Climate change is no longer a long-term projection announced for many years in reports by the GIEC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), but a reality that is hitting humankind full on, whether in the submerged lands of the Pacific, the blazing towns and cities of California, the flooded fields of Belgium or Germany, or the valleys shattered by the overflowing Vésubie.

Philanthropy is the “friend of the human race”, so it is duty bound to respond to these challenges, because climate disruption is having a long-term impact on the many causes it supports: poverty, education, gender, housing, culture, biodiversity, migrating populations, food and many more besides.

The Centre français des fonds et fondations has launched this new programme, the Coalition française des fondations pour le Climat (CFF– the French climate coalition of foundations), echoing the in-depth reflections of its members on this theme. The CFF is proud to see that this Coalition has taken shape thanks to the convictions of its Board of Directors and the personal and financial investment of its members, partners, members of the CffC’s Steering Committee and Advisory Committee and members of the focus groups. They make up a total of 250 active participants for this first year.

The inception of the Coalition des fondations françaises pour le climat and the international movement #PhilanthropyforClimate, launched on 9 November last within the framework of the COP26, are all calls to action of all the foundations who have signed a climate commitment structured around 6 material pillars:

1. education and awareness-raising (teams, governance, partners);
2. integrating these issues into internal functioning;
3. integrating these issues into the programmes and operations;
4. factoring these issues into investments and financial management;
5. collective initiatives like advocacy mobilizing resources;
6. transparency through an annual milestone report.

National coalitions exist in Great Britain, France, Spain, Canada, and soon in Italy, thereby forming a far-reaching community of practices dedicated to action. The foundations that have no initiatives in their countries can sign the “international climate commitment” worldwide, headed by the Wings organization. To date, more than 420 foundations have signed the climate commitment, including over 118 French ones.

We are delighted to be able to present you in this document with the initial actions taken by the signatories of the French climate commitment. This information is a good starting point that can be referred to every year to underscore the progress made by the foundations in integrating climate issues. We very sincerely thank the contributors to this initial progress report.*

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Marie-Stéphane Maradeix, Delegate General of the Foundation
Daniel & Nina Carasso, member of the CffC Steering Committee
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After one year’s existence, the Centre français des fonds et fondations presents hereunder an initial progress report of actions taken by the foundations that have signed the Climate commitment for the Fight against Climate Change. The efforts of each foundation have been inventoried further to a survey sent to all the signatories in October 2021. Their answers illustrate their actions in concrete terms, and performance indicators will be created to monitor how their actions evolve from one year to the next. Accordingly, this progress report will be published at the end of November every year.

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The first part of this report recounts the genesis of the CffC and explains its role. The second part is about the content of the Climate commitment and the third focuses on the actions implemented by the signatory foundations, classified according to the Climate commitment’s pillars. The final part concerns prospects for the coming years.

2020 was devoted to preparing and launching the process. 2021 was a year of awareness-raising and construction of the community of foundations around climate-related questions.”

Jean-Marc Pautras,
Executive Officer of the CFF

Béatrice de Montleau,
Head of the CFF Climate programme
1. Genesis of the CffC programme of the CFF

1.1 Initial reflections

Aware that the major challenge of the age we live in is the fight against climate change and that the foundations play a crucial role in this respect, initial reflections emerged at the General Meeting of the European Foundation Centre in May 2019. This meeting was followed by the “Funding with a climate lens” workshop, organized by Ariadne in October 2019, which confirmed the need for a formal commitment.

Thereupon the Fondation de France and the Fondation Daniel & Nina Carasso, very quickly joined by the Fonds Decitre, the Fondation pour la Nature et l’Homme and the Fondation la France s’Engage proposed to the members of the CFF the launch of the Coalition française des fondations pour le Climat (CffC). The mission of the Coalition, formed in November 2020, is to mobilize the entire philanthropic sector, an unprecedented initiative in our countries. It calls on all French foundations and endowment funds, irrespective of their mission, size and legal structure, to make a commitment with regard to climate change issues. The CffC supports general-interest organizations in their fight against climate change, showcases their actions and mobilizes the necessary resources.

1.2 International approaches

This French process is not unique: similar initiatives have been taken in Spain (Fundaciones por el Clima, AEF), in the United Kingdom (Association of Charitable Foundations, ACF¹), and even at European level (DAFNE and the European Philanthropy Coalition for Climate) then internationally (International Philanthropy Commitment on Climate Change). There is broad consensus within the community of foundations on this idea of grouping national, European and even global philanthropy around a common commitment.

In November 2019, the United Kingdom was the first country to encourage foundations to factor in environmental issues by proposing that they sign a Climate commitment, the Funder Commitment², which since June 2020 has been led by the Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF). The ACF published its first report in April 2021³ and received responses from 43 out of the 55 signatories (30 of which had signed within less than a year).

