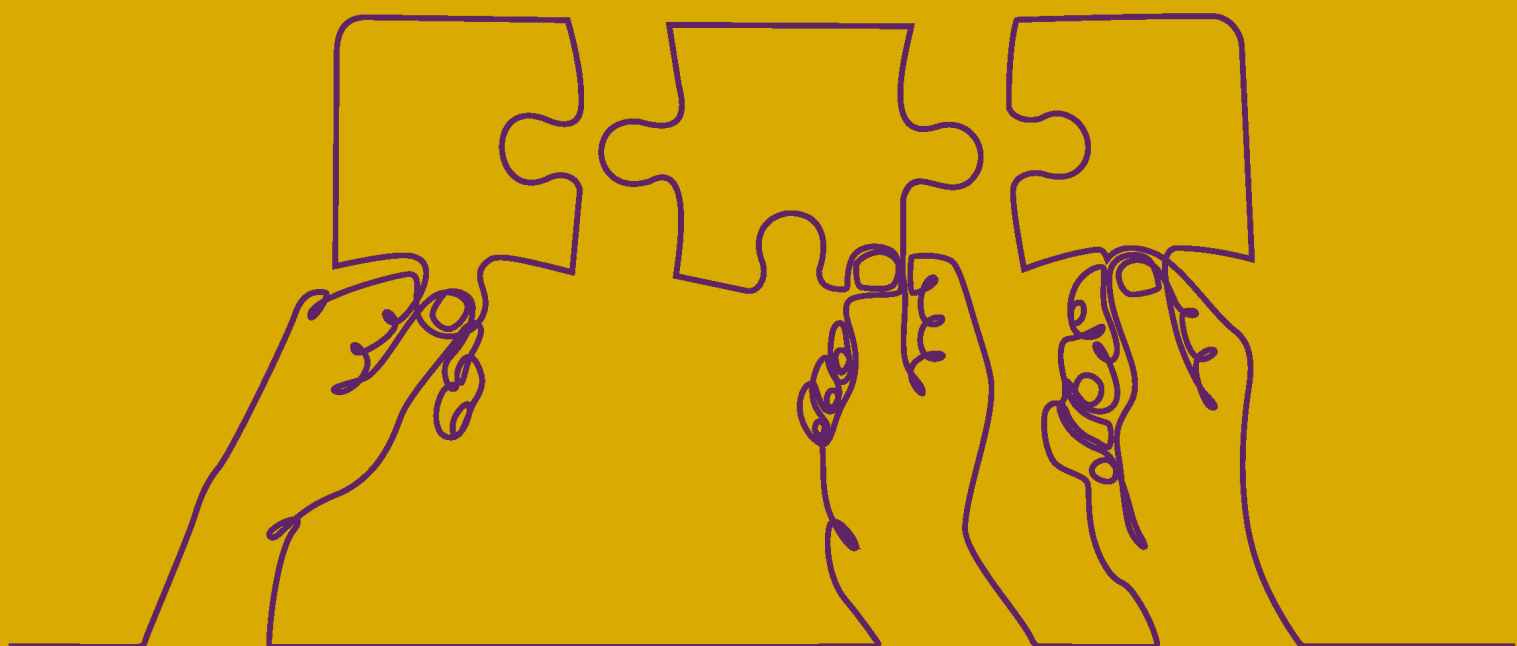


# ENoP

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# ENoP Strategic Plan 2021 - 2025



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The European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP) serves as a platform for dialogue and exchange between the European political foundations, civil society organisations, active in the fields of democracy support and sustainable development, and the institutions of the European Union.

Today, the Network brings together 54 member-foundations from 23 countries and 6 political families, represented at the European Parliament: the ECR (European Conservatives and Reformists), EPP (European People's Party), Greens, GUE/NGL (Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left), Renew Europe and S&D (Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats).

Our members are active in over 100 countries around the world, where they promote civic education and support democratic processes and sustainable development through their work with civil society and political actors.

## I. VISION

**Pluralistic societies around the world are governed by respect for democratic principles, political dialogue and social inclusion, contributing to sustainable development for all.**

Democracy is a core value of the European Union and for ENoP and its members. Democratic societies are based on well-functioning multi-party political system with plurality of political choices and inclusion of civil society.

