

# SNAPSHOT 2025

Together for a better society



# Builders of hope for half a century

Today's world is no longer as it was in 1976. Change comes swiftly, but one thing remains constant: the deeply human need for lasting values. Just as, throughout every storm, there is an enduring desire to make the next day brighter.

For half a century now, the King Baudouin Foundation has proven that hope is not a passive word. It grows wherever people come together, refuse to look away and choose to act. This spirit of unity has been the Foundation's driving force for 50 years.

## A commitment that creates impact

The King Baudouin Foundation is a vital link between those who can give and those in need. Philanthropists, experts and entrepreneurs join forces with a shared mission: to build a better society together. We ensure that their dedication reaches precisely where it is most needed.

This pooling of strengths really does work. In 2025, we turned this support into 5,155 concrete projects, initiatives that deliver a lasting impact and renew hope for vulnerable people.

With 50 years of experience behind us, we do not look back; we look ahead. Our focus lies in six key pillars, ranging from social justice and health to education and democracy. Climate and heritage are also at the heart of what we do. Because the future is built today.



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CEO KING BAUDOIN  
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## Fifty years of hope

Philanthropy is not a luxury reserved for times of calm; it is a necessity—especially when societies are under pressure, and when uncertainty and division are on the rise. That is what we have experienced over the past fifty years, and it remains our ambition for the future.

This Snapshot offers a curated overview of our activities in 2025 and provides a clear illustration of what philanthropy can achieve. Some claim that philanthropy is losing its relevance. We are convinced of the opposite. Our three-year philanthropy barometer confirms this as well: an overwhelming majority of the population recognizes the value of philanthropy. Without philanthropy, societies become more unequal, less resilient, less innovative—and ultimately less human.

## 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 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 strengthening society

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



### By promoting sustainable change

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

The many initiatives made possible by our philanthropists and donors, by the National Lottery and its players, and by the many companies that engage with us, demonstrate this every single day. Philanthropy generates hope and contributes to people's wellbeing and happiness. That is something our world urgently needs today.

Our times are marked by polarisation and mistrust. This obliges us, as a Foundation, to look not only outward but also inward: to reaffirm, time and again, our independence, our pluralism and our ethical compass. Genuine philanthropy leaves no room for selective solidarity. It was not so in 1976, it is not so today, and it must not be so tomorrow. Care for others has been embedded in our DNA for fifty years—and must remain so.

The role of philanthropy, therefore, is not to create generosity, but to recognise it, support it and channel it

towards the common good and societal impact. That is what we have also been doing over the past 50 years. This year, we are planning a number of special moments. You can follow them at [50years.kbf.be/en](https://50years.kbf.be/en). Who knows, we may meet at one of these initiatives.

Looking ahead, our ambition is both simple and demanding: to ensure that everyone can be a philanthropist, in their own way. In doing so, we not only support projects and causes, but also help reconnect a fragmented world around what unites us—our shared humanity.

**Brieuc Van Damme,**  
CEO King Baudouin Foundation

# A caring society begins on every street corner

- In an era of increasing globalisation, what is local has never been so important. It is in local 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 supports projects in such communities by giving them the oxygen they deserve. Everyone counts, at every level.

## A local mindset in everything we do

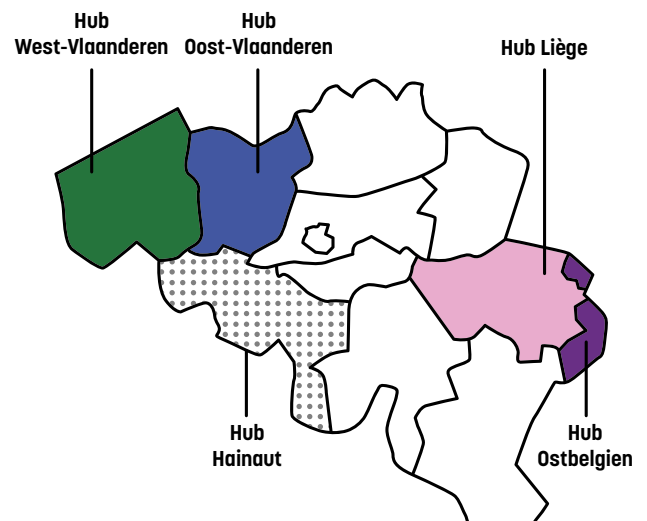
Together with local partners, we strengthen communities, support new initiatives and invest in social innovation. After all, no-one knows better than those from the local region about which ideas make a real difference and which organisations deserve a helping hand. In everything the Foundation does,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

## Local roots through our hubs

We are strengthening local engagement by building a network of philanthropic hubs across Belgium. These hubs act as central points where local initiatives are better supported and can reinforce each other. To date, we have launched four hubs: in West and East Flanders, Eastern Belgium and Liege. The Foundation aims to open a hub in Hainaut in 2026.

## Motivated ambassadors across the country

Our community is growing each year and now stretches across the country. Every member of staff at the King Baudouin Foundation can become an ambassador for the Foundation in their own region, serving as the Foundation's antennae and spokespersons in the places where they live, were born, or grew up. Together, they help give the Foundation a face, as well as bringing a warm, human touch to our work at local level.