In Spain, the Fundaciones por el Clima⁴ initiative was launched on 1st December 2020 by the Asociación Española de Fundaciones (AEF⁵), with the Fondation Daniel & Nina Carasso, just as in France. The Spanish Climate commitment has so far been signed by 130 foundations.

In Italy, the Associazione Italiana Fondazioni ed Enti Filantropici, Assifero⁶, joined this movement in September 2021. The Italian Climate commitment⁷ is similar to the international Climate commitment, translated into Italian.

At European level, the federative foundations organization is called DAFNE (Donors and Foundations Networks in Europe), which will merge in early 2022 with the EFC, European Foundations for Climate (EFC), to become PHILEA⁸ (Philanthropy Europe Association). DAFNE groups together philanthropy organizations engaged in the fight against climate change in an informal organization that unites them and networks through the PEX Forum.

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1. acf.org.uk
2. fundercommitmentclimatechange.org
3. ACF 1st report on climate
4. AEF/pacto-clima
5. AEF, Asociación Española de Fundaciones
6. Assifero
7. La dichiarazione d’impegno di fondazioni ed enti filantropici sul cambiamento climatico
8. https://philea.eu/
These organizations are institutional partners of the CFF, which is on the board of directors, and its CffC programme in exchanges between national coalitions. Below is a map of all the stakeholders:

The European Climate Pact invites citizens, communities and organizations to participate in climate action and build a greener Europe by:
• learning about climate change;
• developing, implementing and scaling up solutions;
• networking with others to intensify the effects of these solutions.

As part of the European Green Deal, the Climate Pact provides a space for sharing information, debating and acting in response to the climate crisis. It will also support the growth and consolidation of a European climate movement.

This Pact in an open, inclusive and ambitious initiative for everyone.

Marie-Stéphane Maradeix represented the foundations at the launch conference on 16 December 2020, which collectively joined this Pact.

On a global level, with the support of Wings and DAFNE, all the national coalitions (including the CffC) have drafted a Climate commitment that all foundations worldwide can sign. Countries that like France, the United Kingdom, Spain and Italy have national coalitions can suggest to their signatories of national climate commitments that they directly join the international climate commitment without needing to sign twice. This commitment is called “We Act” and is monitored on the philanthropyforclimate.org/site.
1.2.1 Initial observations on the actions of French foundations in connection with the climate

Prior to the official launch, in October 2020 the CffC published a survey entitled “Fondations et Fonds de dotation: prenez-vous en compte l'enjeu climatique?” (Foundations and endowment funds, do you factor in climate issues?) in order to evaluate the importance of climate issues for the foundations, find out about their practices and identify their needs. The survey, which is available to all new signatories, has already generated 116 responses and the evocative results presented below. It confirms that the foundations are determined to act in favour of the climate and that they have a real need for support to make progress towards a transition just through concrete actions.

**116 responses**

as of 01.11.2021

98% consider that climate is a major and urgent issue for society.

41% consider that they significantly or very significantly factor in climate issues in their foundation.

94% consider that their structure will make progress in factoring in the climate issue (completely or on certain points).

98% of respondents confirmed that the climate issue is a key challenge for them. Furthermore, 94% of the structures wish to make progress in factoring it in. While 41% believe that they are already taking action, this means that 59% are not yet doing so and that the CffC has a mission to support them.

**THE NEED TO MAKE PROGRESS IN FACTORING IN CLIMATE ISSUES**

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Their needs are very clearly stated in the responses to this survey, which enables the CffC to offer concrete solutions with practical tools.

The question here is what foundations and endowment funds need to be able to make progress in factoring climate issue into their functioning and into the projects they partner.

The most common requests concern exchanges of good practices (66%) and alliances with other foundations (64%). 47% of the responses are requests for information and studies, and 41% are requests for methodological documents. An analysis of these needs has led to the formation of focus groups, which any signatory foundations who so wish can participate in.

1.3 The CffC since its formation

THE FRENCH COALITION OF FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

Une année riche en actions et événements

Beyond the individual commitment of each fund or foundation, this new community, with the backing of the CffC, undertakes to contribute collectively, capitalize on actions and mobilize resources. The CffC represents French endowment funds and foundations by participating in the work and actions with our European and international counterparts. Moreover it provides support and good practices to all signatory organizations.

The Réveils Climat and the focus groups organized by the CffC with its members are part of this will, common to all the funds and foundations, to act in the name of the collective and to contribute to the CFF’s mission of general interest by publishing on the web sites of the CFF and the CffC.
1. Genesis of the CffC programme of the CFF

1.4 The CffC’s missions

• Broadly rally the French foundations and endowment funds around climate issues, regardless of their spheres of intervention, size or financial means.

• Create a community of practices and exchanges between peers and with experts.

• Produce all types of work on the philanthropic sector’s engagement to tackle the climate crisis.

