thematic focus includes support for medical research, mental health care, prevention of mental health issues in children and young people, caring neighbourhoods, and warm, engaged elderly care.

Fund Dr Daniël De Coninck develops 8 core principles

Tomorrow's care can significantly improve quality of life for both patients and professionals through digital platforms and health apps—but these also come with risks. The Dr Daniël De Coninck Fund convened a group of leading academics, healthcare professionals, and tech experts to draft eight essential principles ensuring that technological innovations in healthcare are developed in a people-centred, safe, inclusive, high-quality, and sustainable way. caringtechnology.be

It Takes a Village

The residential care home sector in Brussels is undergoing a series of reforms. To support this process, the Foundation launched 'It Takes a Village' in 2024, in collaboration with Iriscare. This initiative aims to encourage cultural change within care facilities by promoting participation and more horizontal decision-making structures. itav.brussels

Generet Prize for research into rare thyroid diseases

The Generet Prize is a prestigious Belgian award, granting €1 million annually to a leading researcher affiliated with a Belgian institution for groundbreaking work in the field of rare diseases. In February 2024, the 2023 prize was awarded to Professor Dr Sabine Costagliola (ULB) for her research into rare thyroid disorders.



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Fund Houillogne-Hanne supports 26 projects in elderly care

The Fund Houillogne-Hanne supports 26 pilot projects that bring together art and elderly care. These creative initiatives, spread across the country, demonstrate how culture and care can reinforce one another to enhance the quality of life for older people. The selected projects prioritise participation and may lead to lasting partnerships.

Education and talent development

When we nurture talent today, the world will flourish tomorrow. That is why the King Baudouin Foundation invests in education and the development of talent.

Young talent, equal opportunities

Young people need the tools and confidence to grow. We support talent development and coach the changemakers of tomorrow—without discrimination. Everyone deserves the chance to discover their talents, even those with fewer opportunities at school or difficulties entering the job market.

Quality and innovation in education

Education also requires support—to improve quality, attract more teachers, and assist them in their roles. Innovative projects that modernise the education system equally deserve attention.

Collective impact

Together, we make a difference. By connecting schools, entrepreneurs, and policymakers. By building bridges between education and employment. And by highlighting inspiring examples. Only by working together can we build a society where every talent counts.



8.9 M

SUPPORT
2024



609

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2024



Belgodysee competition for young journalists

Belgium sometimes feels like two worlds that know little of each other, perpetuating stereotypes. The Belgodysee competition aims to bridge the gap between Wallonia and Flanders while igniting passion for journalism.

The initiative encourages French- and Dutch-speaking students to work in pairs for two weeks to produce a report on inspiring Belgians.

The winning duo earns a paid internship at VRT and RTBF. The 20th edition honoured Kasper Nollet (KUL) and Claire Vermeulen (UC Louvain) for their profile of horse trainers.

Prizes were also awarded for the best written press article, best collaboration, and strongest social media report. The Belgodysee competition is an initiative of the Prince Philippe Fund.



Prince Albert Fund inspires tomorrow's leaders

The Prince Albert Fund offers young entrepreneurs the chance to develop leadership skills through international projects. Over the past 40 years, the Fund has become a springboard for careers and a source of innovation. Our society needs agile leaders—changemakers who can craft visionary ideas, make thoughtful decisions, and manage risks while continuously adapting to new circumstances. These crucial skills are best developed through meaningful professional experiences. Certainly! princealbertfund.be



Inspiring success stories

Boost, the talent development programme of the King Baudouin Foundation, supports and guides talented young people from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds to help them unlock their full potential and maximise their chances of academic and professional success. Boost is active in 10 Belgian cities and counts around 1,000 motivated young participants.

boostfortalents.be



Democracy

- The King Baudouin Foundation organises and supports initiatives that strengthen democracy in Belgium and across Europe. We aspire to a world in which people connect across beliefs and borders —to make a positive difference together.



1.7 M
SUPPORT
2024



167
PROJECTS
2024

Democracy under pressure

The world is changing rapidly, and our democratic values are increasingly under threat. Trust in government is declining, the rise of digital media has led to the spread of fake news, and many people feel unheard. This demands action.

We focus on five key themes to reinforce democracy:

- Educating all citizens, especially young people
- Strengthening civic initiatives and community organisations
- Supporting and protecting independent media in Europe

- Safeguarding digital rights and combating disinformation
- Instilling core democratic values in tomorrow's leaders

A meeting place in Brussels

The BELvue Museum, managed by the King Baudouin Foundation, is a vibrant space in the heart of Brussels where more than 100,000 visitors each year explore our country's history and the foundations of democracy through interactive exhibits. Thousands of young people experience democracy in action each year thanks to the museum's educational programmes: belvue.be

Elections 2024: 'Democracy' workshop

Especially in an election year, the Democracy workshop helped many pupils to understand and experience representative democracy first-hand. The task is simple: work together with other parties to build a city that meets everyone's expectations. The outcome is a dynamic, immersive learning experience that leaves a lasting impression. In addition to schools, associations, towns and municipalities can also book this workshop. Another key activity during the European elections was Europe Rocks—a children's polling station where youngsters could share their views on four important themes shaping the future.