## Running blind: no-one is left on the sidelines



Sport brings people together, literally and in practice at Running Blind. For people with a visual impairment, jogging or walking is not an obvious activity to choose. However, the non-profit organisation Running Blind offers a solution by pairing visually impaired athletes with dedicated running buddies. With trust at the heart of each duo, they can safely enjoy sporting activities from simple leisurely outings right up to marathons. The organisation has become a trusted name within the G-sports community. With support from #Een hart voor Waas, Running Blind can continue to professionalize, train new buddies, and invest in safety.

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## A first for Wallonia

The Philanthropic Hub of Liege strengthens the Foundation's local presence and accessibility in the province of Liege by responding thoughtfully to the area's unique needs. As an inviting gateway for donors, philanthropists and project leaders eager to participate in local philanthropic efforts, the hub cultivates meaningful connections between those seeking support and those ready to lend a helping hand. It also shines a light on the Foundation's impact in the region. In 2025, the hub proudly spearheaded the launch of the Territorial Fund for Liege, a first for Wallonia, dedicated to nurturing and amplifying local initiatives that empower vulnerable young people.



The Steering Committee of the Territorial Fund for Liege

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## A champion of women's rights honoured



For a quarter of a century, the KBF-managed Van Wonterghem-De Brabandere Fund, has celebrated people who make a social or cultural impact in Greater Ypres. The 2025 anniversary edition honoured Jennie Vanlerberghe. From her home base in Ypres, Jennie fights for women's rights worldwide with Mothers for Peace. Even in turbulent Afghanistan, she is making a difference by giving young girls access to education.

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## A dynamic local player

Founded in 2020 by and for the people of the German-speaking Community, the Bürgerfonds Ostbelgien encourages local philanthropy and strengthens civic engagement. Aligned with the Foundation's values, the fund brings together donations from individuals, businesses, and committed organizations to support grassroots initiatives in the nine German-speaking municipalities and the cross-border region. Its priorities: equal opportunity, solidarity, and diversity. (read more on p. 6)



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## Five years of action

- East Belgium has much to celebrate as the King Baudouin Foundation's territorial Fund for the German-speaking Community marks five years of channelling local generosity (totalling over 2,8 million euros), into over 240 projects, helping out in crises and building better futures for the region's 80,000 people.

The strong sense of community and shared experience among people in the area has been evident in the surge of support for the East Belgium Citizens' Fund (Bürgerfonds Ostbelgien) since it was established in 2020.

The Fund's overall mission is to strengthen social cohesion and offer better prospects to everyone in the German-speaking Community, especially to children and young people. It does so by promoting grassroots philanthropy and reinforcing local engagement. The Fund gathers donations from individuals, businesses and other committed organisations to support citizen-led initiatives across the nine German-speaking municipalities and in neighbouring regions of Belgium, Germany and Luxembourg. This approach in East Belgium reflects the King Baudouin Foundation's commitment to local action to turn global objectives into real measures to improve society on the ground. [buergerfonds.be](https://www.buergerfonds.be)

### Buzzing Environmental Education

In the Bee Mobile, the pupils of Born Municipal School were able to observe the lives of honeybees with fascination and up close, protected by new beekeeper suits in children's sizes.



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### RESET: A New Start for Young Adults

The RESET project, led by the Public Social Welfare Center (CPAS) of St. Vith, offers young people in difficult life situations a valued living and residential space, provides individual support, and strengthens their independence. The project gives these young people new perspectives.



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## Global solidarity, local impact

- Solidarity knows no boundaries, just as social challenges are rarely confined to national borders. Everywhere, people are experiencing the effects of climate change and in every country there are individuals struggling with mental or other health issues, exclusion or poverty.

Caring for culture or focusing on scientific innovation are not exclusively national priorities and philanthropists are not bound by governments or national borders. The support facilitated by the KBF is therefore mutual: support for projects abroad and vice versa. This is how, with the help of foreign funds, we can also work towards a better society at the local level.

The KBF-managed R&Co4Generations Fund aims to improve the lives of future generations by supporting projects that reduce social and economic inequalities and protect the planet.

The Mosa Ballet School (in Liege, Belgium) is one of the numerous initiatives supported by the Fund internationally in 2025. As an institution of international standing, Mosa embodies a bold ambition: to make Belgium shine as a land of culture, innovation and inclusion, thanks to its elite dance training programmes and deep commitment, as well as its roots in both the local Belgian community and on the global stage.





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# Solidarity across borders

- Solidarity knows no borders. Over the years, the King Baudouin Foundation has built up a wide network of partners across the globe, enabling us to become a key player in the field of international philanthropy.

## Safeguarding European democracy

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

## The Myriad Alliance for borderless giving

Myriad is an international alliance established by the King Baudouin Foundation, which connects philanthropists and social initiatives worldwide. Active in more than 125 countries across six continents, the network offers guidance, support and access to an extensive network of non-profit organisations. The alliance also facilitates generosity among the many donors who support victims of natural and humanitarian disasters.

[myriad.org](http://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 best practices, networking and donor assistance.

In 2025

the Foundation  
was engaged in

**81 countries**

through

**593 grants**

the total grant  
amount was

**€36,807,645**

## In Africa: four themes, one mission

A large part of the King Baudouin Foundation's activities is in Africa, representing 61% of its activities outside Europe. In the DRC, Burundi, Senegal and Benin, which are four of the KBF's priority countries, numerous associations and projects receive support from some fifty philanthropic funds. Several of these funds work together, pooling their resources in order to develop and support initiatives that focus on four themes: health, training and entrepreneurship, the environment and disabilities.

