**ERNOP 2017-2018 and 2018-2019**

The General Assembly today takes place at the Vrije Universteit Amsterdam where ERNOP has been started in September 2007 and has been formally launched in January 2008; 10 years ago.

Today, at this General Assembly we look back and we also discuss our steps to make.

Mission and Activities: Ernop aims to advance, coordinate and promote philanthropy research in Europe. At the same time ERNOP contributes to the visibility and professional quality of European philanthropy. The ERNOP –method: involvement of philanthropy researchers in projects initiated by ERNOP. Science with and for society.

**The look back**:

1. The Research: “The State of Giving Research in Europe”; the “Giving in Evidence” study; the “EUFORISTUDY”, the “PHISI-conference in Amsterdam”, “Giving in Europe state of the art visibilty –study launched in Brussels 2017; The Expert Group “Foundations, Venture Philanthropy and Social Investments” 2018 (executive summary available [here](http://ernop.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Summary-EC-Expert-group.docx))
2. Collaboration: bi-annual ERNOP conferences and develop research centers by the launch of meetings of the Academic Research Centers on Philanthropy in Europe (AGAPE) in 2017;
3. ERNOP – Newsletters
4. Visibility: ERNOP-Presentations for DAFNE (Berlin 2017), Annual General Assembly of EFC (2016), OECD (2017), Agence Français de Développement (AFD) (2017)

**Look forward**: the ERNOP board would like to present the following activities and targets for the years ahead:

1. The ERNOP conference July 4-5 2019 will take place in Basel, Switzerland
2. The next AGAPE meeting will take place October 18th – 19th 2018 in Paris and include outcomes in organizational development of ERNOP.
3. To find structural funding for the “Giving in Europe”-study two actions have been taken: a. in June 6th 2018 the EC DG R&I invite is to create a funding opportunity for “Giving Europe” in the last calls of the Horizon 2020 program and the FP9 program; b. as a follow up of the recommendations of the Expertgroup “Foundations, Venture Philanthropy and Social Investments” the Caixa Foundation and the King Boudain Foundation are invited to set up a collaborative project with the EC to fund the Giving Europe Study) .
4. To increase the exchange of (research) information within ERNOP and between ERNOP-members (ERNOP Newsletter)
5. To reach continuing growth of ERNOP; through the continuing of AGAPE, the number of institutional memberships is expected to rise and a focus on Eastern European countries.