• Empower the funds and foundations in this “climate journey” through programming events and providing them with the tools they need to address this transition.

• Collectively represent the foundations on various public and private-sector bodies on this subject, in France and abroad.

• Ensure the economic sustainability of this far-reaching project to enduringly further the impact of the funds and foundations on the climate question.

• Report the action of the signatory funds and foundations to the public’s attention.

1.5 The functioning of the CffC

The Coalition française des fondations pour le Climat (CffC) is a programme led by the Centre français des Fonds et Fondations (CFF). To carry through this project, from its inception the CffC has put in place its own form of governance; its decision-making body is ultimately its board of directors.

The Steering Committee, which meets every month, guides the Coalition on its strategic orientation and supports its programme of actions. The Committee’s members include the Fondation Daniel & Nina Carasso, the Fonds Decitre, the Fondation de France, the Fondation pour la Nature et l’Homme, and the Fondation Terre Solidaire, which since September 2021 has replaced the Fondation la France s’Engage, to account for the board of directors of the CFF. The Steering Committee has drafted the CffC’s charter, prepared the survey on existing actions and the climate-related needs of the foundations, and written a Climate commitment for all the foundations who are committed, and it supported the launch of the CffC on 18 November 2020.

Created on the initiative of the Steering Committee, the Advisory Committee’s remit is to contribute expertise to the CffC to improve its practices, and supports it in the planning and implementation of its programme. It comprises 32 foundations and organizations, and meets every quarter. The Advisory Committee’s members also take part in the CffC’s focus groups.

To be independent in its action, the CffC has surrounded itself with eight partners approved by the CFF’s Board of Directors, who put resources including finance at its disposal. These partners include the Fondation BNP Paribas, the Fondation Chanel, the Fondation Daniel & Nina Carasso, the Fonds Decitre, the Fondation de France, the Fondation Groupe EDF, the Vital Strategies Fund and the Donors and Foundations Networks in Europe (DAFNE).
In order to formally endorse the engagement of the foundations and bridge the gap between the foundations’ intention and action with regard to the climate, the Coalition offers them to sign the Climate commitment for the Fight against Climate Change. This Climate commitment gives the foundations a roadmap to incorporate the fight against climate change into all their activities. Their actions and projects, just like those of the Coalition itself, are underpinned by the six pillars of the Climate commitment, which constitute 6 pillars for action for factoring in environmental criteria:

1. Education and awareness-raising.
2. Including climate issues in the internal functioning of our foundations.
3. Innovation and integration into the strategies of operators and/or financial backers.
4. Including all these issues in our financial investments.
5. Contributing to the collective.
6. Transparency, with this annual progress report. The full text of the Climate commitment is provided in appendix 2.

2. The French Climate commitment

2.1 Overview of the signatories

The number of signatories of the Climate commitment has been rising steadily since the beginning of 2021. Every month, new foundations decide to join the Coalition française des fondations pour le Climat. At the last count on 31 October 2021, 118 foundations have signed the CffC Climate commitment. They form a diverse collective, both in the legal form and in the size of their organization or the diversity of their actions. The fact is that only one third of the signatories have the fight against global warming and environmental protection as their reason for being, but they all wish to act and put the environment at the height of their actions.

The number of signatories is rising steadily:

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2.2 Signatories by policy area

The policy area of 71% of them is not environmental, and the CffC’s aim is precisely to expand towards non-specialist foundations. 34 signatories (29% of the total) are specialized in the environment; 21 are specialized in social inclusion. 16 are multipurpose foundations (16), and 10 foundations work in education and culture. 9 foundations operate in the health sector, and 9 in the research sector. 7 foundations intervene in entrepreneurship; 4 act for children, 3 in international aid and one in the European field.
2.3 Signatories by type of legal structure

The main category of the signatories in terms of legal structure is Fondations Reconnues d’Utilité Publique (FRUP – foundations recognized as being beneficial to the public), with 32 out of 118 signatories, followed by the endowment funds category (30 signatories). Sponsored foundations (28 signatories) include enterprise foundations and other types of funds and foundations. There are 22 non-sponsored enterprise foundations. The other categories are small: 3 scientific cooperation foundations and 2 partnership foundations.
3. Action taken by signatories of the Climate Commitment

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Among the respondents:
- UPRF (Recognised public service foundation): 8
- Umbrella foundation: 7
- Corporate foundation: 5
- Endowment fund: 9
- University foundation: 0
- Partnership foundation: 1
- Scientific cooperation foundation: 1

The signatory foundations were questioned on their actions with regard to the 6 pillars of the Climate commitment, namely:

- (1) education and awareness-raising,
- (2) including climate issues in their internal functioning,
- (3) innovation and integration into the strategies of operators and/or financial backers (programmes and operations),
- (4) factoring all these issues into financial investments,
- (5) Acting for the Collective. This pillar is the responsibility of the CffC, in conjunction with the signatories, to act in the name of the collective: by communicating; by providing the signatories with documents enabling them to work collectively on subjects; by organizing awareness-raising initiatives and encounters.
- (6) Transparency, by publicizing the various actions of the funds and foundations.

