



Donors and Foundations Networks in Europe

## PRESS RELEASE

### DAFNE strengthens its presence in Brussels

**Brussels – 6 October 2017.** DAFNE (Donors and Foundations Networks in Europe) is pleased to announce the appointment of Max von Abendroth as its Brussels-based Executive Director as from 1st October 2017.

“This significant addition to our team will strengthen our strategic and mutually supportive relationships with relevant organisations in Brussels, ensuring the national reach and breadth of the donor and foundation membership base of our 25 national associations enhances the effectiveness of advocacy work for the foundation sector across Europe”, said **DAFNE Chairman Felix Oldenburg, CEO of Bundesverband Deutscher Stiftungen in Germany.** “With a permanent representative in Brussels we will be able work more closely with the European Foundation Centre (EFC) and others to strengthen our collective voice in Brussels to inform positive developments and address and mitigate against legislative initiatives that could potentially undermine the effectiveness of philanthropy in Europe.”

Max has been working since 2009 as the Executive Director of the European Magazine Media Association, EMMA, in Brussels, representing 15.000 press publishers across Europe vis-à-vis the European institutions. In 2012 Max initiated the Future Media Lab. think tank linking media innovation and public policy. He was co-founder and director of the start-up “Accelerating European Media Innovation and Insight”, AEMII. Max sits on the Board of Fondation EURACTIV #Media4EU.

**Gerry Salole, Chief Executive of the European Foundation Centre,** welcomes the appointment of Max von Abendroth: “Max brings a wealth of experience of managing and representing a European network, in the field of media, he will be a great asset to Europe’s foundation sector. I am looking forward to further developing our collaboration with DAFNE in order to help improve the operating environment for institutional philanthropy.”

“I am very much looking forward to join DAFNE at this crucial moment, when it is forming a competent and impactful interest representation alliance for Europe’s foundation sector” says **Max von Abendroth, recently appointed DAFNE Executive Director.**

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## About DAFNE

DAFNE is an informal network gathering donors and foundations associations in Europe with the aim of providing a platform to share knowledge and learn from best practices. With 25 member associations with a collective membership of more than 7,500 foundations and grant-makers, DAFNE underpins individual activities of its members by encouraging dialogue and collaboration between the national associations. DAFNE creates an effective mechanism for Europe-wide collaboration; exchange of know how; and the creation of a pool of knowledge at the level of the DAFNE network among philanthropy support organisations.

DAFNE is currently chaired by Felix Oldenburg, from the Association of German Foundations. He is supported by a Steering Committee comprising Magdalena Pekacka – Polish Donors Forum, Beate Eckhardt – Swiss Foundations, and Beatrice de Durfort– Centre Francais des Fonds et Fondations.

## DAFNE Membership

Austria:	Association Funding for Public Benefit
Belgium:	Belgian Federation of Philanthropic Foundations
Bulgaria:	Bulgarian Donors Forum
Croatia:	Croatian Foundations Forum
Czech Republic:	Czech Donors Forum
Finland:	Council of Finnish Foundations
France:	Centre Français des Fonds et Fondations
Germany:	Bundesverband Deutscher Stiftungen
Hungary:	Hungarian Donors Forum
Ireland:	Philanthropy Ireland
Italy:	Associazione di Fondazioni e di Casse di Risparmio (ACRI)
Italy:	Assifero (Assifero (Associazione Italiana delle Fondazioni ed Enti della Filantropia Istituzionale)
Liechtenstein:	Association of Liechtenstein Charitable Foundations
The Netherlands:	Vereniging van Fondsen in Nederland
Norway:	Stiftelsesforeninger
Poland:	Polish Donors Forum
Portugal:	Portuguese Foundation Centre
Russia:	Russia Donors Forum
Slovak Republic:	Slovak Donors Forum
Spain:	Asociación Española de Fundaciones
Sweden:	Föreningen Stiftelser i Samverkan
Switzerland:	Swiss Foundations
Turkey:	Third Sector Foundation of Turkey (TUSEV)
UK:	Association of Charitable Foundations
Ukraine:	Ukrainian Philanthropists Forum

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