

# Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer pour le Progrès de l'Homme (FPH)

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➤ A publishing house:  
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[www.ecm.fr](http://www.ecm.fr)

ÉDITIONS Charles Léopold Mayer

➤ A rural domain located 65km north-west of Paris  
comprising a meeting center, an organic farm, a  
think tank specialised in organic agriculture, land-  
scape, rural territory development:  
*the Bergerie of Villarceaux*  
[www.bergerie-villarceaux.org](http://www.bergerie-villarceaux.org)

La Bergerie  
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**ARIADNE**  
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and Human Rights  
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**COREDEM**  
French network of documentary  
resource-sharing  
[www.coredem.info](http://www.coredem.info)

The FPH makes grants to  
civil society movements and organisations  
to support their actions  
in favour of a  
social and ecological transition.



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# Who are we?

## The foundation

- Swiss foundation established in 1982 and placed under the authority of the Supervisory Board for Foundations of western Switzerland
- Grant-funding  
Annual budget : 10 MCHF
- Board of Directors : 8 active members  
Chairman: Christian Mouchet
- Staff: 12 persons  
Director: Matthieu Calame
- 2 offices: Lausanne (CH) and Paris (F)

## Diagnosis and positioning

Current economic, social and ecological crises raise serious questions about the sustainability of our living modes. We must change the way we organise and produce, we must rethink international relations and redefine the rule of law and systems of responsibility so that they fit the context and challenges of today's globalised world. Through its action, the FPH seeks to participate in the peaceful transformation of our societies in which values of responsibility and solidarity, well-being of individuals and communities within planet boundaries prevail, and where economy and technology are at the service of the society.

## The founder

### Charles Léopold Mayer (1881-1971)

Frenchman of Irish extraction, Charles Léopold Mayer was a chemical engineer, investor and humanist. Great admiror of Alfred Nobel, he chose to place his fortune at the service of innovative scientific and humanistic projects.

## Our grants

FPH supports the structuring of civil society organisations by:

- connecting actors with alternative social, economic and ecological solutions;
- supporting the development of joint analyses and proposals to produce expertise;
- encouraging advocacy efforts and diffusion of alternative solutions to public authorities, institutions, and to the general public.

FPH provides long-term structural support to partners that contribute to cultural and political change.

## Transition to sustainable societies

**Observation:** The lifestyle of industrial societies based on growth and consumerism has gone beyond the limits of what the planet can accept, and contributes to social inequalities increase.

**Aim:** Develop the conditions of a sustainable society: alternative lifestyle, production and consumption standards, accessible to All and environnement friendly and respectful.

## Ethics & Responsibility

**Observation:** Globalization has changed the relationships between societies, between individuals, and between individuals and nature. Our responsibility goes beyond our living and working space, and also beyond our generation. This change of scope has not yet been translated into law and transnational rules and principles.

**Aim:** Advocate for the recognition that Globalisation requires that the law evolve, and support socio-professional categories in re-defining the extent of their responsibility.

# Our programmes

## Methodes, tools Information & diffusion

**Observation:** When it comes to systemic change, ideas are also an important battlefield, more likely in these times of round-the-clock information, social networks and fake news.

**Aim:** Help civil society actors to structure the information, explain it, make it understandable, place it within a coherent and convincing vision. Develop and promote tools for diffusion of information, and encourage the use of freeware.

## Governance & Regional cooperations

**Observation:** The globalisation of economic exchanges has made the various regions of the world interdependent, but has not led to pacified relations on the world stage. In the absence of active forms of cooperation an unstable balance of power has arisen, fraught with tensions and threats.

**Aim:** Encourage the participation of civil society in regional integration processes, and support experience-based prospective studies on the contours of a democratic, participatory and inclusive form of governance.