The priority is for long-term, flexible support that enables local organisations to concentrate on their strategic objectives, as well as responding to emerging needs. Key to this support is greater sustainability, financial independence and local leadership. In order to identify from Brussels the most promising projects and provide them with optimal support, the Foundation works with liaison officers on the ground, who provide a vital link between the KBF and supported organisations.



## The Protect Humanitarians Fund safeguards humanitarian workers

In 2025, nearly 305 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. However, 2025 was also the deadliest year ever recorded for humanitarian workers themselves, with more than 850 of them 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 Civitates philanthropic initiative, the Foundation supports projects that strengthen civil society and combat digital disinformation. This includes support to associations, non-profit organisations, NGOs, grassroots initiatives and trade unions.

Civitates also engages with policymakers to promote civic empowerment within the EU and it supports organisations working to enhance transparency among the European institutions.

## From London to Singapore: Myriad spreads its wings



- Solidarity does not stop at borders. Whether it is
- tackling climate change, providing emergency aid
- in the event of disaster, or supporting education,
- philanthropists often adopt an international outlook
- to make an impact. The Myriad Alliance for borderless
- giving continues to grow and strengthen its network in
- order to properly nurture this global culture of generosity.



### New partners in Asia and the United Kingdom

In 2025, we welcomed two new partners to Myriad: Temasek Trust Foundation Advisors, in Singapore, and Prism the Gift Fund, in the UK. Their arrival brings to nine the number of members in the Myriad alliance, spread over five continents and it opens new doors for philanthropy in Asia, whilst strengthening our bonds with the United Kingdom. It also makes it even easier for donors from across the world to find reliable projects to support.

### A global impact

The figures reflect the strength of this network. In 2025, its members together facilitated donations which benefited organisations in more than 125 countries across 6 continents. Myriad enables families, businesses and individuals to look beyond borders and give easily and safely.

In a world that faces complex crises and political instability, the Myriad alliance provides flexible responses to deliver resources quickly to where they are most urgently needed.



## Sowing a seed for the future

Once upon a time, some 6,000 plant species were available for the human menu. Today, however, we depend on just six staple crops worldwide, making our food chain highly vulnerable to disease and climate change. It is for this reason that the cold storage facilities of Spitsbergen are so vitally important: they represent the ultimate insurance for tomorrow's food. When Cary Fowler, the pioneer of this seed bank, was awarded the 2024 World Food Prize, he did not hesitate to go further. Through Myriad USA, Cary donated 200,000 dollars of his prize money to the Global Crop Diversity Trust. This magnificent gesture had a concrete impact, with the money being used not only to protect the diversity of our cultures against climate change, but also to finance the training of young African scientists.

## Born This Way: a kinder, braver young world

Lady Gaga and her mother, Cynthia Bissett Germanotta, share a powerful mission: that of breaking the taboos that surround mental health. Together with Myriad Canada and with support from the Beedie Foundation, their Born This Way Foundation is developing a worldwide support network. The idea for the foundation took shape as Cynthia learned to really listen to what her daughter was saying, rather than immediately trying to solve her problems.

This philosophy of 'just being there for one another' is now reaching young people on six continents. The 'Be There Certificate' teaches them to recognize someone's signs of distress and to provide empathetic support. More than 80,000 people have already received free, online training, which transforms empathy into concrete action. The young people involved also share their personal stories of hope on the Channel Kindness platform. Because kindness and mental wellbeing are inextricably linked.



# Social justice and poverty

- Nearly 20% of Belgians, or over 2 million people, are at risk of poverty or social exclusion. The King Baudouin Foundation, along with its philanthropists and numerous volunteers, is committed to helping to tackle this problem, 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 can 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.

## Support to provide solutions

With the help of our philanthropists, we can support field workers in the guidance they offer to their target audiences. We do this by financing existing or innovative new activities. We have 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 key pillars in our fight for greater social justice, so we pay particular attention to them and to strengthening organisations working in these fields.



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- By implementing concrete action to promote social justice and fight poverty, we strive to remove the obstacles that hinder access to fundamental rights such as housing, energy, employment and health. It is only by meeting these essential needs that each and every citizen can truly integrate and participate fully in the social, cultural and professional life of our society.

### Shaping the Future

Through the Shaping the Future initiative, the King Baudouin Foundation, alongside 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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We support projects that help the most vulnerable people in society. We initiate new approaches to combat poverty and strengthen solidarity within society, so that no-one is left behind.



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### A contrasting portrait of people of sub-Saharan origin in Belgium

The King Baudouin Foundation commissioned several university research teams to conduct research on the profile of some 450,000 people of sub-Saharan origin who are living in Belgium.

The research results point to a contrasting reality: on the one hand, a strong feeling of belonging to Belgium and making a real contribution to the country's economy, whilst on the other hand, encountering persistent problems of racism and precarious living conditions. Most of the figures show an increase in problems compared with the last study conducted in 2016.



### Unleashing gender equality

As a founding member of the Alliance for Gender Equality in Europe (AGEE), KBF is involved in both its governance and funding. Established in 2021, AGEE brings together donors to promote gender equality and women's rights across Europe, supporting frontline organisations tackling gender-based violence, increasing access to opportunities, and addressing inequality and exclusion.



