

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR NEF MEMBERSHIP

As per the last General Assembly of 29 May 2013, it was decided that the NEF board will set guiding principles on the procedure whereby new members can join NEF.

A foundation's interest in joining the NEF General Assembly will be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- ✓ Be a European foundation or at least have a European office/branch or offices with activities in Europe.
- ✓ The foundation is convinced of the value of collaboration and supports NEF as a vehicle for strengthening the cooperation amongst foundations in Europe and worldwide and as a platform for mobilising further partners, including public authorities, corporates and civil society at large.
- ✓ The foundation participates not only in the general assembly of the network, setting its strategic direction, but also in one or more projects run by the network that align with its strategic focus.
- ✓ By becoming a member of the NEF General Assembly, the foundation will agree to the NEF statutes and bylaws and will play a role in the oversight of the structure with diligence. NEF core foundations follow the EFC Principles of Good Practice*. The NEF members declare themselves to be non political parties or churches affiliated, transparent and independent foundations.
- ✓ The foundation supports the work of the network by paying the NEF membership fees that follow a modular scheme: each member pays between 15.000 and 20.000 euros. Its contribution will be fixed according to its capacities.

* *The Principles* refer to foundations as organisations that:

- Control their own assets
- Have independent governing structures
- Use their resources for public good