

The Venue – Palazzo Morando

Palazzo Morando dates back to the beginning of the 18th century, when it first belonged to the nobleman Don Carlo Federico Villa. Recently renovated, it preserves almost perfectly the original decorations and part of the furnishings and today represents a prestigious place where culture, art and fashion meet. In a 2500 square metre space, it hosts permanent exhibitions on the first floor and temporary ones on the ground floor.

About the EFC

The European Foundation Centre (EFC), founded in 1989, is an association representing more than 230 public benefit foundations and corporate funders active in philanthropy in Europe and beyond. The EFC develops and pursues activities in line with its objectives: creating an enabling legal and fiscal environment for foundations; documenting the foundation landscape; strengthening the infrastructure of the foundation sector; and promoting collaboration, both among foundations and between foundations and other actors, to advance the public good in Europe and beyond.

"The exchange of knowledge between European foundations will be more and more key to the success of modern philanthropy. This is why Fondazione Cariplo wants to facilitate knowledge exchange and capacity building and thus it is promoting, jointly with the EFC, this important initiative."

Pier Mario Vello, Fondazione Cariplo

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The European Learning Lab

The EFC and Fondazione Cariplo are pleased to announce the launch of a dynamic new training series, the 'EFC European Learning Lab.' The Lab will gather a group of 20 foundation professionals three times over a one-year period, with the kickoff event to be held in Milan 29 – 30 June 2010. Foundation programme staff from all levels are encouraged to sign up for the Lab, which will offer an in-depth learning approach, tailored to the needs and interests of the 20 Lab participants.

Each of the three 1.5 day events will draw from experiences of the Project Management Institute in Milan. New methodologies and tools, relevant to the daily work of foundation professionals, have been adapted from the classic Project Cycle Management (PCM) model. It is envisioned that using these tools, participants may be able to develop a 'template style approach' to their own daily work.



Training I How to design a 'good project'

29 – 30 June 2010, Palazzo Morando, Milan

Training I will offer a creative introduction to the design of a full project cycle. Participants will address questions related to visions, goals, outputs and deliverables, risk, as well as sustainability. Using the PCM model as a basis, the group will work in small groups, discussing how to adapt this model to practice, with the final goal of developing a useful glossary and framework to be applied to various projects. The two subsequent group gatherings will build from the work developed in Training I.

Training II Case Study Analysis

29 – 30 September 2010, Palazzo Morando, Milan

Training II will feature project case study presentations from two foundation programme staff. Using the methodologies developed in Training I, the projects will be evaluated, assessing the principles of successful project design. The exercise will then be repeated in small groups with a variety of projects. It is intended that participants will return to their own work having benefited both from a thorough 'peer-to-peer' learning experience, and will be better-equipped with a toolkit for planning and implementing effective projects.

Training III 'Design a training for yourself'

Date to be decided by group, Palazzo Morando, Milan

Drawing on the first two trainings and on the specific needs and gaps identified within the group, this third and last session of the cycle, to be held in late 2010 or early 2011 at the same venue, will allow for a targeted training designed by participants themselves. A facilitator, trainer or special foundation representative may be invited to share their knowledge and experiences with the group. It is envisioned that the group will stay in touch past the training cycle, thereby continuing the learning process and creating a 'community of practice'.

We guarantee:

- Reading list of reference materials
- Glossary of relevant terms
- Global framework for project design
- Case study analysis
- Social and professional networking
- Peer-to-peer experience
- Knowledge on 'Project Cycle Management' (PCM)
- Knowledge on 'community of practice'

Participation in the trainings is free of charge, but participants should be prepared to commit to the full training cycle. Travel and accommodation costs are to be paid by the participants. The EFC will take care of hotel reservations for participants, as well as food for the two days.