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# Health

: Together with all stakeholders,  
 : the King Baudouin Foundation works  
 : to create care and support that maximise  
 : our quality of life, something that  
 : everyone deserves, without distinction.



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## Care with a human dimension

Belgium is among worldwide leaders in medical research and, overall, has a well-organised system of healthcare. However, this does not always guarantee a better quality of life for patients. Moreover, demographic changes in Belgium are creating pressures on the system. It is for this reason that the King Baudouin Foundation aims to encourage innovative approaches that genuinely improve healthcare.

## A focus on life goals

According to the Foundation, real progress in healthcare is rooted in the needs and concerns of patients

and their loved ones. Healthcare and support must go hand in hand with each stage of life, with the most important starting point being the life goals that individuals set for themselves. Care must help them to live these objectives.

## Accessible to everyone

Support must be accessible to everyone, with particular attention being given to those in vulnerable situations or who suffer from a rare disease: no-one must be excluded. The Foundation invests in research into rare diseases so that those facing exceptional circumstances can also have a perspective and feel supported.

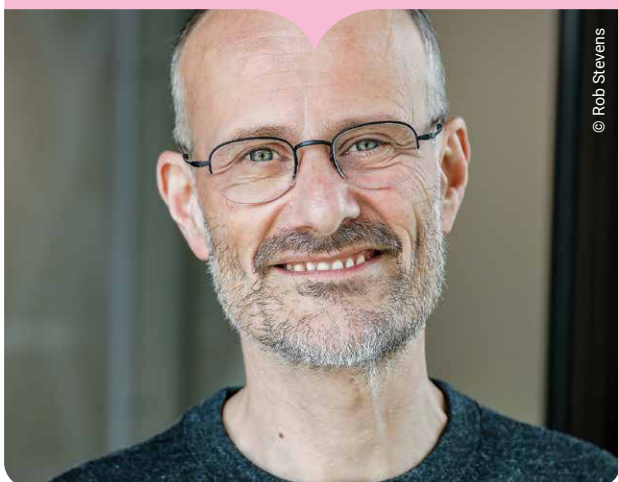
### Dr. Daniël De Coninck Fund A caring and familiar technology

How to create a health app that really understands people? Developers know that this is necessary, but do not know how to go about it. Thanks to support from the Dr. Daniël De Coninck Fund, the Liege CHU has developed Myapp4SEP, an application to provide support for patients with multiple sclerosis and which puts the eight Caring Technology Principles into practice.

Thanks to this tool, technology developers can apply these principles step-by-step and integrate patients' needs into each stage of design. As a result, tools can now integrate perfectly into real life, with a technology that is both familiar and caring.

### The 2025 Generet Prize: exceptional resources for rare diseases

The Generet Prize is a prestigious Belgian award that grants 1 million euros annually to a leading researcher affiliated with a Belgian institution for ground-breaking work in the field of rare diseases. In 2025, the Prize was awarded to Professor Dr. Patrik Verstreken (VIB-KULeuven) for his research into early-onset dementia, a diagnosis that often cruelly affects families in the prime of life. Thanks to this support, his team can now tackle the genetic roots of the disease. It is a ray of hope for those who thought there was no future.



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### It takes a village... From a place of care to a place of life

Meals in a care home are often a simple matter of food values and rigid timetables. However, eating is also synonymous with pleasure, special favourites and conviviality. As part of the 'It Takes a Village' project, conducted together with Iriscare, the King Baudouin Foundation brought together directors, cooks and residents for a round table discussion in Brussels.

The objective was to brainstorm and generate together some solutions for creating a much warmer atmosphere. The results were a range of surprising and humane ideas, ranging from breakfast wearing pyjamas to residents' implication in developing the weekly menus.



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### Project MIND10: research that really listens

Sometimes, one speaks a lot about, but very little with, vulnerable people and yet, no-one knows better about the imperfections of a healthcare system than those who use it. It was for this reason that the King Baudouin Foundation decided to no longer use guesswork, but to listen. With the MIND10 project, patients, their loved ones and carers together defined the ten greatest priorities for mental healthcare. This list now serves as the guiding principles for the Mental Health Research Fund, managed by the King Baudouin Foundation. We are investing 1,6 million euros in solutions that start from reality, not theory.

# Education and talent development

When we nurture talent today, the world flourishes tomorrow. This is why the King Baudouin Foundation invests in education and talent development.

The King Baudouin Foundation wishes to offer the younger generation the opportunity not only to discover, but also to fully develop their talents through quality education. Thus, we support an educational system that is equal and inclusive, valuing the potential of each individual through innovative initiatives.

## Equal opportunities: the basis

Everyone has talent, but not everyone has the same opportunities. We aim to build a system of inclusive education in which a person's background or origin does not decide his or her future and where each and every one can find their way, regardless of their starting point.

## Room for innovation and ambition

Education must remain engaging and continue to develop. We invest in quality and foster innovation in the classroom, but we must also be interested in the individual, in those who stand out for some reason and in young agents of change.

## Building bridges to the jobs market

So as to offer talent a real future, we bring together all of the stakeholders, from the classroom to the workplace. By sharing knowledge and forging collaboration between education and the labour market, we bridge the gap, ensuring that the youngsters of today are ready for the world tomorrow.