Political polarization and increased populism in many countries inside and outside Europe threaten democracies, increase tensions, lead to democratic backsliding and pose a threat to democratic norms and practices. Globally, effective multilateralism is under threat and authoritarian regimes project their power and model of governance more and more beyond their borders therefore competing with democratic states and norms.

In this complex geopolitical context, it is important that Europe maintains its role as a promoter of democracy, multilateralism and cooperation, both internally and externally. The EU cannot be a credible actor of democracy support and democratic change abroad if these values are challenged at home. Therefore, it is in our common interest to also strengthen and uphold these core values inside the European Union.

ENoP as a network illustrates that democratic norms and principles need to be defended every day beyond political party lines and need strong advocates in Europe and abroad. To address the important nexus between internal and external policy dimensions, ENoP contributes to the discussion on the future of Europe, where it brings along the important messages of EU upholding core values, fostering civic education and nurturing political pluralism.

**Our vision for achieving well-functioning democratic and inclusive societies is based on ensuring fair political competition as well as dialogue, exchange, coalition building and compromise.**

## II. MISSION

**As a network of political foundations, affiliated to different political ideologies across the democratic spectrum, ENoP and its members advocate for the respect of democratic principles and political pluralism inside and outside of Europe. They build bridges, create common grounds and understanding between political and civil society actors in Europe and partner-countries as to strengthen core democratic values, and contribute to nurturing pluralistic and inclusive societies.**

ENoP stands for the core value of representative democracy where the people elect members of political parties to create and vote on laws, policies, and other matters of government on their behalf. The Network is committed to supporting democratic processes in partner-countries, while also contributing to the internal discussions on the future of Europe and raising awareness on the implementation of the universal Agenda 2030 and the SDGs inside and outside of Europe.

ENoP acknowledges the importance of achieving coherence between internal and external EU policies and defines its mission to contribute to building inclusive democratic and pluralistic societies through the following actions:

- Raising awareness on global trends undermining democracy and democratic governance in Europe and abroad.
- Contributing to discussions on the future of democracy in Europe and abroad.
- Providing a platform of exchange for ENoP partners defending democratic values and practices in Europe and abroad.
- Sharing practices on democratic consolidation within the network and between European political foundations and international actors (CSO, political parties, governments, media etc.).
- Contributing and advocating for an increased significance of democracy support in the EU and its external relations.
- Contributing to shaping the debate on the Future of Europe.
- Fostering enhanced cooperation between civil society and political parties at local, national, regional and global levels, while ensuring gender balance.
- Strengthening the visibility of political foundations and their work at member-state and international level.
- Participation of European political foundations in programmes and projects of the European Union in the areas of development cooperation, democracy support and political dialogue.
- Regular transfer of experience, gained from the international work of political foundations from EU member states and their local/regional partners, contributes to the development of policies and programmes of the European Union.
- Recognition and support of political parties as an essential element for democratisation in democracy support programs.

## III. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### A) Cooperation and Consensus Building

ENoP is a unique network of European political foundations affiliated ideologically to different political parties seizing common ground and living every day democratic values of consensus-building and compromise within the network and in their cooperation with partners worldwide. Political foundations are guided by their role as bridge-builders between civil society and political actors.

### B) True Partnerships and Genuine Dialogue

Through their global network and partner structures European political foundation apply a partnership approach in fostering democracy abroad which leads to trustful long-term relations based on political dialogue, equality, empathy, reciprocity and joint action.

### C) Long-term Commitment and Support

Democratic transition and consolidation does not come over night. It is a long-term process where external actors as political foundations support and work with those societal forces seeking and defending good governance, democratic transition, consolidation within their respective field of action.

### D) Tailor-made Approach to Democracy Support

Political foundations depart from the principle that democracies cannot be “imported” as the context and political culture of each country is unique. This is why our approach to democracy support programmes is tailor-made and holds local ownership. This allows our members to sustain long-term relations of trust with their political and civil society partners.

### E) Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development

ENoP is guided by the principle of Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD) that aims to bring more consistency and efficiency in EU policies in the pursuit of sustainable development for all.

## IV. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2021-2025

### A) General Objectives

- ENoP network and ENoP member organisations are recognized not only on EU level but also on member states level and internationally as an important actor in development cooperation and democracy support.
- ENoP contributes to an increased significance of democracy support in EU's external relations.
- ENoP contributes to an enhanced dialogue between actors from the developing countries and European actors.

