

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



Eight new foundation in the reporting year 2016

In its ninth reporting year, private persons as well as institutions have established eight new foundations under the umbrella of Fondation des Fondateurs. Three foundations have fulfilled their purpose and have been closed therefore; one was transferred into an independent foundation. Two existing foundations were converted into a new fund structure within Fondation des Fondateurs, and three subfoundations were established within this umbrella structure.

The grant-making activities of the current 34 foundations (endowment funds) and the general endowment fund amount to a total of 10.8 million Swiss Francs (previous year 8.0 million.). Thus, Fondation des Fondateurs has consolidated its position as one of the large Swiss grant-making foundations, and it will strive for further growth.

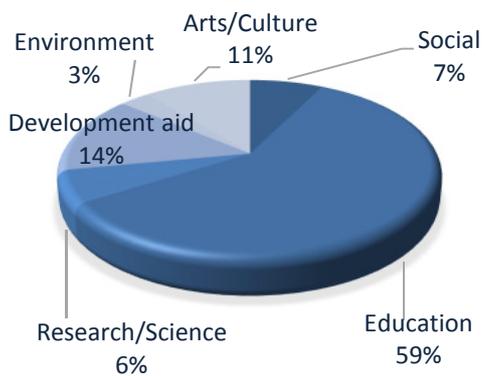
LEADING UMBRELLA FOUNDATION OF SWITZERLAND

Fondation des Fondateurs is managed with declared philanthropy competence, works independently from financial service providers, cultivates exemplary governance and has a neutral attitude with respect to politics, ideology and religion. It is supervised by the Swiss Federal Foundation Authorities, is a member of SwissFoundations and adheres to the Swiss Foundation Code.

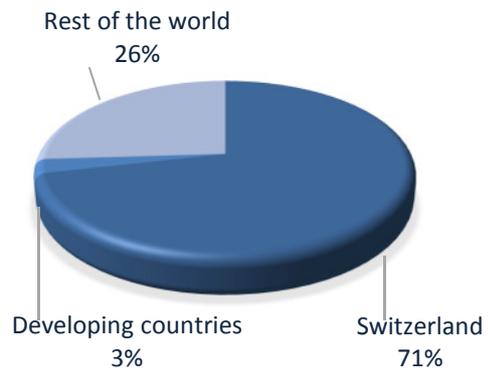
GRANT-MAKING ACTIVITIES

Fondation des Fondateurs (in the following FdF) consequently aligns its activities towards the intentions of the individual founders. It is up to them to decide to which extent information on supported projects and its beneficiaries should be made public. Some founders publish their own annual report and website; others prefer to remain in the background. Therefore, the following charts do not distinguish between the individual foundations but by thematic and geographic areas.

THEMATIC AREAS IN SWISS FRANCS



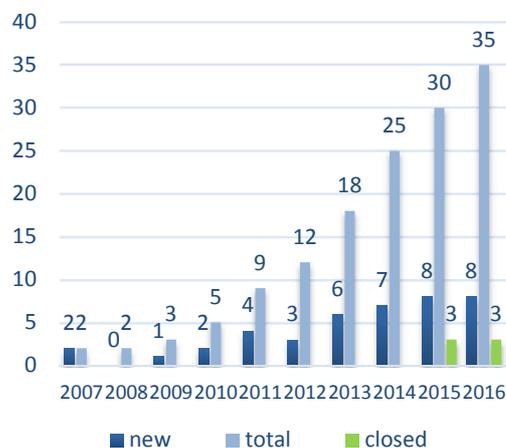
GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS IN SWISS FRANCS



YOUR FOUNDATION WITHIN THE FOUNDATION

Since its establishment in 2007 Fondation des Fondateurs has grown constantly. From 2007 to 2016 the cumulated grant-making amount sums up to roughly 55 million Swiss Francs. The following charts show the development of the number of the individual foundations as well as the grant-making volume per year.

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL FOUNDATIONS



GRANT-MAKING VOLUME IN MIO. SWISS FRANCS



THE INDIVIDUAL FOUNDATIONS

In the reporting period eight new foundations have been established, three have fulfilled their purpose and have been closed; one was transferred into an independent foundation. Two existing foundations were converted into a new fund structure under the FdF umbrella. Within this fund structure (digitalswitzerland Foundation), three new foundations were established.

