



About Us

The Human Rights and Democracy Network (HRDN) is an informal grouping of NGOs operating at the EU-level in the broader areas of human rights, democracy and peace.

HRDN's vision is that human rights and democracy are placed at the heart of the EU's internal and external policy agenda. This vision should manifest itself in an EU which effectively protects human rights at home and is a force for positive change in the world.

In pursuit of this vision, HRDN aims to influence EU and EU Member States' human rights policies and the programming of their funding instruments to promote democracy, human rights and peace.

Our Work

HRDN is coordinated by a governing troika consisting of three representatives of its member organisations who are elected by the entire membership during the annual general meeting. It carries out advocacy actions, monitors EU policies and co-operates with other NGO networks on issues related to human rights and democracy.

HRDN's policy work is led by working groups consisting of representatives of its member organisations. The current working groups are focused on the following issues:

- **European Parliament**

Contributes to the enhancement of the European Parliament's action on human rights and democracy matters and supports the EU role as a global actor on these issues, through engagement with the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI) and Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET), the Human Rights Action Unit and through interaction with the EP Friends of Human Rights group of MEPs.

- **Funding for Human Rights and Democracy**

Closely follows the programming and implementation of the EU funds supporting actions on human rights and democracy, in particular the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), with a view to increasing the effectiveness of the EU financial support to human rights defenders and civil society organisations in the EU's partner countries.

- **EU Internal Human Rights Policy**

Advocates that the EU and its Member States should elaborate a comprehensive internal human rights strategy to strengthen EU action on human rights across all EU internal policies – complementing the externally-focused EU strategic framework on human rights and democracy.

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Member Organisations

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Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme
www.aedh.org

Amnesty International
www.amnesty.eu

Association for the Prevention of Torture
www.apf.ch

Brot für die Welt
www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de

CBM
www.cbm.org

Christian Solidarity Worldwide
www.csw.org.uk

Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC)
www.iccnw.org

Conference of European Churches
www.ceceurope.org

Copenhagen Initiative for Central America and Mexico
www.cifca.org

DEMAS
www.demas.cz

Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network
www.euromedrights.org

European Association for the Defense of Human Rights (AEDH)
www.aedh.eu

European Partnership for Democracy
www.epd.eu

European Peacebuilding Liaison Office
www.eplo.org

Freedom House
www.freedomhouse.org

Front Line Defenders
www.frontlinedefenders.org

Harm Reduction International
www.ihra.net

Human Rights Watch
www.hrw.org

Human Rights Without Frontiers
www.hrwf.org

ILGA-Europe
www.ilga-europe.org

International Center for Transitional Justice
www.ictj.org

International Commission of Jurists
www.icj.org

International Dalit Solidarity Network
www.idsn.org

International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (FIACAT)
www.fiacat.org

International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)
www.fidh.org

International Partnership for Human Rights
www.iphronline.org

International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims
www.ircrt.org

International Rescue Committee
www.rescue.org

Justice and Peace
www.justiceandpeace.nl

La Strada International
www.lastradainternational.org

Light for the World
www.light-for-the-world.org

Minority Rights Group International
www.minorityrights.org

Nonviolent Peaceforce
www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org

Open Society Foundations
www.opensocietyfoundations.org

Partners for Democratic Change International
www.pdci-network.org

Peace Brigades International
www.peacebrigades.org

Penal Reform International
www.penalreform.org

Plan EU Office
www.plan-eu.org

Protection International
www.protectioninternational.org

Quaker Council for European Affairs
www.qcea.org

Save the Children
www.savethechildren.org

Search for Common Ground
www.sfcg.org

Terre des Hommes International Federation
www.terredeshommes.org

World Coalition Against the Death Penalty
www.worldcoalition.org

World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)
www.omct.org

World Vision International
www.wvi.org