

Summary excerpts of Action document: Annex 1: Action will support global CSO partnerships and dialogue and promote an enabling environment globally (2021-24)

The Overall Objective (Impact) of this action is to *strengthen CSOs as independent actors of good governance and development in their own right*.

Specific Objectives (Outcomes):

1. Strengthen global partnerships of Civil Society Organizations
2. Improve the enabling environment for civil society

Outputs to be delivered by this action contributing to the corresponding Specific Objectives (Outcomes) are:

- 1.1 Contributing to Specific Objective 1) Availability of participation opportunities of Civil society in consultations on main EU policies and initiatives in the development field is strengthened ;
- 1.2 Contributing to Specific Objective 1) Capacity of global platforms and networks of civil society organisations is strengthened;
- 2.1 Contributing to Specific Objective 2) Ability of Civil society partners to detect and respond to situations of shrinking and opening space and to address and contribute to structural prerequisites for an enabling environment is strengthened.

Component 1: the Policy Forum on Development (PFD) (output 1.1). The PFD has been meeting regularly since 2014 and has evolved as the EU main dialogue forum with CSO and Local Authorities on development issues. It is a partnership bringing together global and regional networks of civil society organisations and associations of local authorities and EU institutions. In order to ensure its continued relevance as a platform for mutually beneficial exchanges on EU policies and programmes global and regional meetings will be complemented by a virtual platform for continuous, moderated discussions and online-consultations. Efforts will aim at broadening the membership base to systematically consult a wide and representative range of civil society organisations and local authorities. Thematic working groups and actor-based groups may be constituted to cover the Commission priorities, based on members' interest and preparedness to engage.

Component 2: Global Civil Society Partnerships (output 1.2). Through Financial Framework Partnership Agreements (FFPAs), the Commission will conclude strategic partnership with a broad range of networks of CSOs that contribute to **European Commission priorities** with which it shares **common general objectives** and wishes to establish a relationship of lasting cooperation. The Action will furthermore support a very limited number of specific platforms and/or networks of direct relevance to the core priorities of the programme.

Call for proposals for FFPAs as well as direct grants to: CONCORD; WINGS; International Organisation of Employers (IOE); International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC); and Intentional Budget Partnership (IBP)

Component 3: Monitoring and Engagement System for an Enabling Environment (output 2.1): The Action will (via a call for proposal) establish a coherent Monitoring and Engagement System to strengthen the enabling environment for civil society in INTPA and NEAR partner countries, implemented through a global civil society partnership. The global partner/-s will work through, and support, a network of regional and national CSOs to establish the following interconnected initiatives:

1. A **Monitoring and Early Warning** component (*CSO led and independent*), to generate and disseminate timely and meaningful information and analysis, including early warnings that may in addition inform EU wide actions, and actions of likeminded actors, for democratic governance, civic space and an enabling and accessible environment for civil society;
2. support for **long-term global capacity building measures** on all areas pertaining to an enabling environment for network members; and
3. a **Flexible Support Mechanism** (FSM) to offer timely support to strengthen civil society capacity for prevention at early onset of crisis affecting this environment, or to offer quick support to contribute to positive developments.