3.1 PILLAR 1 - Educate ourselves and share knowledge

Nearly 70% of the foundations who responded have brought the climate commitment to the attention of their staff, the governance and the teams of voluntary workers on the ground. They have also run awareness-raising campaigns to heighten these stakeholders’ awareness of the effects of climate change equal to its issues. These campaigns have involved various groups of the public in various forms.

The diversity of the topics at these awareness-raising workshops demonstrates the richness of the CffC community: at its own level and in its area of expertise, each foundation can include climate and environmental issues and heighten awareness among a target audience. All the projects backed by the foundations, whether their focus is social, cultural, educational, etc., necessarily include a climate dimension; as a result, these awareness-raising initiatives are aimed at all those who work in and for the foundations.
The reasons given by the foundations that have not done any awareness-raising about the climate are on the one hand the fact that they have recently signed the CffC Climate commitment, and on the other, a policy area entirely focusing on the environment and/or the climate, with 100% of the organization’s activities that involve some form of awareness-raising, as is the case of the Fondation pour la Nature et l’Homme for instance.

• Example 1
  Fondation RAJA–Danièle Marcovici
  The Foundation took advantage of the European Sustainable Development Week (from 18 September to 8 October 2021) to involve 600 people from the RAJA Group in an awareness campaign on the issues of climate change.

• Example 2
  Fondation Daniel & Nina Carasso
  The Foundation has produced a Climate Panorama with the entire team in France and Spain, and has hired a trainee specialized on “Sustainable development” to help the Foundation in its reflection on factoring in these issues.

3.2 PILLAR 2 – Include the climate issue into internal functioning

This survey also lets the foundations speak out on the impact that their signing of the Climate commitment has had on their internal practices. The Climate commitment can indeed act as a catalyst for triggering a process of good environmental practices.

The foundations’ responses are mixed: 45% of them have not seen any significant difference in their internal practices since they signed the Climate commitment, and the same percentage state that their practices are ongoing with regard to certain issues (mobility, waste separation, etc.). Finally, 10% of them consider that real changes in momentum are perceptible in
all their internal practices and responded constructively to each of the proposed choices.

**Good internal environmental practices**
The good practices that the foundations have already adopted are listed in this diagram:

This multiple-choice question gave the 33 responding foundations an opportunity to make known their progress in including climate issues in their internal practices. It emerges that 15 foundations measure the carbon impacts of their events; 15 foundations have cut their energy use; 23 foundations manage their waste more responsibly and 18 have made changes in the mobility of their staff.

If we scrutinize these findings, it appears that the inclusion of these climate issues in the internal functioning of the responding foundations is distributed fairly evenly: some of them focus on a single issue, while others have taken action on all of them.

**Carbon footprint of the organizations**
Factoring climate danger into and at the level of an organization requires an progress report of its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, according to ADEME (the French Environment and Energy Management Agency) and the Ministry for green transition. This type of progress report done at regular intervals serves to measure the progress made by an organization. 8 responding foundations have already calculated or are in the process of calculating their carbon footprint. They are:

- The Fondation Daniel & Nina Carasso.
- The Fondation de France.
3. Action taken by signatories of the Climate Commitment

- The Fondation Entreprendre.
- The EPSA Foundation.
- The Fondation Malakoff Humanis Handicap.
- The Fondation pour la Nature et l’Homme (since 2010).
- The Fondation RTE.
- The Fondation POMA (ongoing).

These carbon footprints nonetheless require considerable efforts and resources. No wonder that 80% of the responding foundations have not yet calculated their carbon footprint.

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- **Fondation Malakoff Humanis Handicap**
  The Fondation Malakoff Humanis Handicap participates in the carbon footprint of the Malakoff Humanis Group, which includes scopes 1, 2 and 3. The Group has set precise emission reduction goals for the coming year. They are:
  - Optimizing the energy efficiency of its buildings.
  - Doing preventive maintenance to stop leaks of refrigerants.
  - Rationalizing its data centres.
  - Introducing a “Travel and transportation” policy that prioritizes public transport, and introducing the Sustainable Mobility Pass.
  - Introducing remote working tools (to limit travel and work from home).

- **Fondation RTE**
  The Fondation RTE has calculated its carbon footprint, factoring in all 3 scopes: 2,653 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent, of which only 4 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent for scopes 1 and 2. Concerning the efforts needed to decarbonize the foundation’s environmental impact: “As a priority we must lead our beneficiaries to reduce their carbon emissions for an equivalent social impact, and design projects that reduce their carbon emissions, and thus scope 3 of the Foundation. Because reducing our carbon emissions on scopes 1 and 2, which only account for 3% of our emissions, is less significant.”