For further information please refer to www.fondateurs.ch.

2007/2008

- Allgemeine Fonds
- Lori und Karl Lutz-Fonds
- Fonds Venture Kick (converted into *digitalswitzerland_Venture Kick in 2016*)

2009

- Olive Grove Fund

2010

- NLE-Fonds für nachhaltige lokale Energieversorgung
- Stiftung Zürcher Spendenparlament

2011

- Fonds Vodou Kulturzentrum und Museum
- Stiftung molecuisine

2012

- Boe.PS Foundation
- Erbschaftsfonds Lori Lutz

2013

- ROSA Foundation
- Stiftung FUP - Freiheit. Unternehmertum. Publizistik.
- MvS-Stiftung
- Mary Bendet Foundation

2014

- KUMA Foundation
- Terra21 Foundation
- SapoCycle
- Funders for Fair Trade
- GCCA Foundation

2015

- Swiss Friends of the IPO
- Stiftung Hirschen-Ensemble
- Startupticker
- AutonomisHome Foundation
- electronic-art.Foundation
- Engaresero Foundation
- Kick Foundation (converted in *digitalswitzerland_Allgemeiner Fonds in 2016*)
- Char Foundation

2016

- YODEL Foundation
- Supporter Fund Friends of Classical Music
- Energy for Humanity Foundation
- Stiftung Erhalt Lebensspuren Oberhaus
- PFD Stiftung
- digitalswitzerland Foundation
- (new: digitalswitzerland_Kickstart Accelerator; digitalswitzerland_Education Digital and digitalswitzerland_Innovationskraft-werk Selnau)

Transferred to an independent foundation

- Stiftung Strategiedialog21

Closed by the end of 2016

- Start-up Monitor
- Stiftung SLS
- Social Entrepreneurship Initiative & Foundation seif



DEVELOPMENTS IN 2016

The newly established *digitalswitzerland Foundation* has incorporated two existing FdF endowment funds, it promotes innovation and entrepreneurship in Switzerland with a focus on digital transformation. *Digitalswitzerland* has the structure of an “umbrella fund” containing thematic and initiative-related subfunds. In the year under review, these were the subfunds *Venture Kick*, *Kickstart Accelerator*, *Education Digital*, *Innovationskraftwerk Selnau*, as well as a General Endowment fund (*Allgemeiner Fonds*) to support pilot projects and non-recurring grant-making activities.

Furthermore, a business relationship was established with an additional bank. This confirms FdF’s promise to provide founders the option to collaborate with the bank of their choice.

FdF’s website is consulted very frequently and provides a good overview of the umbrella foundation’s range of services. In the year under review, FdF was also mentioned in various publications, once again underlining its significance.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – OFFICE – LEGAL SEAT

Since its inception the Board of Trustees is composed of three declared foundation experts:

Dr Thomas Sprecher (President); Dr Philipp Egger (Vice President); Evelyn S. Braun.

Dr Matthias von Orelli acts as Managing Director, he was assisted by Barbara Watko.

Fondation des Fondateurs’ offices are located in the “Haus der Stiftungen” at Kirchgasse 42 in Zurich.

HISTORY – BACKGROUND – OUTLOOK

Fondation des Fondateurs is a charitable umbrella foundation. Established in 2007 by the couple Lori und Karl Lutz, it offers founders the possibility to pursue their personal grant-making goals in an individual, professional and cost-efficient manner. Fondation des Fondateurs acts independently from banks and other financial service providers. It has a neutral position with respect to politics, ideology and religion.

As a charitable, tax-exempt foundation Fondation des Fondateurs is monitored by the Swiss Federal Foundation Supervisory Authority. It voluntarily administers its accounts according to Swiss GAAP FER 21 principles and observes the Swiss Foundation Code as the basis of its operations. Being a member of SwissFoundations, the association of the grant-making foundations in Switzerland, Fondation des Fondateurs offers all the foundations under its umbrella access to the network and the events of this association.

The year 2017 will focus on FdF’s tenth anniversary. To accompany this event, various publications and presentations are planned. The end of the year under review was marked by the prospect of several new foundations being established in 2017.

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