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To whom it may concern,

The European Foundation Centre is pleased to give its backing to the study on European Foundations for Research and Innovation (EUFORI), which aims to quantify and assess foundations' financial support and policies for research and innovation in the European Union. The study is funded by the EU's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)

The study follows on from the 2009 EFC-led research project, entitled "Understanding European Research Foundations", which piloted a methodology to collect data on research foundations in four European countries. With the EUFORI project, we are happy to see that the recommendations from FOREMAP are being taken forward, namely to expand the data collection exercise to EU 27 (and Norway and Switzerland).

Led by VU University Amsterdam, a team of national experts will research the characteristics and activities of research-funding foundations in each EU Member State. They will then make a comparative analysis between countries, and identify trends and the potential for future developments in this sector.

We look forward to seeing the results of the EUFORI project, which we believe will help to document the important contribution that foundations make in this field, and enable the Centre to further represent their interests at a European level.

Yours sincerely,



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