- **EPSA Foundation (données du Groupe EPSA)**
  EPSA has focused its efforts on staff mobility, which accounts for 59% of its carbon footprint. Between now and the group’s next carbon footprint progress report (in 2022), the aim is to reduce the carbon footprint of its staff’s mobility by 30%. A special effort has been made on the energy efficiency of its building, which is a not inconsiderable source of emissions. The target for 2022 is to reduce by 10% the carbon footprint generated by the energy consumption of its buildings.

3.3 PILLAR 3 – Innovate and integrate the climate issue into programmes and operations

The percentage of projects that factor in climate issues

As financial backers or operators, to select a project, programme or operation, factoring the climate issue in is an essential criterion for 65% of the polled foundations. This figure confirms that for most of the signatories, environmental and climate criteria must be systematically met when selecting or organizing a project. However, while awareness of the systemic nature of environmental issues in the activities of foundations is not in doubt, its implementation can be improved. Most of the responding foundations include climate issues in less than half their projects. This figure should be put into perspective, as certain foundations only focus on environmental subjects and therefore did not answer this question.
3. Action taken by signatories of the Climate Commitment

IN 2021, HOW MANY OF THE PROJECTS CARRIED OUT OR BACKED BY YOUR ORGANIZATION FACTOR IN CLIMATE ISSUES?

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Source: CffC

6 responding foundations include environmental criteria in 100% of their projects. Conversely, 12 of them only do so for 25% of their projects; 8 foundations do so for 25 to 50% of their projects; 2 foundations for 50 to 75% of their projects and 3 foundations for more than 75% of their projects.

Budgets allocated to climate issues in 2021

Concerning the total amounts of annual budgets – excluding investments – planned for climate issues 2022, the answers vary greatly from one foundation to the next. For instance, the Fondation de France has a programme devoted specifically to the environment, which totalled 6 million euros for 2021. Other foundations, whose policy areas do not include the environment and the climate, now allocate a not inconsiderable proportion of their budget to this subject, either in specific projects or in including them in certain actions.

One of the indicators to be put in place in 2022 could be a comparison of the amount each foundation allocates to climate issues as a percentage of its total annual budget.

Testimonial

• Fondation Daniel & Nina Carasso

As part of its programme entitled “Arts, Sciences and Society”, the Foundation has launched a call of projects on “Composing knowledge to conceive a sustainable future”, which invites artists, researchers, creators and professionals from all walks of life to propose a new narrative on issues relating to climate change.

3.4 PILIER 4 - Integrate the climate issue into your financial strategies and investments

We have noted that “climate finance” is not just at the heart of the COP26 climate negotiations but also concerns the world of foundations. The CffC’s launch survey had underscored this need to act in favour of the environment and the climate in terms of financial investments. The Finance & Climate focus group has been launched to address this need. One year after the formation of the CffC, the responding foun-
3. Action taken by signatories of the Climate Commitment

3.5 PILLAR 5 – Acting for the Collective

Raising awareness of the wider world: Climate awakening

The monthly encounters of the CffC, called “Rêveil Climat”, are already classics of the Coalition. They set the pace of the CffC’s activity (especially during the health crisis) and enlighten the foundations and their stakeholders on specific themes, illustrated by the practices of the foundations (See Appendix I). The Rêveils Climat are co-hosted by Sandrine Maisano, volunteer expert of the CFF and by Beatrice de Montleau, Head of the CffC. These monthly encounters are part of the mission of general interest of the CFF and the CffC, and are recorded and put at the disposal of the public at large on the CFF’s video channel.

252 structures signed registered at least once for the 7 Rêveils Climat organized in 2021.

Among these structures:

• 95 are CFF members.
• 66 are signatories of the CffC Climate commitment, 51 of which are both signatories and members.
• 106 are neither members nor signatories (including at least 12 funds and foundations, the others are associations, companies or individuals).

Focus groups

In response to the requests and needs stated by the foundations in the CffC survey, two focus groups have been mobilized every month since March 2021. These focus groups have a remit to provide all the foundations with practical guides and tools. They focus on the following subjects:

• Finance and climate.
• Sustainable development goals (SDGs).
• Good practices.
• Training modules on climate topics.

• Finance & Climate focus group – 17 members

Headed by the Fondation Daniel & Nina Carasso, Fonds Vital Strategies, Fondation Hippocrène and the Fondation de France, this focus group has an educational remit and aims to harmonize the social missions of the foundations with their inclusion of climate and environmental issues in their investments. In practical terms this finds expression in a practical operational guide

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• Fondation Daniel & Nina Carasso

The Fondation Daniel & Nina Carasso has launched a process of progressively investing in impact funds. Currently, 7% of its portfolio is committed to the low-carbon transition, including 4.8% in the “impact” segment.

