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ENoP Case Study Compilation Depicting the Work of Political Foundations in the Area of Sustainable Development

About ENoP

The European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP) is a cooperation structure, serving as a communication and dialogue tool between the European political foundations and the Institutions of the European Union (EU), as well as civil society actors in the fields of democracy support and development cooperation. Furthermore, the network provides services to its members to facilitate their participation in the respective programmes of the EU. The network counts over 50 member foundations from 22 EU Member States and the UK. The members are affiliated to six political party families represented in the European Parliament (Renew Europe, EPP, S&D, ECR, Greens/EFA, GUE/NGL), but are independent in their decision-making and financing of international projects. The activities of political foundations in the fields of democracy support and development cooperation include public campaigning and awareness raising, advocacy work vis-à-vis political institutions and decision makers in their respective home countries, as well as the EU level. The main focus, however, is on the implementation of democracy support and development projects with local partners in more than 100 developing and transition countries throughout the world. Since March 2019, ENoP is implementing an EU co-funded action grant, called “Strengthening ENoP as actor in support of democratic and pluralistic societies”.

Introduction

Political foundations play an especially important role in the process of building democratic societies around the world. Their work is based on promoting political pluralism, the protection of human rights and the rule of law, and they are one of the most important types of democracy defenders globally. Their work is diverse, yet intersectional, as they work as political academies, think tanks, and as advocates for democracy and development cooperation.

Through the work of their various offices around Europe and the rest of the world, as well as in cooperation with local partners, political foundations provide platforms for political education, capacity building, policymaking, international development, foreign aid, and mediated political dialogues. All this overall contributes to the integrity and internal democratisation of political parties and other organisations they work with. But also, they help strengthen democratic processes in entire societies, especially those of transitional democracies.

Because political foundations work on the borderline between civil society organisations and political parties, they deserve a special assessment and approach towards supporting their work. Their unique access to decision-makers within governments and political party structures, significantly increases the efficiency of their projects and activities. And ENoP, as an umbrella organisation, with access to major European political foundations and think tanks, as well as their global offices and partners, is an underexplored source of good practice examples.

Having all the above in mind, ENoP is seeking to develop a compilation of good practice examples from our member organisations, that will provide EU institutions and other relevant stakeholders insight into the work of political foundations. Also, it should aim to offer recommendations for improving their approach on tackling issues in three important areas. The good practice compilation will be developed while taking the following elements into account:

- The compilation will consist of three case studies on best practice projects that aim to achieve progress in the area of sustainable development.
- The compilation will cover in detail three examples of good practices from ENoP members.
- The compilation will be approximately 20,000 words long.
- The compilation will provide recommendations for improving the approach of EU institutions, EU member states and other relevant stakeholders and democracy defenders, when developing projects and activities related to the above-mentioned topics.

Therefore, we are seeking an author to develop the ENoP Good Practice Compilation on Sustainable Development.

Overall objective of the study

The **ENoP Good Practice Compilation vol. 3: Sustainable Development** will explore project activities of ENoP members and/or their local partners (political foundations and think tanks, political parties, or civil society organisations), that have contributed to the fight for a sustainable society, through climate action, initiatives for protecting the environment and affordable, clean energy, and other types of solutions, that might lead to achieving sustainable development goals.

The purpose of this good practice compilation is to:

- Illustrate, through examples, comparisons and explanations, how project activities of political foundations impact societies in the above-mentioned areas.
- Indicate, through the assessment and comparisons done in the individual case studies, the possible strengths and weaknesses of current projects and actions that address the issues described above.
- Identify potential room for improving existing projects and actions that address the issues at hand.
- Identifying key recommendations for EU Institutions and other relevant stakeholders, on how to support political foundations and improve their collaboration.

The Good Practice Compilation will be commissioned by ENoP, under the project “Strengthening ENoP as Actor in Support of Democratic and Pluralistic Societies” (Reference DCI-NSA/2015/42), that is supported by DG INTPA of the European Commission. Therefore it focuses on global good practice and policy solutions within the scope of the EU, its institutions, and Member States.

Scope of work

Throughout the process of developing the ENoP Good Practice Compilation, the authors will have the following tasks:

- Jointly proposing the outline of the Study in collaboration with ENoP representatives.
- Researching the good practice models from within the Network - ENoP member organisations will provide answers to the guiding questions listed below.
- Preparing the introduction chapters that provide insights into the topic covered by the compilation volume, focusing on a “from-Europe-outwards” perspective.
- Preparing a Conclusions and Recommendations chapter that proposes key policy recommendations for EU institutions, policy makers across Europe, as well as democracy actors in the civil sector;
- Exploring and referencing relevant research on the topic;
- Preparing a draft of the Study that consists of (at least) the above-mentioned elements;
- Taking into account comments and recommendations submitted by representatives of ENoP and its relevant Working Group on the first draft;
- Developing the final version, based on relevant comments and recommendations by ENoP and its relevant Working Group on the first draft;
- Being in constant communication with ENoP contact persons, that will be the focal point between the author and ENoP membership - as the main source for developing the case studies.