European Union member states like Sweden, Germany, France and the Netherlands are important players in bi- and multilateral development cooperation. The role of political foundations in democracy support in development cooperation has thus to be strengthened in relation to member states. There are differences in experiences of ENoP members and for many members the experience of EU policy dialogue is limited. Their inclusion in and their advocacy at home for development cooperation policies thus has to be enhanced.

### B) Specific Objectives

- ENoP network and member organisations are recognized and able to shape the policy processes not only on EU level but also on member states level and internationally as an important actor in development cooperation and democracy support.
- Strategic partnerships and liaison between ENoP and other relevant Umbrella Organisations in the field of development cooperation and democracy support within Europe and outside of Europe are developed.

ENoP proactively will provide input for EU institutions in the shaping of policies, programmes and instruments through diverse instruments in formal and informal consultation processes. Through continuous exchange of experiences and joint policy work, the shared knowledge and wide range of experience of ENoP members is expanded. As a result, more ENoP members will be able to participate directly in EU dialogue and to engage in dialogue on development cooperation policy in their countries.

### C) Organisational Objectives and Partnerships

- Coordination and governance structures within ENoP are enhanced. ENoP's activities, policy positions and practical experience are visible through targeted communication and advocacy.

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- **Financial Sustainability:** additional financial agreements between political foundations in member states and respective ministries and other donors, guarantee a broader and more sustainable financial basis, which allows to maintain necessary structures and activities.
- Enhanced and deepening cooperation between ENoP and other relevant networks in the field of development cooperation and democracy support within Europe and outside of Europe are developed.

Through enhancing internal and external communication structures and further strengthening the coordination and governance structures of ENoP, the Network is able to respond timely to external developments.

Through strategic partnerships between ENoP and other relevant umbrella organisations in the field of development cooperation and democracy support, ENoP will aim at increasing its visibility and provide wider access for its members and their partners to share their input on democracy support and development cooperation from the respective country contexts.

## D) Thematic Objectives

- CSOs and political actors in partner-countries are supported to strengthening their role and enhancing their capacity to accompany the electoral cycle.
- EU member states are encouraged to strengthening democratic values and principles.
- The experiences of ENoP members in transitional processes in support of democratic development is applied to EU external relations policies.
- The international development cooperation community is aware of the restrictive situation and shrinking (political) space for CSOs and political actors, and thus increases measures to foster an enabling environment for those actors in developing and transition countries. The EU policy framework reflects those approaches.
- Awareness on the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs in Europe and partner countries is raised, citizens are informed about the targets and enabled to holding governments accountable.
- Gender equality is promoted as a cross-cutting issue in EU policy building, political party cooperation and civil society engagement. Political foundations work toward ensuring inclusiveness in political life in partner countries and at home.
- The experience and knowledge of actors in partner countries are voiced on European and International level.
- Efficiency and innovation is promoted in cooperation with political parties and civil society actors in partner countries. EU democracy support programmes include political party development in EU consultation processes and implementation of democracy support as an important factor for reaching sustainable democratic societies.

## E) Target Groups

- Key actors for democracy support, development cooperation and political dialogue in the European Union such as other CSO networks based in Brussels.
- EU Institutions: Representatives of the European Commission, Members of the European Parliament, Committees of the European Parliament, European External Action Service, Member State representatives in Ministries and Agencies and the Council Secretariat.
- Member state level such as national ministries, CSOs, political actors and citizens.
- Key actors for democracy support, development cooperation and political dialogue internationally.
- International institutions, working towards democracy support, development cooperation and political party development.
- Partner-organisations of ENoP members in developing countries.

## V. SCOPE OF ACTION

### A) Areas of Expertise

**Work with CSOs and political actors in partner-countries to strengthen their role and enhance their capacity to accompany the electoral cycle.**

Political foundations take an active role in international cooperation and dialogue with civil society, local authorities, political parties, governments, parliaments, and academia. The development of best practices and exchange of experiences within ENoP is closely linked to exchange of experiences and dialogue with local partners.

There is a lack of constructive dialogue or effective cooperation between CSOs on the one hand and party political actors, parliament and government representatives on the other. Mutual mistrust and shortcomings on both sides prevail, hampering reforms and progress. The aim of bringing the actors closer together is a long-term challenge and needs to be tackled in a differentiated way. Political foundations aim at enhancing the development of reliable, accountable political parties, effective and functioning parliaments based on values and party programmes, respecting transparency and democratic rule as key factors in a democratic system. Political Foundations working in partner-countries undertake a careful context analysis of the different societal and political structures present. Distinct from businesses, human rights organisations and other NGOs, political foundations play a crucial role as mediators between these spheres.