With regard to the indicators, “We calculate the carbon intensity of the entire portfolio SRI portfolio (listed assets). In 2020, this was 697 tonnes of CO₂ per million of revenue. By comparison, the benchmark indexes of underlying investments have a carbon intensity of 1,045 tonnes of CO₂ per million of revenue. The carbon intensity of the Foundation’s SRI portfolio is thus 33% lower than the benchmark indexes.”

• Evolem Citoyen

“Investments are managed by the Chief Financial and Administrative Officer of the EVOLEM group, because the Evolem Citoyen endowment fund does not have a dedicated investment policy. However, nearly 30% of the investments are ESG/SRI funds. This was achieved through measurements of the environmental impacts of financial investments reported by the various establishments.”

Foundations state that they still have a long way to go concerning financial investments. Only 40% of the signatories partially include climate challenges and dangers in their financial strategy. We can compare this figure with the survey conducted by Amadeis in 2020 in partnership with the CFF on the financial management of foundations and endowment funds. 60% of the polled sample group then intended to increase their percentage of responsible investments and investments incorporating climate issues. This intention has clearly been converted into concrete action in under a year.

Focus groups

In response to the requests and needs stated by the foundations in the CffC survey, two focus groups have been mobilized every month since March 2021. These focus groups have a remit to provide all the foundations with practical guides and tools. They focus on the following subjects:

• Finance and climate.
• Sustainable development goals (SDGs).
• Good practices.
• Training modules on climate topics.

• Finance & Climate focus group – 17 members

Headed by the Fondation Daniel & Nina Carasso, Fonds Vital Strategies, Fondation Hippocrène and the Fondation de France, this focus group has an educational remit and aims to harmonize the social missions of the foundations with their inclusion of climate and environmental issues in their investments. In practical terms this finds expression in a practical operational guide
that helps les foundations make real choices in the financial management.

- **Sustainable Development Goals focus group – 12 members**

Headed by the Fondation de France and the Fondation Schneider Electric, this focus group addresses the requests of certain foundations that wish to be supported in:

- An educational and systemic approach to SDGs to further their understanding.
- Reflections concerning their inclusion in the functioning of the foundations
- Pragmatic tools to facilitate and assess the implementation of SDGs.

The focus group aims to facilitate the foundations’ approaches to incorporating SDGs by providing educational and practical tools to better understand and include SDGs in the strategy of the foundations, namely a practical guide combining an introduction to SDGs, examples of practical methods and testimonials from foundations.

Two other groups are currently being launched.

The « Formations au Climat » focus group, headed by the Fondation Plantons pour l’Avenir and the Fondation KMPG. It will offer short training modules on specific topics according to the need of the foundations.

The « bonnes pratiques » group will be headed by the UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology. It consists in inventorying the good practices of the foundations with a view to disseminating them to others for their benefit.

**Network and representation on a global scale**

In this respect, the CffC represents the foundations in international philanthropy and climate organizations and contributes to the international Climate commitment (see Part 1.1 of this report).

This annual report also ties in with this process of internationalization of national coalitions and of mutualizing all philanthropic climate stakeholders: all national foundations should also produce their 2021 annual report.

**Contribution of the CffC to research**

Anne Monier, Doctor of Social Sciences and researcher in ESSEC’s Philanthropy post is currently engaged in research on mobilizing the European philanthropic climate sector, concentrating on coalitions of foundations. She is working in collaboration with the CffC (France), the AEF (Spain), the ACF (United Kingdom), Dafne (at European level) and WINGS (at international level). Her work, at the crossroads of sociology, political science and anthropology, poses three key questions:

- how do philanthropic stakeholders become aware of, perceive and are affected by the climate change problem?
- how do they envisage possible solutions and implement their transition?
- how do they mobilize themselves and what are the consequences of such mobilization?

Le projet vise à comprendre les processus de mobilisation climatique et de transition environnementale.

**Sharing resources**

CffC’s new web site should provide ever easier access and visibility of resources shared among foundations in order to consolidate this network. 59 resources were shared in 2021, revolving around research topics; documents published by the foundations and useful to others, and events.

The deliverables of the focus groups, which will be released during the course of 2022, also aim to meet the needs of the foundations on specific themes while at the same time providing them with practical tools.
3. Action taken by signatories of the Climate Commitment

Acting for the Collective in summary

**Year zero**
- Brainstorming: culmination of initial reflections
- Constructing the governance
- Drafting the Climate commitment/ securing the first signatories
- Preparing the survey/mailing it
- Organizing a conference during the Foundations Workshop on 18.11.2020

**Year 1**
- Awareness-raising during the Climate Awakening sessions and conference
- Success of the Climate commitment, signed by more foundations
- Initial focus groups
- Discussions with other climate organizations
- Contribution or international Climate commitment
- Speeches at seminars/conferences

**Years 2 to 4**
- Greater dissemination of more subjects
- Tools: training/practical guides/communities by topic
- Publicize
- Means: what economic model is needed to grow?
- A project common to all the signatory foundations
- Mutualize/create alliances

3.6 PILLAR 6 – Transparency

The signatory funds and foundations have a duty to make public their actions that factor in climate change. This report meets this requirement by presenting a summary of the actions taken by the signatories. It will be updated every year.

