About TGE
Cross-border philanthropy in Europe is now a reality. University supporters in a number of European countries can make tax-efficient contributions to the Columbia UK Fund (a UK charity) through the Transnational Giving Europe (TGE) network.

TGE is a partnership of 15 leading European foundations that enables donors resident in one of the participating countries (both corporations and individuals) to provide financial support to non-profit organizations in other member countries, while benefiting directly from the tax advantages provided for in the legislation of their country of residence.

To use the scheme and be eligible to receive a tax benefit in your country of residence, you must:

- Be resident in any of the participating countries;
- Donate to a TGE-approved charitable organization in any of the other countries in the network.

How it works
You make your gift to the TGE foundation partner in your country of residence, the foundation then provides you with all the fiscal advantages, including a tax receipt. Based on the foundation’s distribution schedule, your gift is then transferred to your intended foreign beneficiary – in this case, the Columbia UK Fund.

Types of Gift and Currencies
Only wire gifts in US Dollars, Euros, GBP (UK), CHF (Switzerland) and Zloties (Poland) are accepted at this time.

Fees
TGE charges operational fees that will be deducted from the gift: 5% up to 50,000€, 1% above this, and capped at a maximum fee of 6,500€. Remitting banks also charge transactional fees that vary from bank to bank.

European Foundations (TGE Partners)
For further information, donors should contact the relevant foundation in the country from which they wish to make their gift.

Belgium – King Baudouin Foundation
Rue Brederodestraat 21
1000 Brussels, Belgium
Tel.: +32-2-549 02 31
Fax: +32-2-549 02 89
Email: tge@kbs-frb.be
Website: http://www.kbs-frb.be/

Bulgaria - Bulgarian Charities Aid Foundation (BCAF)
65 Vitosha blvd, 2nd floor
Sofia 1000, Bulgaria
Tel: +359-2-981 19 01
Email: tge@bcaf.org
Website: http://www.bcaf.bg/
Starting in August 2012, French tax authorities prohibit French donors from making tax-effective donations to any organization that re-grants the funds outside of Europe. This ruling may change, but it is active for now.

Tax-effective donations in Italy are restricted to financial aid. However, there are no restrictions on the student beneficiaries’ nationality.

Luxembourg implemented the ECJ (European Court of Justice) ruling on cross-border giving within the European Union. Donors in Luxembourg are free to donate tax effectively within the EU without the restrictions in place for other TGE donors.
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E-mail: office@szka.org
Website: http://www.szka.org/

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Website: http://www.karpatskanadacia.sk/

Slovenia - SKUP Skupnost Privatnih Zavodov
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Email: info@skup.si
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Switzerland - Swiss Philanthropy Foundation
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CP 385 - 1211 Genève 12
Switzerland
Tel.: +41-22-321 77 37
Email: contact@swissphilanthropy.ch
Website: http://www.swissphilanthropy.ch/

Other Resources
Additional information about European cross-border giving can be obtained from:

- Giving in Europe, www.givingineurope.org
- TGE, www.transnationalgiving.eu

For Assistance at Columbia University
If you are interested in making a gift to Columbia University via the Columbia UK Fund and TGE, please contact Lenia Chaves, Assistant Director in the Office of Gift Planning. Ms. Chaves will coordinate with the appropriate TGE partner and ensure that the funds are transferred to the Columbia UK Fund in a timely manner. Ms. Chaves’ contact information is lc15@columbia.edu or 001-212-851-7473.

*Spain will be joining the TGE network within the next 12 months.*