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**Work towards encouraging EU member states to strengthen democratic values and principles.**

Recent developments have put democracy as a system of government under pressure in the EU itself. Against this background, ENoP through its member organisations contributes to the dialogue on the future of Europe and aims at help strengthening democratic values and principles at home as well as abroad. In though doing, ENoP contributes to enhance the credibility of EU's external democracy support activities.

**Work towards making use of the experience of ENoP members in transitional processes in support of democratic development in improving EU external policies.**

ENoP members from Eastern European states have a vast experience regarding the transition of their own countries from formerly autocratic regimes to democratic multiparty systems. Their knowledge and experience is used in support to democratisation and transition processes in partner countries and other transition states worldwide. Other ENoP members engage for several decades in development cooperation worldwide.

**Work towards raising awareness within the international development cooperation community on restrictive situation and shrinking (political) space for CSOs.**

Through raising the awareness of the EU on cases of shrining space, ENoP works towards supporting the EU in increasing measures to foster an enabling environment for CSOs and political actors in partner countries and countries in transition to democracy. The EU policy framework reflects those approaches.

The constructive interplay of the political and the civil society is a basic pillar of democracy, touching upon issues such as freedom of expression, democratic participation, accountability transparency. Long-lasting and comprehensive transition towards sustainable democracy can only be achieved if all actors are able to act freely. However, the space and freedom of civic actors is limited in many partner countries and CSOs have to face a restrictive legal, financial and political environment. Supporting an enabling environment should be a top priority on the EU and international agenda. A conducive environment for CSOs includes legal, administrative, financial, judicial and political regulations and procedures applied within a country.

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**Work toward raising awareness on the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs in Europe and partner countries in order to inform citizens about the targets and enable them to hold governments accountable.**

The Agenda 2030, launched in September 2015, determines the targets for the upcoming decade on development. The new goals include poverty alleviation, education, gender equality and empowerment of women, child and maternal health, environmental sustainability, reducing HIV/AIDS and communicable diseases, and building a global partnership for development. The success of the implementation of the Agenda 2030, its review, monitoring and accountability will depend on an inclusive process involving all partners and stakeholders and especially civil society.

**Work towards giving voice to civil society in partner countries at European and International level.**

ENoP strives to maintain existing cooperation with actors from partner countries across the world. Partners from countries in transition and especially the Global South play an important role in bringing their messages to European and International actors. ENoP fosters the cooperation and exchange between actors from the Global South but also their exchange with European and international counterparts.

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## B) Working Groups

One of the main pillars of the European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP) are its thematic working groups (WGs) that deliberate regularly and provide recommendations to the institutions of the European Union and to decision-makers on national level on the subjects of democracy, sustainable development, EU funding and programming, as well as on topics related to the future of Europe and its enlargement and neighbourhood policies. The four thematic working groups are respectively: “Democracy”, “Sustainable Development”, “EU Funding” and “The Future of Europe”.

They provide a unique space for dialogue for the members of the Network. This platform helps political foundations exchange expertise among themselves; with their local partners, and offers an opportunity for a “structured dialogue” with the EU institutions. As a result, ENoP and its members are fit to formulate concrete policies and actions that help the EU identify and attain its goals in democracy and sustainable development in a more coherent manner. In contrast to other actors in the field, ENoP has the advantage of combining precious expertise from both political actors and civil society in partner-countries, and thus it serves as a bridge-builder between the two and the EU institutions. ENoP is particularly devoted to the mission of safeguarding and enhancing democracy, which we perceive as a core European value and a precondition for the protection of human rights, for a thriving enabling environment for CSOs and political pluralism. We raise awareness and work on the effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) laid out in the Agenda 2030, both internationally as well as on member state level. Beyond the thematic areas tackled through the Working Groups, ENoP holds several additional “permanent missions”, among which:

- To promote and strengthen the role of political foundations across the European Union: Political foundations are close to political parties in their ideological affiliation, but independent financially and activity-wise from the parties. This allows them higher flexibility and enables them to work closely both with civil society and political actors.
- To facilitate a debate on the legal framework for political foundations across the EU member states: This will strengthen the recognition and support to political foundations and their work.
- To work with political parties: Political parties are an essential part of functioning democracies, as they translate the needs and opinions of the citizens into policies. Therefore, working with political parties to help them improve their internal democratic processes and link them better to citizens, is crucial. Through its political pluralism, ENoP can work across the ideological spectrum and assist political parties in the above-mentioned missions.