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4. Prospects for 2022–2024

The CffC’s mutualization stage in the years to come, starting in 2022, will be consolidated in the long term among the foundations, by mutualizing the tools and resources, and will extend the reach of the CffC.

4.1 Aims

- Continue the practical implementation of the Climate commitment’s pillars by helping foundations achieve this and providing them with tools.
- Highlight changes and the progress made by the foundations.
- Maintain the reach of the CffC and work more closely with the current signatories.
- Continue publicizing the CffC and the signatories’ actions in France and abroad.
- Consolidate the CffC’s economic model.

4.2 Actions

Creating tools for the foundations

- The “Finance & Climate” and “Sustainable Development Goals” practical guides.
- Thematic encounters: the “Informal sessions of the CffC”; quarterly encounters between foundations having the same sphere of intervention.

Disseminating by example

- In territories/regions.
- By topic, in order to create communities of practices.
- Within the framework of major national and international events.

Communicating

- Creating the new web site and new design (logo).
- Showcasing the initiatives of the foundations and constructing their narrative, letting have their say during Réveils Climats sessions.

Mutualizing: according to the 6 pillars of the Climate commitment
4.3 Tools and services for the funds and foundations

2022 will see the completion and the genesis of numerous projects that have set the pace of the daily work of the foundations and the CffC in 2021. Namely:

• The new web site.
• The practical guide entitled "Finance and Climat for the foundations".
• The practical guide entitled "Sustainable Development Goals for the foundations".
• Training modules on climate.
• Good practices fact sheets: released monthly.

4.4 Forthcoming stages

Every year the CffC will poll the signatories of the Climate commitment to spotlight their progress in implementing it.

Many endowment funds and foundations stated they were unable to respond to the 2021 survey, either because they had only recently signed the Climate commitment or through lack of time in documenting it.

The 2022 progress report will be even more informative and will compare the indicators generated through this initial 2021 progress report, which serves as the “year zero” baseline for this overview of the signatories.

This annual progress report also stands as France’s contribution to the international philanthropy commitment on climate change and meets its requirement of annual reporting in the name of all the signatory foundations.
The welcoming speech at each session is given by CFF Chairman Benoît Miribel and CFF Executive Officer Jean-Marc Pautras.

The sessions are jointly hosted by Sandrine Maisano, volunteer expert with the CFF and Beatrice de Montleau, Head of the CffC. Below are the subjects covered and the names of the speakers.

The Rêveils Climat sessions are recorded and broadcasted on CFF’s YouTube channel, where you can watch them on replay.

**Climate awakening#1**
05/02 “Foundations, Endowment funds: do you take climate issues into account?”
Registrations: 95 • Participants: 67
Speakers:
• Philippe Mayol, Fondation Terre Solidaire
• Laëtitia Bertholet, Fondation de France
• Beatrice de Montleau (presentation of the results)

**Climate awakening#2**
11/03 “Funding the future: how has the climate crisis affected your financing plans?”
Registrations: 135 • Participants: 72
Speakers:
• Sylviane Ratte, Fonds Vital Strategies
• Gabriele Liautaud and Henrike Doebert, Active Philanthropy
• Fondation Daniel & Nina Carasso:
  - Finance et Climat, Marie-Stéphane Maradeix
  - Alimentation durable, Mathilde Douillet

**Climate awakening#3**
08/04 “A Climate and Health approach through the One Sustainable Health concept”
Registrations: 161 • Participants: 102
Intervenants:
• Fanny Ledonné, Fondation de France, on the “Health and Environment” scheme
• Thierry Lefrançois, CIRAD
• Benjamin Roche, IRD
• Sylvaine Ratte, Fonds Vital Strategies
• Benoît Miribel, presentation of the project and organization of the One Sustainable Health (OSH) approach

**Climate awakening#4**
06/05 “Climate Justice and other forms of mobilization”
Registrations: 109 • Participants: 82
Speakers:
• Cécile Ostricia, Fondation pour la Nature et l’Homme
• Clémentine Baldon, FNH’s lawyer
• Christophe Robert, Fondation Abbé Pierre
• Vincent Jacques Le Seigneur, Fondation Énergies pour le Monde
• Karine Gavand, European Climate Foundation

**Climate awakening#5**
17/06 “Climate Education”
Registrations: 142 • Participants: 87
Speakers:
• Sandrine Maisano, Secretary of the 21 Committee, Volunteer CFF expert, lecturer in Corporate Social Responsibility in the grandes écoles
• Matthieu Texier, student committed to the Climate commitment for an Ecological Awakening
• Gaëll Mainguy, Interdisciplinary Research Centre (IRC)
• Cédric Javanaud, Fondation GoodPlanet