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## Inspirational success stories

Boost, the King Baudouin Foundation's talent development programme, supports and guides talented young people from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds, helping them to 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](http://boostfortalents.be)**

## The Prince Albert Fund inspires tomorrow's leaders

The Prince Albert Fund offers young entrepreneurs the opportunity 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 certainly best developed through meaningful professional experience. **[princealbertfund.be](http://princealbertfund.be)**



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## Extracurricular activities: a driver of inclusion

Extracurricular activities can be a powerful lever for inclusion for children in vulnerable situations, helping to foster their development. Guided by this belief, the Jacqueline Cigrang Fund, managed by the King Baudouin Foundation, supports sixteen such initiatives in Brussels, Wallonia, and Flanders, with a total of more than 1,3 million euros allocated over three years.



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# Democracy

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



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### Democracy: an active concept

Our democracy is precious, but it is also fragile. Confidence in public institutions is falling, fake news generates doubts and too many people feel that their voices remain unheard. We want to counter such trends.

### Five themes for the future

The King Baudouin Foundation is focusing on five themes to make our democracy more resilient. We are equipping citizens and young people with critical thinking and providing oxygen to citizens' initiatives and the not-for-profit sector. We are supporting independent media and monitoring

our digital rights, against, for example, fake news. And lastly, we are inspiring tomorrow's decision makers to become open-minded leaders equipped with a solid democratic compass.

### BELvue: Long live democracy!

At the BELvue Museum in Brussels, democracy is more alive than ever. Every year, over 100,000 visitors discover Belgium's past and our democratic values of today, in an amusing way. Adults and children come from the four corners of Belgium (and beyond) to discover the unique educational offer of the BELvue Museum. A 'must' for all ages!

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

### Team4Democracy: football workshops to learn about our democratic values

With Team4Democracy, the BELvue Museum uses football to raise awareness among youngsters about the essential values of democracy: respect, fair play and team spirit. Workshops are currently offered in the football stadia of four Belgian partner clubs: Club Brugge, Standard de Liege, KAS Eupen and Union Saint-Gilloise. The stimulating interactive workshops, available to children from the age of 10, provide learning about hate speech and discrimination.



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### Aiming for open European dialogue

The King Baudouin Foundation supports the APROPOS group (Advancing Process in Politics), which hosts the Open European Dialogue, the first informal dialogue platform for policymakers in Europe. In 2025, the Foundation provided significant financial support of 100,000 euros, helping to strengthen the network and expand opportunities for innovative political dialogue across Europe. By collaborating with think tanks and other foundations, the Foundation actively promotes a more connected and collaborative Europe, placing dialogue and cooperation at the heart of European governance.



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### Creating a solid foundation for the non-profit sector

Every single day in Belgium, a range of associations gives valuable support to their communities. The driving force of these associations is their wholehearted and dedicated trustees. In order to support the trustees, the King Baudouin Foundation has developed, in cooperation with the Federation of Philanthropic Foundations, a set of guidelines for good governance. In an age of changing legislation and stricter rules, having a clear framework in which to operate is certainly not a luxury. In October 2025, the Government in Motion event, held at the BELvue Museum, presented practical tools to help managers to be more transparent and effective, thereby enabling them to concentrate on the essential aspects of their role: maximising the social impact of their associations.



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### Data in the service of democracy

The King Baudouin Foundation makes an active contribution to the work of The Data Tank, an international organisation that helps partners across the world to combine their strengths and knowledge to leverage data for the benefit of everyone. Their objective is to collect and re-use data ethically and to improve technology so as to collectively meet the challenges of today's society.

# Climate, environment and biodiversity

A healthy planet is essential for people and wildlife. This is why the King Baudouin Foundation actively invests in sustainable solutions that make a meaningful impact, both today and for the generations of tomorrow.

## A major challenge, a clear mission

We support the environment, climate and biodiversity so as 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 to take the right decisions.

### We focus on four key areas:

- biodiversity and healthy ecosystems
- sustainable agriculture and animal well-being
- re-usable energy and the circular economy for materials
- and the participation of everyone in the transition to a carbon-neutral society.



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## The Good Wave Dynamic action for a changing climate

In order for climate action to be effective, more than good intentions are needed. The Good Wave is a network of professionals who share a single objective: to get people to act positively. Since there is no ready-made approach, the network makes tools and knowledge available that emanate from the social sciences and humanities. This makes climate action both inspirational and effective. At the 2025 Good Wave Awards, six organisations were recognized as being outstanding practical examples of efforts to fight climate change.



## Let the world breathe

Brazil's Atlantic Forest is one of the planet's richest yet most threatened ecosystems, with only a fraction of the original forest surviving after centuries of exploitation. The KBF-managed Instituto Terra Fund, founded by Sebastião Salgado and Lélia Wanick Salgado, works to restore this unique biome by rebuilding water sources, replanting millions of trees and promoting sustainable rural development across the Rio Doce basin. Their efforts have revived biodiversity, bringing back species such as monkeys and jaguars, while engaging local farmers in profitable agroforestry. The Amazônia exhibition, featuring close to 200 of Sebastião Salgado's dramatic black and white photographs, drew large crowds in Brussels in 2025 and can be seen in Cologne until March 2026.



