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The only practical solution at European level for tax-effective cross-border cash donations

Transnational Giving Europe (TGE) is a partnership of leading European foundations and associations facilitating tax-efficient cross-border giving within Europe. The TGE network enables donors, both corporations and individuals, resident in one of the participating countries, to financially support non-profit organisations in other member countries, while benefiting directly from the tax advantages provided for in the legislation of their country of residence. TGE is currently operational for donations from and to **Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, *Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, *the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal*, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.**

*Please note that currently Ireland, the Netherlands and Portugal don't facilitate outgoing donations.

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As a Donor

Are you aware of a cause or organisation outside your home country, which you would be keen to support?

Are you interested in tax effective cross-border giving?

As an expatriate, would you like to continue to give tax efficiently to the charity you used to in your country of origin?

Are you concerned about making gifts to quality projects and organisations?

As a multinational, would you like to hear about flexible and tax effective global corporate giving?

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Benefits for Donors

Reliable Framework
TGE offers you the comfort of a network of prominent grant-making foundations, anchored in each of the countries covered, where they have outstanding relationships with most non-profit organisations and enjoy the confidence of national authorities. They ensure your contribution is allocated to the foreign charitable organisation, you have chosen to support.

Quality Review of Beneficiaries
TGE partners' long-standing experience as grant-makers and their intimate knowledge of the non-profit sector in their home country serve your generosity. Their involvement with your gift is your guarantee of the quality of the project and organisation you wish to support.

Tax Effective Cross-Border Giving
Your cross-border donation receives all applicable tax benefits in the country where you pay tax. Partner foundations' combined expertise in domestic tax laws secures the most effective tax treatment for your gift in both your own country and the recipient's.

Flexible and Effective Global Giving Management
TGE enables multinational corporations to freely organise their philanthropic giving to best suit their business strategy and Community Investment policy, without having to master different tax laws and national regulations. As a multinational business you will want to support non-profit organisations in a variety of countries to best serve your employees and customers. TGE provides you with a secure method of making these donations whilst ensuring tax-efficiency.

Simple and Standard Procedure
Making a gift abroad becomes extremely simple:
- a simple contact with your national partner through a phone call or email in your mother tongue
-a regular domestic payment to make gifts to beneficiaries in any of the eligible countries
-banking fees are invoiced when actually incurred
-TGE keeps you informed throughout the procedure and carries out required formalities for tax relief
-a single 5% contribution is taken on gifts up to 100.000 euros (see the procedure on page 7 for more information on the degressive fee structure above this mark).

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As a Charitable Organisation

As a Fundraiser

Does your organisation have fundraising opportunities abroad?

Does the cause you serve know no boundaries?

Are your prospective donors abroad interested in tax effective giving?

Do you wish to extend fundraising beyond your national borders, but miss the local branch network to handle the gifts?

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Benefits for Charitable Organisations

European-wide Opportunities to Mobilise Resources

By providing a secured and tax-effective cross-border giving framework, TGE throws a bridge between your organisation and prospective donors abroad. Receiving tax-free contributions from foreign donors, appealing to expatriates, approaching global partners such as multinational corporations, benefiting from borderless interest in your cause or capitalising on global exposure offered by the Internet is within arm's reach. The TGE network does not raise money on behalf of your organisation, but enables you to make the most of fundraising opportunities available to your organisation in as many European countries as possible. Note that TGE is not meant to be used for massive fundraising campaigns using promotional data acquired through the purchase, rental or exchange of data or using important media campaigns. Beneficiaries using TGE should at all times respect ethical principles agreed by the network in their communication towards donors.

Administration Taken Care of for You

TGE carries out all administration relating to the tax deductibility of gifts. Depending on the country's tax laws, TGE partners will fill in all relevant tax forms and deliver, whenever applicable, fiscal receipts testifying to the contribution made.

Expertise in National Tax Laws

TGE enables your organisation to extend fundraising to foreign countries, without having to set up branches or sister organisations for that sole purpose and without having to master different national laws. TGE offers you the comfort of relying on a support infrastructure managed by leading national foundations, with experience in tax regulations and specialised in the non-profit sector in their respective home countries. Tax questions from prospective donors, gift procedures and donations to your organisation will be handled by TGE partners, ensuring a global approach and the most effective tax treatment for donors, whether individuals or corporations.

National Fiscal Incentives to Charitable Giving

Once approved as an eligible recipient of transnational gifts by TGE, your organisation will benefit from fiscal incentives to charitable giving provided for by national regulations in the same way as domestic charities. Supporting your organisation will yield the same tax benefits for foreign donors as supporting non-profit organisations in their home country.

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How does TGE work?

For the organisation/beneficiary

A fundraiser having donors abroad and wanting to provide them with a tax efficient solution for their donations, should:

1) Contact the TGE partner in its country.
2) Fill in the TGE Grant Eligibility Application Form (**GEAF**) and send it back to the TGE national partner for approval.
3) Once the beneficiary is declared eligible, it will receive the practical details from the other TGE partners on how donors can make their donations.
4) Donors will then be able to transfer the money (national transaction) to the partner's bank account who will provide with a fiscal receipt for a national tax deduction.
5) The TGE network will then take care of the international transaction of the gift to the final beneficiary, avoiding gift taxes.

For the donor

A donor resident in one of the participating countries and wishing to make a gift to a public interest organisation in one of the other partner countries should:

1) Contact the partner foundation in the country of its residence.
2) This foundation establishes contact with the foundation in the recipient country for an assessment of the intended beneficiary (which is another non-profit organisation).
3) If the evaluation is positive, the donor makes the gift to his home-country foundation which then provides the donor with a tax receipt and transfers the gift to the beneficiary organisation.

Contribution to the Transnational Giving Europe network

A 5% contribution is applied on gifts up to 100.000 euros (or the equivalent in another currency), with a degressive fee structure on the donated amount above this mark. For more information, please get in touch with your national TGE partner.

This contribution supports the development of the network through activities such as digital development, finding new partner foundations or providing free practical information on philanthropy in Europe. The aim is to increase tax effective giving across Europe and accelerate the establishment of a single market for philanthropy.

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How to contact our TGE partners ?

To make or receive (a) transnational gift (s), please contact your national foundation. TGE partners can also be contacted for donations from and to other countries outside Europe. The TGE network would like to welcome new partners in the European countries not covered yet. The donated amount shall be paid on the national foundation's account only after the gift approval by both partner foundations involved.

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