ENoP covers 4 thematic working groups in the following areas: Democracy; Sustainable Development, EU Funding and Future of Europe.

## Working Group Democracy

The objectives of the Working Group cover the following:

- Reflecting upon and exchanging experiences of ENoP members in the field of democracy support worldwide, both within the network and with external actors.
- Analysing and influencing policies and their implementation related to democracy support at EU and member-state level, as well as other relevant international actors in the field.
- Contributing to the efforts of fighting shrinking space to CSOs and political actors.
- Contributing to the discussion on the state and future of democracy worldwide.

It serves to:

- Facilitating exchange of experience and best practices among member foundations.
- Drafting policy paper and positions on behalf of ENoP targeted at the EU and other relevant stakeholders.
- Contributing to keeping the discussion on “the future of democracy” alive.

## Working Group Sustainable Development

The objectives of the Working Group cover the following:

- Building Capacity on the Agenda 2030 and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals among ENoP members and their local partners.
- Strengthening Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD) in order to promote coherent, justifiable and sustainable EU and member state policies that do not hinder, but rather encourage development.
- Mainstreaming democracy support in the development discourse as every development can only be sustainable and inclusive when it is linked to a vivid democratic culture (political pluralism, freedom of media, active civil society and political participation). Sustainable development of a country is inextricably linked to a vivid democratic political culture and a broad debate involving all stakeholders. It is important to hold up democracy considerations in the development discourse and contributing to the dialogue.

The ENoP Working Group Sustainable Development serves to:

- Facilitates exchange of experience and best practices among member foundations;
- Introduces democracy considerations in the development discourse and contributes to the sustainable development dialogue through bringing in the voice of democratic actors, political foundations and Southern partners.
- Organises discussion on EU level with partners from the European development community.
- Organises conferences and meetings in member states to bridge the European with national or local level.

## Working Group EU Funding

The objectives of the Working Group cover the following:

- Dialogue with the EU institutions on financing instruments with a focus on EU external financing instruments (EFIs):
  - Analysis of current policies with regard to their impact on democracy support and funding for political foundations.
  - Advocacy work to shape current and future financing instruments.
  - Drafting position papers and input to consultations on EU funding.
  - Continuous dialogue with EU institutions on technical matters related to applications and implementation of EU co-funded projects.
- Exchange of experiences and best practices in the field of EU funding among members.
- Capacity-building of member organisations in the field of EU funding with a focus on the different steps of EU applications and on project management.

## Working Group Future of Europe

The objectives of the Working Group cover the following:

- Contributing to the ongoing discussion about the future of Europe.
- Engaging with political competitors to seek for joint solutions to common problems, such as the rise of anti-European movements, nationalistic populism, the challenge of youth unemployment, migration, climate change, artificial intelligence, urbanisation etc.
- Promoting active political participation of European citizens.
- Analysing the factors that shape the European public sphere and promoting the role of political foundations.

Working Group Future of Europe:

- Intervenes in the public debate by organising public conferences on related issues.
- Facilitates exchange of experience and best practices among member foundations, promoting further cooperation and common action.
- Drafts policy papers and positions on behalf of ENoP, targeted at the EU and other stakeholders.
- Cooperates with other relevant actors, such as universities, in organising activities, researches etc.

## C) Thematic Focus

The thematic focus of the work of ENoP is closely related to the work of the working groups. There are six broad thematic areas that are the focus for joint activities and dialogue through working groups within the network. The focus on thematic areas and the working groups linked to them can change during the strategy period through decision by the ENoP Steering Committee.