## Working together to achieve sustainable agriculture

Given that almost half of the land in Belgium is used for agriculture, we can see that the key to a sustainable future lies literally in our fields. In order to strengthen the agricultural sector, the King Baudouin Foundation, the Reverso Fund and the Beckers-Diels Fund are jointly investing 765,255 euros in 16 agro-ecological projects (10 in Wallonia and 6 in Flanders).



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# Heritage and culture

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



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## Preserving and protecting heritage

For nearly 40 years, the Foundation has worked to safeguard Belgium's valuable heritage, ranging from artworks and historic buildings to parks and gardens. Heritage serves as a collective memory where people find connection and recognition.

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 our heritage alive, nurturing young talent and fostering reintegration and connection through music and culture.

**heritage-kbf.be**

## Accessible to all

With its 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.

## Collection 2025: major new works

In 2025, the King Baudouin Foundation's collection was further enriched by a number of remarkable acquisitions. The focus was on female artists, musical funds and jewellery. Among the masterpieces were Pol Bury's bracelet Boules des deux côtés d'un carré (Balls on Two Sides of a Square), Henri Le Boeuf's archive and L'égocentrique 2, a highly evocative work of Pop Art by Evelyne Axell. In addition to these acquisitions, numerous works from our collection travelled around the world as international loans.



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## Arts for social change

A new European fellowship celebrates 15 visionary leaders of arts organisations who place social impact at the heart of their work, both in their local communities and across the European arts sector. Among the fellows selected is Belgian cultural leader An Vandermeulen, Director of Globe Aroma, a Brussels-based cultural space dedicated to artists in exile. Launched by the Alliance for Socially Engaged Arts and backed by 11 major philanthropic foundations, including the King Baudouin Foundation, the fellowship aims to support trailblazers in a rapidly evolving arts sector and to elevate the visibility of socially-engaged arts as powerful drivers of social transformation.



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## 2025 Year of Art Deco

2025 was the Year of Art Deco in Brussels. At the BELvue Museum, we celebrated the event with the exhibition ART DECO. Style in a Changing Society. The exhibition transported visitors to the inter-World War period, a time marked by technological progress as well as artistic innovation. It also highlighted the refined aesthetic as much as the profound changes occurring in society and new social relations that characterized the period.



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# Centre for Philanthropy

More and more people want to make a difference. Whether this is for particular groups, for society in general, or for a cause close to their heart, an increasing number of people want to contribute. With over 30 years' experience, the advisors at the King Baudouin Foundation's Centre for Philanthropy go to great lengths to guide every philanthropist towards the most suitable formula for giving.

## 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, our experts will listen, consider your wishes, and work with you to shape your commitment. This is why we offer a variety of ways to give.

## Thoughtful projects that have 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.

This is precisely why, in each of the six sectors in which we are active, we bring together leading experts. They advise and help shape each project wherever it is located, 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 one of the treasures that you yourself have cherished throughout your life. For us, the essential question is always, how can we transform your efforts into a valuable and lasting contribution to society?



- Every philanthropist has his or her own story. Each form
- of engagement is unique and every journey is different.
- This is why our philanthropy advisors develop together with you
- a made-to-measure solution that ensures your contribution brings
- lasting and meaningful results, no matter how you choose to give.



### Be optimistic and innovate

Karim Slaoui was a passionate and optimistic engineer, renowned for his infectious energy and generosity toward young people. The diagnosis of a rare cancer dramatically changed the life of this young man in his thirties, making him dependent on a wheelchair and revealing the many obstacles to being independent. Faced with a lack of accessible solutions for people with reduced mobility, Karim dreamed of a more innovative and inclusive world. Just before he died in 2023, he asked his loved ones to create a fund to support young, innovative social enterprises committed to finding accessible solutions for people with physical disabilities. The Karim Slaoui Fund, managed by KBF, is a vibrant call for mutual aid and ingenuity, aiming for a more caring society.

### Dignity in 3D

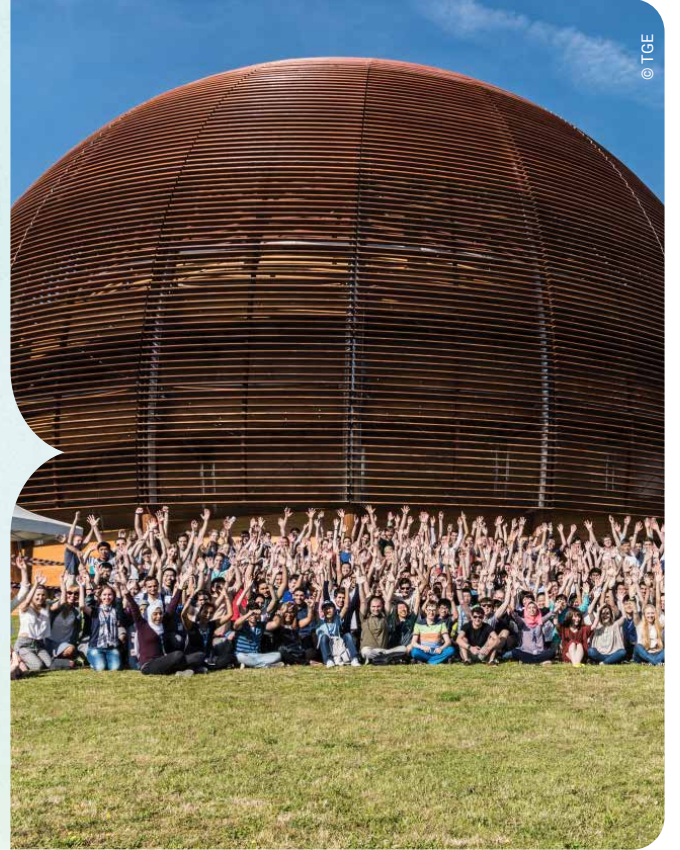
Only one in ten amputees in low-income countries has access to a prosthesis. Ugani Prosthetics, a Belgian social start-up based in Leuven, is changing this reality with affordable, 3D-printed solutions, with support from the Karim Slaoui Fund. Inspired by the plight of amputees in Kinshasa, Belgian engineer Florian Vallaeys founded Ugani Prosthetics. Through dedication and innovation, his team has restored mobility and dignity to over 1,200 people, in more than 20 countries. Ugani's heartfelt mission continues to touch lives, one step at a time, and perfectly aligns with the vision of Karim Slaoui and his loved ones, to make mobility affordable, accessible and truly within reach of everyone who needs it.