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The most meaningful gestures start with a click

Whether you'd like to give your time or make a donation, Because.eu – an initiative of the King Baudouin Foundation – helps you find your perfect match. With trustworthy, up-to-date information on over 30,000 social-profit organisations in Belgium, the platform brings committed donors and heartwarming projects together. Just one click is all it takes to make a real difference. because.eu

because
it matters!



Barometer of the financial situation of the non-profit sector 2024

In Belgium, thousands of associations work daily to strengthen social connectedness, cohesion, and solidarity. But how financially sound are they? Since 2010, Ipsos has conducted research—commissioned by the King Baudouin Foundation—into the financial health of 700 associations. The barometer tracks sources of income, reserves, fundraising efforts, and key challenges. In its 11th edition, for the first time, it also examined environmental issues and how associations are responding to the energy transition and related regulations. The result is a fascinating and timely snapshot of the non-profit landscape.

Climate citizenship in action

BELville is an interactive workshop where young people explore how climate change influences democratic decision-making. Together, they design the fictional city of BELville, making crucial choices—such as whether to build a park or a shopping square, or whether to develop housing near the river. Each decision directly affects the city's climate footprint, budget, and residents' well-being. Through this immersive experience, participants come to understand the importance of long-term vision and sustainable thinking in shaping a better future.



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Climate, environment and biodiversity

A healthy planet is essential for people and wildlife. That's why we actively invest in sustainable solutions that make a meaningful impact—today and for the generations of tomorrow.

A major challenge, a clear mission

We support the environment, climate and biodiversity to ensure that current and future generations enjoy a healthy, high-quality life. We do this by financing practical projects, informing citizens, bringing together experts to develop new solutions, and helping governments make the right decisions.

Our focus is on four key areas:

- Promoting biodiversity and advocating for healthy ecosystems
- Pursuing sustainable agriculture and animal welfare
- Investing in renewable energy and circular material use
- Ensuring that everyone benefits in the transition towards a climate-neutral society



4.8 M
SUPPORT
2024



179
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Sheep on the Island of Bohan

Each year from June to October, five Roux Ardennais sheep graze on the Island of Bohan, a property protected by the Foundation. Their presence helps maintain the island's natural upkeep and preserves its traditional landscape. The return of the sheep is accompanied by educational activities for pupils from the local schools of Vresse-sur-Semois. In 2024, 75 children witnessed the sheep crossing and took part in workshops focused on the island's local flora and fauna, as well as the role the sheep play in its conservation.



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Cycling in Brussels: Nearly €1.2 million for 28 projects

Over the past five years, the 'Bikes in Brussels' Fund—also managed by the King Baudouin Foundation—has helped accelerate improvements to Brussels' cycling infrastructure. In total, 110 projects have been supported with €7.1 million in funding, ranging from safe bike parking to new cycle paths and repair workshops.



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A boost for the circular economy: €620,000 for 13 innovative projects

From giving used building materials a second life to training jobseekers in 3D repair techniques or processing food surpluses for people in poverty, 13 creative projects received a total of €620,000 in support last year from the ING Fund for a Circular Economy, managed by the King Baudouin Foundation. Since 2018, the fund has backed initiatives aimed at using natural resources more efficiently and creating greater opportunities for disadvantaged groups.



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Heritage and culture

- Heritage and culture connect people, generations, and communities. They offer inspiration, perspective, and a breath of fresh air. That's why the King Baudouin Foundation is committed to preserving the treasures of the past and making them accessible to all.



5.3 M

SUPPORT
2024



161

PROJECTS
2024

Preserving and protecting heritage

For decades, the Foundation has worked to safeguard valuable heritage—from artworks and historic buildings to gardens and parks. Heritage serves as a collective memory where people find connection and recognition.

Accessible to all

With a collection of over 29,000 items and 29 archival funds, spread across 100 museums and public collections throughout Belgium, the Foundation makes Belgian heritage visible and accessible to a wide audience.

Thanks to donations and dedicated funds, it acquires artworks, restores collections, and ensures their long-term preservation.

Promoting culture and heritage

The Foundation encourages “giving for” heritage and culture and supports patrons in bringing diverse projects to life—projects that benefit both the sector and society at large. It focuses on restoration efforts, keeping heritage alive, nurturing young talent, and fostering reintegration and connection through music and culture.

heritage-kbf.be

Tapestry from 1530 returns to Brussels

Since late 2024, a remarkable tapestry from 1530 has been on display at the Broodhuis, the Museum of the City of Brussels. The piece depicts King Solomon inviting his mother Bathsheba to sit upon the throne. Thanks to a collaboration between the City of Brussels, Fondation Périer-D'Ieteren, De Wit vzw and the King Baudouin Foundation, this masterpiece has returned from London to its Brussels roots. The tapestry is exceptionally well preserved, showcasing its original colours and borders, and stands as a striking testament to the city's rich tapestry-making heritage.