**Climate awakening#6**
21/09 “Women and climate”
Registrations: 78 • Participants: 49
Speakers:
• Charlotte Vaquero, Head of Operations at the Fondation Raja-Danièle Marcovici
• Nathalie Andriamamony, Special Adviser on the environment at the Fondation BNP Paribas
• Philippe Mayol, Chief Executive of the Fondation Terre Solidaire
• Charlotte de Poncins, Assistant Manager of the programmes and operations department of the Fondation Plan International France
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Climate awakening#7
21/10 “Goals of the COP26”
Registrations: 110 • Participants: 48
Speakers:
• Sandrine Maïsano, Vice-President of the 21 Committee, volunteer expert for the CFF
• Karina Turan, Project Manager Advocacy and Convening Foundations Platform F20
• Karalyn Gardner, Project Officer of Dafne (Donors and Foundations Networks in Europe) and Philanthropyforclimate
• Alexia Tye, Trustee Director, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
• Anne-Charlotte Gros, Chief Executive Officer of the Fondation du Droit Continental

Climate awakening#8
18/11 “1st anniversary of the CffC and 1st face to face encounter of the signatories” at the Interdisciplinary Research Centre (IRC)
Registrations: 78 • Participants: 58
Speakers:
• Introduction by François Taddei, Founder of the IRC
• Talks about the findings of this initial progress report and testimonials by the foundations on how they have implemented the Climate commitment for the Fight against Climate Change:
  - Dorothée Merville, Director of the Fondation Hippocrène
  - François Vacherat, Chief Executive Officer of the Fondation Action Enfance

Climate awakening#9
16/12 “Findings of the COP26”
Registrations: 132 • Participants: 70
Speakers who attended the COP26:
• Stéphane Crouzet, Ambassador tasked with negotiations on climate change for renewable energies and the prevention of climatic hazards
• Alexia Tye, Trustee Director, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
• Matthieu Jousset, Director of the Action Carbone Solidaire unit of the Fondation GoodPlanet
• Benoît Miribel, President of the CFF
Appendix 2 – The Climate commitment

OUR UNDERTAKING

We, the foundations and endowment funds who have signed this manifesto, undertake to take the following measures according to our means and possibilities for action:

1) Educate ourselves and share knowledge

It is crucial to intervene with our structures’ governing body, staff and voluntary workers to ensure they factor in the effects of climate change with regard to its challenges. We wish to create opportunities for sharing knowledge and good practices. Training and awareness-raising underpin change and the move to action for a fairer, more sustainable green and social transition.

2) Innovate and integrate

MAKE PROGRESS by factoring the climate issue into our practices and strategies whenever it is relevant and possible:

INTERNAL FUNCTIONING: for instance, our power consumption, our waste management, our transport choices and frequency, the impact of carbon on the organization of our events, etc.

OPERATORS: for instance, factoring the climate issue into our activities, raising our beneficiaries’ awareness about this issue, etc.

FINANCIAL BACKERS: for instance, factoring the climate issue into our missions or the projects we back, raising awareness among the beneficiaries of our funding and empowering them in respect of this issue, etc.

FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS: for instance, factoring sustainability criteria into our selection of assets, investments in sustainable specialized funds, ruling out assets based on fossil energy, etc.

We also recognize that climate change poses a risk to our investments, the sustainability of our operations and the functioning of our structures. Therefore, it will be essential to jointly identify the threats and opportunities associated with the transition to the green low-carbon economy.
COLLECTIVE ACTION

Beyond the individual commitment of each fund and foundation, we undertake to contribute collectively to:

- **Capitalizing on what has already been achieved**

The CFFC will represent the French foundations and endowment funds engaged in favor of the climate by taking part in research and petitions with our European counterparts federated by the Donors And Foundations Networks in Europe (DAFNE). It will also have a global reach through the worldwide dissemination of the manifesto by a partner in the process of being identified. It will lend its support, its ability to federate and showcase good practices to all the signatory foundations and endowment funds.

- **Mobilizing resources**

The financial and human resources mobilized by the Coalition will enable it to:

  - support the foundations and endowment funds who join it (exchanges of information between peers, seminars, training programs, toolbox, web site, etc.);
  - represent them collectively in various public and private-sector bodies on this subject, in France and abroad;
  - monitor the progress of the signatory foundations through indicators gauging the extent to which they have factored in climate issues;
  - produce all types of work on the philanthropic sector’s engagement to tackle the climate crisis;
  - bring the action of the signatory funds and foundations to the public’s attention;
  - ensure the economic sustainability of this far-reaching project to enduringly further the impact of the funds and foundations on the climate question.

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