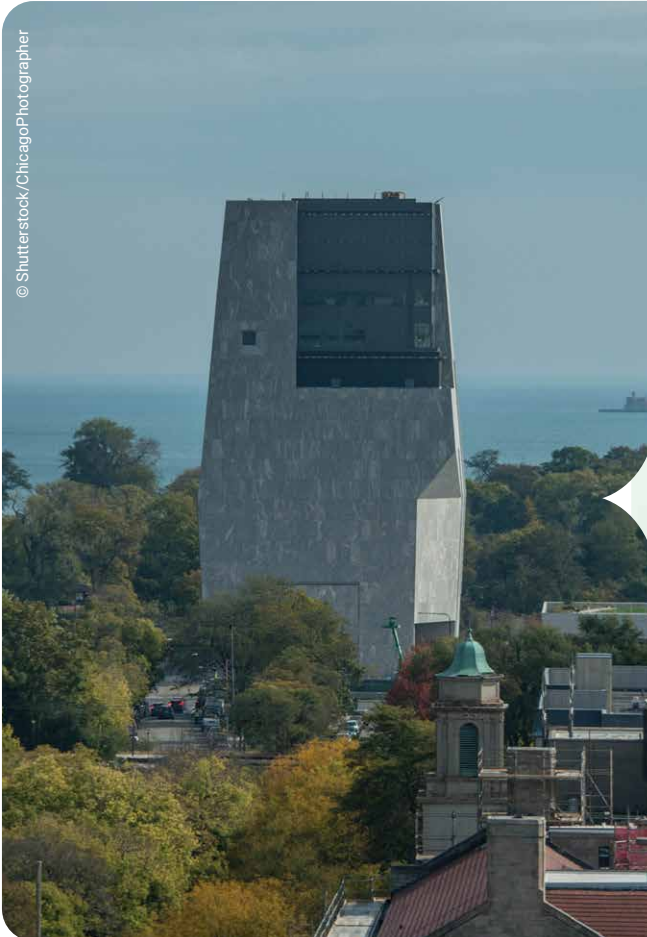
## A single market for philanthropy

Coordinated by the King Baudouin Foundation since 1995, Transnational Giving Europe (TGE) has become a key enabler of the Single Market for Philanthropy. KBF is proud to have laid the groundwork for this transformative network. On 1 July 2025, the coordination of TGE, a network facilitating cross-border philanthropy in Europe by providing a safe and tax-efficient way for donors to give, was transferred from the KBF to the Philanthropy Europe Association (Philea). Since February 2026, Transnational Giving Europe is now known as Giving Europe.

As Giving Europe enters a new chapter with Philea, the Foundation remains deeply committed to its mission of seeing improved policies that make philanthropy as simple and effective as other cross-border exchanges in the EU, especially in addressing challenges that go beyond national borders.



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## European donors support worldwide causes

One of the objectives of the King Baudouin Foundation in encouraging generosity is to make it easy for European donors to support meaningful causes and trusted non-profit organizations around the world. To achieve this, it provides organizations with the opportunity to set up a European Friends Fund.

The Barack Obama Foundation in Chicago, USA, embraced this opportunity, driven by its mission to inspire, empower and connect people to create positive change through leadership, civic engagement, and global impact. Donations collected from donors in Europe and elsewhere helped fund the construction of the Obama Presidential Center, a vibrant 19,3 acre campus located in Chicago's historic Jackson Park, which will be a home base for the global community of leaders and scholars and a beacon of next generation values-led leadership. The opening of the centre is scheduled for June 2026.

# The King Baudouin Foundation in France

## A local solution for acting in the public interest

Opened in 2021, the Foundation's French desk facilitates philanthropic projects within France. It offers advice to philanthropists, creates and manages donor-advised funds and leads innovative programmes that have a strong social impact. Within a context of the global development of philanthropy, it offers local solutions to philanthropists who wish to work in, or from, France.

In 2025, work in the French desk was consolidated as it developed apace, attracting a growing number of philanthropists and their advisors in France, all seeking to realize their philanthropic projects.

Today, the desk manages some forty donor-advised funds. These vary greatly in size, objectives and methods of intervention, but each is given tailor-made support on aspects such as partner recommendations, the fund's administrative management and creating a harmonious dynamic when family donations are involved.

