

**Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer**  
pour le Progrès de l'Homme

# About us

## The foundation

- Foundation under Swiss law registered in the Canton of Vaud
- Annual grant budget: 10 million Swiss francs (3-year budget periods)
- Board : 8 active members  
President : Christian Mouchet
- Staff : 12 employees  
Director : Matthieu Calame
- 2 offices, Lausanne (CH) and Paris (F)

## The founder

Charles Léopold Mayer  
(1881-1971)

French born of Irish origin, he long lived in the United States and made his fortune in finance. Influenced by progressive values and great admirer of Alfred Nobel, he devoted his fortune to innovative studies and actions contributing to the greater good of humankind.

## Convictions & aims

Humanity faces major threats: biosphere destruction, collapse of social cohesion, increasing geo-political tensions between major powers.

A *systemic* change is necessary, a profound shift of mind set, organisation, and behavior to address the root causes of the crisis and not only to fix the symptoms.

To be successful, such a transformation requires concurrent changes at all levels, from individual behavior to international governance, and in all fields, political, economic, social, and environmental.

Reforming governments and institutions, putting economy and technology at the service of the society, respecting planetary boundaries, ensuring the well being of the people, and promoting solidarity.

## Modus operandi

The foundation supports the combination of three modes of actions:

- the development of analysis and proposals for sustainable alternatives to the current model;
- a networking effort of like-minded actors to extend their reach;
- an advocacy strategy to challenge public authorities and international organisations.

FPH partnership characteristics:

- long-term structural support;
- most grantees are based in Europe but are required to develop international alliances (translocalist approach).

# ***Our programs***

## **Transition toward a sustainable society**

### *Conviction:*

Current Western lifestyles based on growth and consumption have crossed the planet boundaries, drastically damaged the global environmental heritage, and increased social inequalities.

### *Aim:*

Develop the framework for a sustainable society: different living, production, and consumption ways, accessible to every human society and respectful of the environment.

## **Governance & Regional Coopération**

### *Conviction:*

With the globalization of trade and economy all the world regions and societies have become interdependent. And yet the political relationships remain at country level. The current inter-State governance is not sufficient to solve the global crises.

### *Aim:*

Develop and implement new forms of governance, new sets of rules to address the complexity and challenges brought by globalization in a shared legitimate framework.

## **Information & Communication**

### *Conviction:*

The battle for systemic change is also a 'battle of ideas'. In today's hyper-connected world, he who wants to convince has to be able to explain, prove, and show alternative paths.

### *Aim:*

Multiply the channels to win the 'battle of ideas' using various tools and actions to spread information and ideas for change.

## **Ethics & Responsibility**

### *Conviction:*

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. The reality of this change of scope has not been translated into the system of responsibility.

### *Aim:*

Encourage the development of a legitimate institutional and legal framework of co-responsibility at world level in order to establish clearly who is responsible for what and to whom.



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