

# An overview of European Corporate Foundations

Environment and Challenges

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# Research on corporate foundations



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2006

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The Game Changers: Corporate  
Foundations in a Changing World,  
2016

‘A corporate foundation  
is a foundation whose  
primary income is  
derived in some way  
from  
a corporate source’

*Corporate Citizenship,*  
2006

# Foundation giving trends in the UK

*Total giving from all private sources (individuals, legacies, companies, foundations, Gift Aid tax relief) provides UK good causes with £17.8 billion annually*

*The top 300 foundations in the UK contribute £2.7 billion, or 15% of this funding*

*In its 2013 report Corporate Citizenship identified 140 corporate foundations operating in the UK in 2011/2 with an average expenditure of £1.62 million.*

*The top 50 corporate foundations gave grants totalling £232.3 million in 2014/15*

*Giving through corporate foundations has seen an uplift from 2010, year on year growth rates have outpaced those of the top 300 Foundations in the UK with the exception of 2012.*

# Research covers perspectives from more than 20 countries



# Corporate foundations are becoming more integrated with their parent companies

INDEPENDENT  
FOUNDATIONS

INTEGRATED  
FOUNDATIONS



2013

2016

58%

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73%

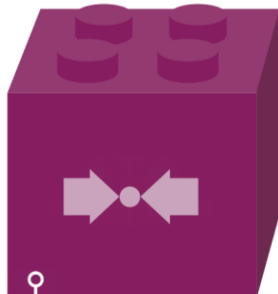
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They are leveraging the relationship with the parent company to deliver benefit to beneficiaries

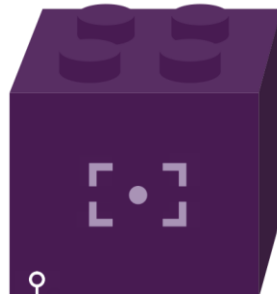
BUSINESS  
ACUMEN



STRATEGIC  
ALIGNMENT



FOCUSED



ENGAGING



IMPACT  
MEASUREMENT



SUSTAINABLE  
FINANCING



# Key statistics on corporate foundations



65% of corporate foundations worldwide can imagine developing a new product or service that delivers a social benefit to society.



73% of corporate foundations worldwide report that the current giving strategy is linked to their parent company's business focus.



40% report that they work in a small number of programmatic areas, and often choose to work with fixed partner organisations that will help them to achieve long-term goals.



58% of corporate foundations measure the wider social benefit achieved as a result of their corporate foundation's activity, but 78% said that corporate foundations should measure impacts of their programmes.

# But they still face challenges

Legal  
requirements

Reluctance from  
trustees

Lack of buy-in  
from the  
parent company

Lack of funds

Persisting  
expectations  
from  
stakeholders



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