Methodology

The authors are to develop a Good Practice Compilation volume, that consists of an introduction chapter, three case studies of good practices of ENoP members and their partners on the topic, and a chapter that offers conclusions and recommendations for EU institutions and other stakeholders relevant for the topic at hand. The Compilation is going to be approximately 20,000 words.

ENoP is going to help select the three case studies, covered by the Publication, that will be selected based on the following criteria:

- The good practice model has innovative elements
- The good practice model has achieved and recorded concrete results
- The achieved results are relevant to the people in the target country/region/organisation
- The good practice model is sustainable and replicable to other regions/countries/organisations, and different levels of government.

Guiding questions for preparing the presentation of the Good Practices/Cases

A. Description of the best practice model

- What is the content of the best practice model? What are the innovative elements?
- Why has the model been developed, what are the issues it was aiming to address, what are the objectives of the model?
- Which results have been achieved? How relevant are they for the context and the country/region/organisation it was being applied to? What is the status of the model? Has it been finalised? Was it repeated? Will it be repeated?
- How can the country/region/organisation that the model is applied to be described? What is its history? What is the political/societal context?
- Which costs had to be covered for the implementation of the project? Who supported the project financially?
- Which specific technical expertise was necessary to design and implement the model? Who supplied it?

B. The methodology in the design and implementation of the best practice model shall consist of:

- Brief description of the design process of the model - who participated in the first drafts? Who initiated the model? Who were the driving forces and main actors? How has the best practice model developed since?
- What has been the role and attitude of local authorities regarding the model?
- Brief description of the implementation process of the model: creation of legal and/or administrative conditions, qualification processes, stakeholders involved in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation etc. - What was the necessary setup for this model to be developed?
- How have civil society and population been involved? What was it?
- Did the media play a role in the design and implementation of the model? What was it?
- What was the input from international, national, and local experts on the model?
- What types of activities were implemented within the model? Which ones
- How were the activities documented, monitored, reported on, updated? Were there any implementation plans made in advance?

C. The evaluation of the good practice model will be based on the following:

- Is the good practice model sustainable?
- What have been the major success factors for the model?
- What have been the major obstacles and challenges for the design and implementation of the model?
- Why do you judge the model as best practice?
- Why do you believe that the model could be replicable in adapted forms in contexts, with other organisations, in other countries/regions?
- What are the recommendations that can be given to potential stakeholders and donors on how to work with political parties and civil society on these three topics?

D. Other methodology and evaluation aspects to be taken into account:

- A brief review of relevant literature.

E. Communication:

The ENoP Secretariat shall be the primary point of contact for the authors. The three authors can exchange ideas and communicate to make sure their respective work is coherent. Relevant ENoP working groups and other ENoP representatives shall be kept informed of all relevant communication between the ENoP and all the experts. During the drafting process, ENoP working groups as well as other ENoP representatives may request information on the status of the chapter at any time.

Deliverables

The first draft of the study shall be delivered by **17 February 2023**. After ENoP Secretariat, Coordination Board and Working Groups have provided feedback to the first draft, the author shall review and assess the contribution. ENoP retains the right to request a set of follow-up questions or comments, if necessary. The experts shall deliver their final contribution to the study by **2 April 2023** the latest, together with a short section on the author themselves.

Key competencies and experience of the author

- Proven expertise on the topic and mentioned subtopics;
- Proven expertise in working with policymakers and drafting policy proposals;
- Knowledge of the work of political foundations as democracy actors;
- A demonstrated record of accomplishment of writing on the topic in English to a high standard;
- Knowledge of EU institutions in general, as well as the EU legal frameworks is considered an asset;
- Knowledge of the work of EU Institutions on the topic is considered an asset;

Expertise must be demonstrated by relevant academic qualifications, or at least 3 years of relevant professional experience. Writing proficiency in English should be demonstrated by providing up to two studies, articles, or other pieces of work, which must have been written exclusively or primarily by the applicant.

Draft timeline and estimated duration of the assignment

Start of the assignment: 09 January 2023

First task delivery: 17 February 2023

Second task delivery deadline: 17 March 2023

Final version delivery deadline: 02 April 2023

Presentation of Study on Launch Event - June 2023

Study Components	Number of Days
Developing the outline and methodology	3 days
Preparing the first Study draft	17 days
Reviewing comments and suggestions on the first draft and preparing the final version	10 days
Mission's Total Days	30 days

Procedure for expression of interest

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- Applications should include:
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Application deadline: **5 January 2023**.

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