



CENTRO
PORTUGUÊS
DE **FUNDAÇÕES**

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COOPERATION.SOLIDARITY
CITIZENSHIP.TRANSPARENCY
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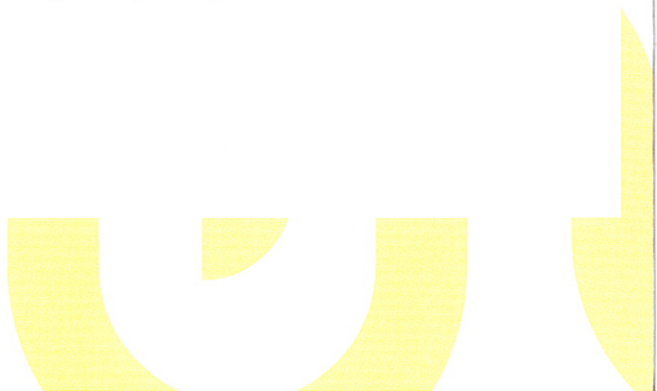
THE PORTUGUESE FOUNDATION CENTRE//

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)**.