

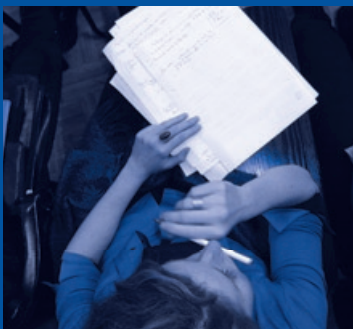


*“The establishment of the Trust Fund for the EHU by the Nordic Council of Ministers is an important step in guaranteeing that all Belarusian students, whatever their political views, have access to higher education. I am proud that the Commission will be the first contributor to this fund, and I urge other donors to also provide their support.”*

**Benita Ferrero-Waldner**  
EU Commissioner for External Affairs,  
April 2008

*“We cannot accept that a university is living in exile in the heart of Europe. Education and knowledge have always been and will always be the way to democracy. All the donors across Europe and on the other side of the Atlantic stand united to see this take place.”*

**Secretary General Halldór Ásgrímsson**  
of the Nordic Council of Ministers,  
about the EHU, September 2008



FACTSHEET:

## EHU TRUST FUND

The European Humanities University Trust Fund is the main channel for donor support to EHU. The purpose of the Trust Fund is to raise, accept and make use of funds provided by donors for the University while situated in Vilnius, with the aim that the EHU will become self-sustainable in the future.

The Trust Fund was established in June 2008 by decision of the Nordic Council of Ministers upon the initiative of the European Commission. The Trust Fund is legally represented by the Nordic Council of Ministers through its secretariat in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The purpose and functioning of the Trust Fund are described in full in the Terms of Reference, available at [www.ehutrustfund.org](http://www.ehutrustfund.org) and through the contacts below.

### WHY DONATE TO THE TRUST FUND?

Donating to the EHU Trust Fund provides an international higher education for a generation of young Belarusians in an academic environment free from repression or discrimination of any kind. By providing a model of higher education built on the best practices of universities worldwide, the EHU contributes to the development of democracy and civil society throughout the region.

To study or teach at EHU carries with it personal risks: students and faculty often have to leave their families behind and adapt to a new environment in the host country. Their future in Belarus is uncertain. Yet nearly 1,000 Belarusians choose to study at EHU in Vilnius, committing their futures to the values and educational principles that EHU represents. They need support in return.

The Trust Fund provides a transparent and effective way of giving to EHU with minimal bureaucracy. The Trust Fund works in close cooperation with the EHU Governing Board and reports directly to the donors.



## HOW TO DONATE

Donations to the Trust Fund are made through an agreement with the Nordic Council of Ministers. The standard agreement text is included in the Terms of Reference.

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## PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE OF THE FUND

THE TRUST FUND OPERATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

- The Trust Fund finances core expenses of the European Humanities University, including administration, through two annual disbursements based on an annual budget approved by the EHU Governing Board.
- The point of departure is that donations to the Trust Fund cannot be earmarked in order to ensure that all necessary university functions can be guaranteed, according to priorities set by the EHU Governing Board.
- Donations can be accepted from governments, governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations such as foundations, companies and private persons.
- The Trust Fund will engage in active fundraising in close co-operation with the EHU itself and other donors, and will develop various ways of donor recognition.
- A review of the Trust Fund will be conducted in 2010, upon which future decisions will be based.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE TRUST FUND ENCOMPASSES:

- An Assembly of Donors,
- An Advisory Committee, and
- A Trust Fund Manager working at the Nordic Council of Ministers Secretariat in Copenhagen.

## DONORS

The European Commission initiated the Trust Fund in 2008 with a donation of one million euros, making it the largest single donor. The grant was renewed in 2009 with another million. Other donors that have committed funding to date include:

- The Nordic Council of Ministers (approx. 530,000 EUR in 2008)
- Sweden (approx. 600,000 EUR over three years 2008-2010)
- Lithuania (approx. 460,000 EUR over two years 2009-2010)
- Norway (360,000 EUR over three years 2008-2010)
- The Czech Republic (200,000 EUR in 2008)
- Denmark (150,000 EUR over two years 2008-2009)
- Finland (150,000 EUR in 2009)
- Greece (100,000 EUR in 2008)
- Hungary (50,000 EUR in 2008)
- Ireland (50,000 EUR in 2008)
- Poland (50,000 EUR in 2008)
- Spain (50,000 Euro in 2008)
- France (30,000 EUR in 2008)
- Estonia (approx. 29,000 EUR in 2008)

Only Trust Fund donations are listed here. Donor support is also given through projects that started before the establishment of the Trust Fund, and through in-kind contributions such as the premises offered by the Lithuanian government. Discussions on further donations are ongoing, and the list of donors is updated regularly at [www.ehustrustfund.org](http://www.ehustrustfund.org).