### Thematic Area on Development Cooperation

Development cooperation is a major topic for ENoP and a fundamental element for all ENoP activities in support of EU external assistance and the dialogue with EU institutions and other stakeholders. In this area, ENoP works towards the following objectives:

- The EU acknowledges that the socio-economic development of a country is inextricably linked to a vivid democratic political culture, which is manifested by political pluralism, freedom of the media, an active civil society and political participation. Consequently, democracy support is mainstreamed in all EU development policies.
- The EU actively supports the involvement of political actors in development projects in third countries.
- The EU raises awareness and acts towards Policy Coherence in Sustainable Development in order to promote coherent, justifiable and sustainable EU and member states policies, which do not hinder but encourage the development of developing countries.
- The EU ensures inclusiveness of its policy-making process by consulting civil society, guaranteeing access to documents and adhering to transparent procedures.

### Thematic Area on EU-Africa Relations

This thematic area looks into the development of relations between the EU and Africa. ENoP takes part in the Joint Africa - EU Strategy (JAES) CSO Steering Group, to follow-up of the implementation of JAES and to participate in JAES related consultations and to raise awareness on these issues. Furthermore, it focuses on global and cross-cutting issues such as migration and security. Internally, it foresees to enhance the number of ENoP members working on subjects related to the JAES, and to provide input to the European-African Dialogue. This thematic area is covered by WG Sustainable Development and includes the following actions:

- Continued monitoring of JAES implementation at EU level and of the role ascribed to CSO within the different partnerships.
- Raising awareness on EU-Africa affairs and cross-cutting issues from perspective of political foundations.
- Bringing to the table also inputs from our African partners.
- Following the development of the post-Cotonou agreement and the new EU-Africa Strategy.

## Thematic Area on Democracy Support

Support to democratisation processes is a key component of the work of political foundations worldwide. In addition to the vast field experience ENoP members from Western Europe bring to the table, ENoP members from Eastern Europe provide their own and personal transition experiences. In this very unique capacity, ENoP accompanies and provides input to the development of EU initiatives for a more effective democracy support agenda. ENoP works towards reaching the following goals:

- The EU includes democracy support in all its external financing instruments.
- The EU actively supports political foundations as they are crucial actors in democracy support.
- The EU and individual EU governments explicitly support the right of political foundations to engage with democratic political parties, including opposition parties, in other countries in their struggle for democratic societies.
- Maintain exchange with academia on democracy-related issues and make the work of political foundations in the field more visible.

## Thematic Area on EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policies

The thematic area on EU “Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policies” concentrates on how political foundations in enlargement and neighbourhood countries can contribute to enhancing an enabling environment for civil society organizations. ENoP is continuously involved in the monitoring and design of the new EU neighborhood policy and in particular the role and influence of civil society and citizens. The new EU approach needs to be reflected in the mid-term programming of the current financial period. The programming of the 2021 – 2027 gives the opportunity to further strengthen the role of civil society. The EU enlargement policy has been set on hold for several years. Therefore it is important to keep the political developments in the Western Balkan countries and Turkey on the agenda and give further incentives for democratic reforms. Backlashes as regards to the enabling environment are of concern. The objectives of ENoP in the scope of this thematic area cover the following:

- The EU realizes that in times of critical perceptions on enlargement and accession, political foundations are valuable partners in pointing out the achievements and advantages of the EU enlargement and neighbourhood policy to the EU citizens.
- No politics without the voices of women – women in different societal positions play an important role in the neighbourhood countries and in the EU accession countries. It is important to always address the gender parity issue.
- The EU increases its attention to CSOs in the partner countries – especially on the shrinking space of CSOs – and uses its diplomatic and financial tools to foster the development of CSOs and other relevant societal stakeholders.

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- The EU is playing an exemplary role in engaging CSOs in the political and technical process of enlargement and neighbourhood policy, including the phase of policy making and programming.
- ENoP members expertise is integrated in the upcoming EU programming of the financial instruments for the neighbourhood countries and the enlargement.

## Thematic Area on European Citizenship and the Future of Europe

ENoP addresses internal European issues and complements the external policy aspect, covered by the other thematic areas. It provides a platform for ENoP members to engage their constituencies in a pro-European debate and convene members from different party families in joint dialogue. The thematic area of European citizenship and future of Europe is covered mostly by the actions of Working Group Future of Europe, where representatives from different party families seek for joint solutions to common problems in the fields of migration; active citizenship; youth and social inclusion; European integration. Among the objectives of ENoP in this thematic area are the following:

- The EU constantly works further on the improvement of its democratic character by fostering of citizens' participation in EU policy -making by using existing instruments more effectively and developing new instruments.
- The EU assures the integration and participation of all citizens by using more bottom-up measures that can truly involve people in EU matters.
- The EU supports EU networks and platforms as they are effective structures that create a link between EU and national level in the field of civil society engagement.
- The EU provides better information/capacity building on EU programmes that are open for citizens. Better use of new media communication tools is implied, including the necessity to ensure inclusiveness.
- The EU works towards a better political integration of the Union, providing more information on European elections, harmonizing the EU election dates, raising awareness of European Parties, providing analyses and information on political debates in Member States.
- The EU intensifies and supports programmes such as Erasmus Plus by increasing incentives and/or making experiences abroad a mandatory part of all Bachelor's/Master's studies.
- The future of Europe beyond Brexit is discussed and a strategy for Europe in the coming years is proposed with the active participation of citizens.



## Thematic Area on EU Funding and Aid modalities

This area of the work of ENoP follows and interferes in the reform process of financial instruments in the framework of the new Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027. The members that bring along project implementation experience under the current instruments engage actively in the consultations with EU institutions on the financial regulations as well as on the programming of instruments as such. The working group on EU Funding is the main focal point for exchange of experiences and for addressing challenges in the implementation of EU-co-funded projects and raises identified problems to the relevant interlocutors within the EC. The advocacy work in this thematic areas covers the following goals:

- Political foundations from the EU remain eligible to access EU funding.
- The EU continues to disburse aid through CSOs instead of relying on international organisations.
- The EU simplifies its procedures regarding access to and implementation of EU funding.
- The EU applies a toolbox of funding mechanisms / modalities as agreed in the Structured Dialogue including the direct award of grants, core funding as well as the possibility of follow-up EU co-funded projects upon positive evaluation.
- The EU ensures support to democracy and to political actors through its external financial instruments.
- The EU continues to consult with civil society and political foundations as part of CSOs on the design, review and programming of the financial instruments.
- The EU ensures complementary among all the financial instruments, geographic and thematic.

## GLOSSARY OF USED ACRONYMS

List in alphabetical order:

**ALDE:** Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

**AU:** African Union

**CSO:** Civil Society Organisation(s)

**ECR:** European Conservatives and Reformists Group

**EED:** European Endowment for Democracy

**ENoP:** European Network of Political Foundations

**EPP:** European People's Party

**EPD:** European Partnership for Democracy

**EU:** European Union

**FPA:** Framework Partnership Agreement

**Greens/EFA:** Greens/European Free Alliance

**GUE/NGL:** Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left

**International IDEA:** International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

**LA:** Local Authorities

**MS:** Member-States (referred to members-states of the European Union)

**PCSD:** Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development

**SDG:** Sustainable Development Goals

**SDSN:** Sustainable Development Solutions Network

**S&D:** Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats

**WG:** Working Group(s)

## ANNEX I

### ACTIVITIES & INSTRUMENTS OF IMPLEMENTATION

Through a set of activities and tools, ENoP works towards the accomplishment of its strategic and operational objectives, aimed at strengthening the capacities of the Network, and contributing to our long-term vision.

#### I. Scope of Activities

- Capacity-building and transfer of knowledge among ENoP members and their local partners -foundations in democracy support and development cooperation.
- Participation by ENoP in consultations of the European Union Institutions on programmes and projects in the fields of democracy support, development cooperation and political dialogue.
- Transfer of experience gained from the activities and projects of its members to the relevant work units of the EU Institutions.
- Lobby and advocacy activities to promote the development of a favourable environment and framework for the participation of political foundations in the programmes and projects of the European Union Institutions.
- Dialogue and exchange of information with other stakeholders in the fields of democracy support, development cooperation and political dialogue to clarify and strengthen the role of political foundations.
- Provision of information on key programmes of the European Union in the fields of democracy support, development cooperation and political dialogue to its members.
- Capacity building and transfer of knowledge between members and their partners.
- Implementation of activities in partner countries to support the development of democratic principles in development cooperation.
- Exchange meetings on global level to better position ENoP as an development and democracy actor on international level.

#### II. Instruments of Implementation

- Working groups
- Thematic trainings and seminars
- Public conferences on EU level and at member states
- Capacity-building trainings
- Bi-lateral meetings, breakfast meetings and expert policy briefings
- Publications (policy paper, studies, hand-outs, factsheets, policy briefings)
- Fellowship Programme
- Targeted communication tools and instruments

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