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The treasure of Oignies in Paris

This magnificent 13th-century masterpiece of goldsmithing, the Treasure of Oignies, left Belgium for the very first time in nearly its entirety to be exhibited in 2024 at the Musée de Cluny – the National Museum of the Middle Ages in Paris. Celebrated as one of the “Seven Wonders of Belgium,” the treasure is owned by the King Baudouin Foundation, which is responsible for its preservation for future generations. Normally, it can be admired at the Provincial Museum of Ancient Arts of Namur (TreM.a).



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The art of connection

At the Dr Guislain Museum in Ghent, the ethnographic collection of travelling photographer Mark De Fraeye and his wife Patricia Verburg—comprising photographs, masks, amulets and everyday objects—is actively used in workshops and interactive group sessions. These items encourage reflection and dialogue on themes of origin and identity. For newcomers to the area, they also help soothe feelings of homesickness. In this way, heritage takes on an important social and societal role.



© Mark De Fraeye

Centre for Philanthropy

- More and more people want to make a difference.
- Whether it's for others, for society, or for a cause
- close to their heart, an increasing number of
- people want to contribute. With over 30 years
- of experience, the advisors at the Centre for
- Philanthropy guide every philanthropist
- towards the most suitable formula.

Thoughtful and with maximum impact

Our many years of experience have taught us that every project must be developed professionally, purposefully, and with expertise. Only then can we achieve maximum impact. That is precisely why, in each of the six pillars in which we are active, we bring together top experts. They advise and help shape each project—locally, nationally, across Europe or internationally.

Every gift counts

No matter how large or small, every gift makes a difference. It may be in the form of money, or equally one of the treasures you've cherished throughout your life. For us, the essence remains: how do we transform your efforts into a valuable and lasting contribution to society?

Every donor has a unique story

There are thousands of reasons to give. Just as every person is unique, so too is every gift. Do you want to give something back to society? Protect the future of your art collection? Support medical-scientific research, help vulnerable young people, or preserve a natural area? Whatever your story or donation may be, our experts will listen, consider your wishes, and work with you to shape your commitment. That's why we offer a variety of ways to give.



Villa 24: A springboard to a new life

Thanks to the support of the La Rainette Fund, Villa 24 in Saint-Marc (Namur) opened its doors in 2024 to welcome homeless individuals in a transitional phase, with the aim of helping them get back on their feet. Much more than just a roof over their heads, this accommodation offers safety, personalised support, and a structured environment. Residents pay a modest rent and receive weekly guidance. Together, they establish rules for communal living that exclude any addictive behaviour. Here, they regain stability, self-confidence, and hope—essential foundations for lasting social reintegration.



In France

Since opening in 2021, the French office of the King Baudouin Foundation has facilitated philanthropic projects in support of the public good across France. In 2024, €38.4 million was redistributed to projects carried out in the country. Among these, around 30 were supported by the Jean & Hélène Peters Fund, including the initiative led by Le Colibri. The association has opened new living spaces to welcome highly vulnerable children under Child Welfare Services. Drawing inspiration from scouting pedagogy, the programme offers protection and guidance to help children rebuild a peaceful and fulfilling life path.

Be inspired by
more stories of
impactful projects



KBF in figures

2024

€151,446,706

IN SUPPORT

423

SUPPORTED
INDIVIDUALS

4,334

SUPPORTED
ORGANISATIONS

181

PROJECT
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4,458

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AND COMMITTEES

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ACTIVE FUNDS
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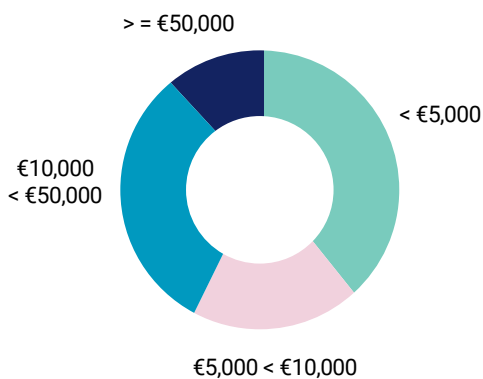
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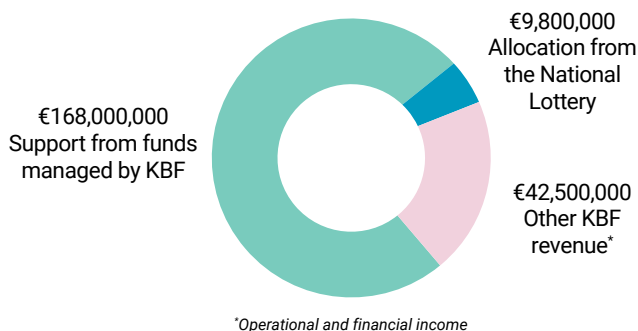
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2025

€220,300,000 BUDGET

Where does our budget come from?



The detailed 2024 annual accounts are available on our website at kbs-frb.be. You'll also find information on the composition of our Board of Directors, Advisory Council, and the many steering groups, guidance committees, management committees, and independent juries involved in our project calls.

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