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Last week in Brussels, we held our NEF All- Collaboratives Day, where NEF board members, collaborative chairpersons and NEF staff could meet and exchange, after three years without meeting in person. The meeting was the opportunity to (re) connect and to explore how NEF...

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## Updates

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**NEF All-Collaboratives Day**



March 29 was a much-awaited chance for newcomers and old timers affiliated to the NEF family to finally meet in Brussels and hear from the different NEF collaborative projects, exchange on what it means to be part of a funder collaborative and reflect on the challenges and direction of NEF.

Collaborative projects spoke about key learnings and reflections on their work during the past years. The floor was also given to NEF member foundations to share why they became and continue to be part of NEF, as well as their expectations for the future.

The afternoon was dedicated to discussing in small groups the potential of funder collaboratives to be advocates at the European level, channels for grantmaking in Europe, and sensors for emerging/pressing issues in civil society.

### More about the day

## NEF Triennial Review 2019-2021



The past decade has seen philanthropic collaboration enter “a new era of popularity and ambition.” NEF illustrates this promising trend. Our collaborative projects work towards field- and movement-building, social justice and cohesion, all the while embracing systemic change.

In the last three years, we have supported the launch of philanthropic collaborations on critical societal issues. These include work on the use of tech and AI through the European AI Fund and gender inequality in Europe through the Alliance, supporting independent journalism through a dedicated fund at Civitates, and bringing the voices of vulnerable groups to the debate for a fair energy transition through FETA. Our pooled funds bring together more than 70 partner foundations and a total regranteeing capacity of around 10 million euros per year.

### Read the review

## Civitates annual report 2021

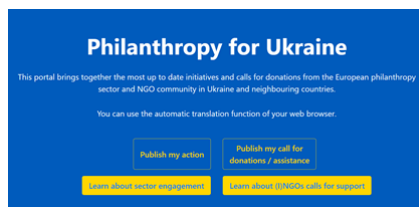


Civitates has published its annual report for 2021. In many European countries there are ongoing incidents of democratic erosion and backsliding – such as the deterioration of media freedom and pluralism in Slovenia, the political crisis in Belarus, or the immigration crisis followed on the border with Poland where civil society took again a frontline position.

In the face of these circumstances, civil society has responded when and where possible through numerous examples of solidarity across the continent – in Poland journalistic organisations came together to stage a media blackout protest; in Slovenia civil society organisations set up a crowd-funding campaign to save the Slovenian Press Agency; on the European level, civil society organisations are [working in unison to strengthen fundamental freedoms and democracy in the Digital Services Act](#) and other tech-related legislation.

Read the report

## Philanthropy for Ukraine



[Philea](#) together with key partners from the philanthropic sector has teamed up to develop integrated online portals that bring together different initiatives and calls for donations in support of Ukraine:

- [Up to date initiatives and calls for donations](#) from the European philanthropy sector and NGO community in Ukraine and neighbouring countries
- [Calls for donations from the \(!\)NGO community](#) in Ukraine and neighbouring countries

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