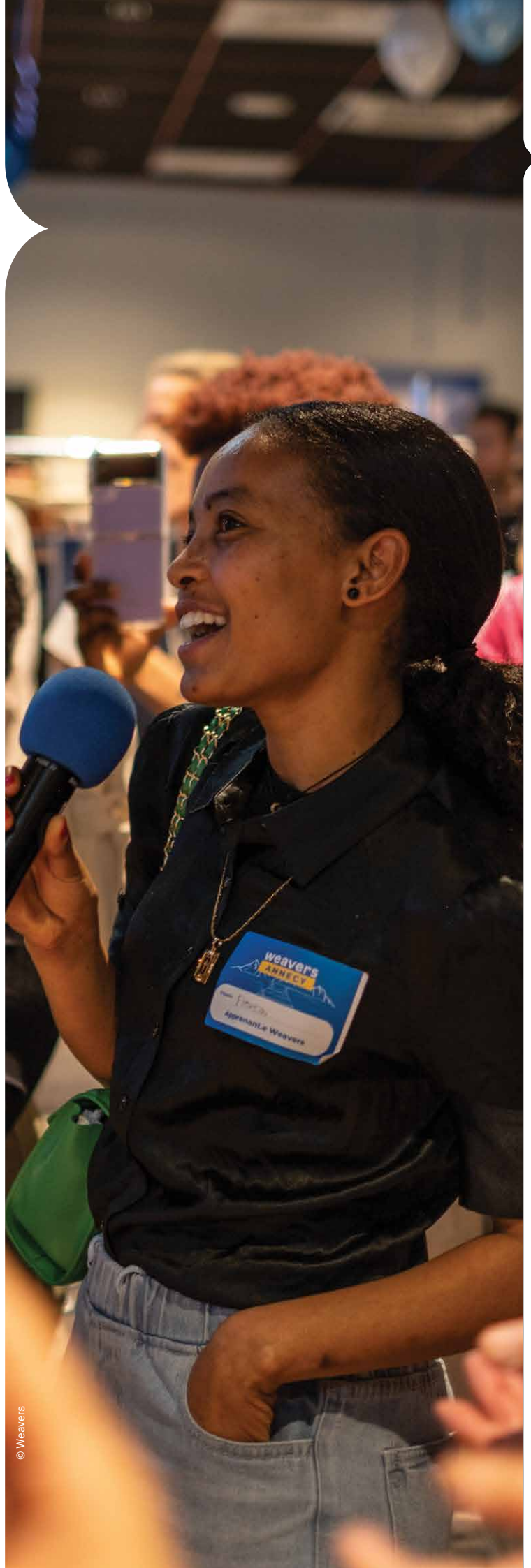
The critical size it has now achieved, as well as its in-depth knowledge of the ecosystem, are enabling the French desk to significantly increase the number of projects supported and to create fruitful synergies. For instance, in 2025, the Weavers Association, which works to integrate refugees into jobs in organisations having difficulty in recruiting personnel, benefitted from coordinated support provided by the 127 Saint-Germain Fund, Jean & Hélène Peters and Join Forces, all three of which are managed by the French desk.

### 2025 Key figures for funds managed by the French desk

**€34,8 millions** of support provided

**€38,5 million** received as donations

**250** organisations supported



## KBF in figures

2025

**>€202,000,000**

GIVEN BACK WITH  
CARE TO SOCIETY

**445**

SUPPORTED  
INDIVIDUALS

**4,710**

SUPPORTED  
ORGANISATIONS

**201**

PROJECT  
CALLS

**4,300**

EXPERTS IN OUR  
INDEPENDENT JURIES  
AND COMMITTEES

**1,723**

ACTIVE  
FUNDS

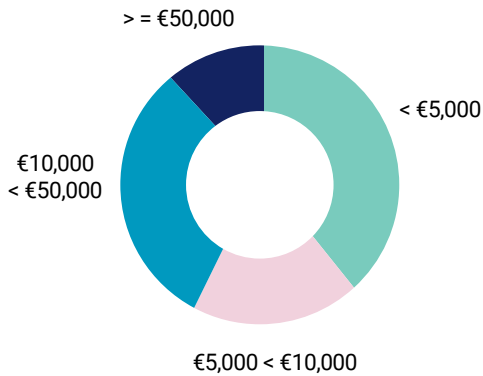
**>219,000**

DONATIONS

**200**

KBF STAFF  
MEMBERS

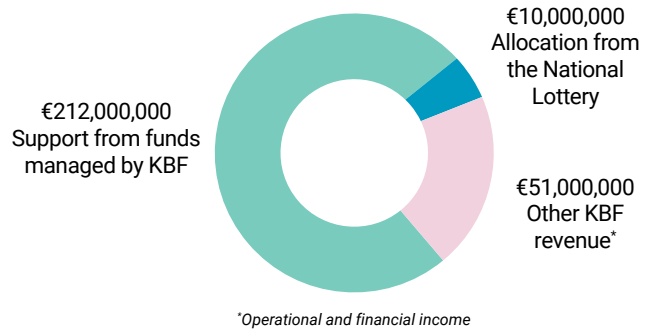
### Support: Financial overview



2026

**€273.000.000** BUDGET

### Where does our budget come from?



The detailed 2025 annual accounts are available on our website at [kbs-frb.be](https://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.



**Want to know more? We're happy to help!**

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