CENTRO PORTUGUÊS DE FUNDACÕES

PLATFORM COOPERATION. SOLIDARITY CITIZENSHIP. TRANSPARENCY RESPONSABILITY
THE PORTUGUESE FOUNDATION CENTRE

ABOUT US

The Portuguese Foundation Centre (CPF - Centro Português de Fundações) is the national association of Portuguese foundations. Created in 1993 under the initiative of the Eng. António de Almeida Foundation, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and the Oriente Foundation, the CPF was the institutional response to the need for a platform that would serve as the sole mediator between foundations, State Authorities and other civil society organizations.

The CPF is a private association that unites over a hundred foundations.

Eighteen years have passed since its birth and the CPF now congregates foundations from all over the country that differ in origin, dimension, purpose and approach. These foundations all work in a proactive way for social, educational, scientific, environmental and cultural development, not only in Portugal, but also abroad, and in particular in Portuguese-speaking countries.
MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

The Portuguese Foundation Centre’s mission, in the context of its initiatives, is to **BE A PLATFORM FOR THE INSTITUTIONAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE PORTUGUESE FOUNDATION SECTOR**, working to ensure the development and impact of its members’ activities, while promoting potential partnerships and network actions.

The objectives of the CPF are:

- To foster cooperation and solidarity between its members and encourage the pursuit of common interests;

- To promote joint actions of responsible citizenship;

- To support the adoption of a code of conduct that will enable good practices and a policy of transparency;

- To develop the practice of philanthropy in Portugal and seek public awareness of the importance of the foundations, thereby preserving public trust in the sector.
THE WORK OF CPF

- REGULARLY ORGANIZES MEETINGS OF PORTUGUESE FOUNDATIONS AND CO-ORGANIZES MEETINGS OF FOUNDATIONS OF PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COUNTRIES, providing a privileged place for networking and for debating issues concerning the foundations;

- HOSTS THEMATIC SEMINARS AND OTHER TRAINING ACTIVITIES, and endorses the formation of working groups that are based on common interests;

- MAINTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE DATABASE, as well as a directory of Portuguese foundations, and updates the information about the foundation sector;
. PROVIDES A PRIVILEGED PLATFORM FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PORTUGUESE FOUNDATIONS AND STATE AUTHORITIES AND/OR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. Currently, the CPF is represented at the National Council for Education, the National Council for Culture and the National Council for Social Economy and has applied for an observer status within the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP);

. IS A MEMBER OF DONORS AND FOUNDATIONS’ NETWORKS IN EUROPE (DAFNE), and establishes and maintains close contact with other national and international associations of foundations, such as the European Foundation Centre (EFC) and the Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS).