



Civil Society in programming

“I want you to have a dedicated focus **on supporting civil society around the world**. As the experts on the ground, they often lead the way on sustainable development. We should ensure they have a far greater role in designing and implementing European policies, programmes and projects.”

*Extract of Mission Letter from President Von der Leyen to
Commissioner Urpilainen*

☐ → *Strengthened cooperation with civil society at all levels*
=> *Key role of GEO programming*



Civil Society support

- Guiding programming principle = **Meaningful engagement with civil society** in priority areas:
 - Green Deals; Digital and Data Technologies; Alliances for Sustainable Jobs and Growth; Migration and Partnerships; Governance, Peace and Security
 - Guidance note on Mainstreaming Civil Society engagement into EU cooperation
 - Importance of capacity-building
- Increased focus on, and funding for, **local civil society** and broadened engagement, including policy dialogue, with a diverse set of actors.
- **Strengthened dialogue with civil society** on the EU programming, implementation and monitoring of overall cooperation



Civil Society support

Civil society thematic program

- NDICI : NDICI : Commission proposal of EUR 1,5 billion (including DEAR), final amount to be decided between the European Parliament and the Council
 - a) *a dedicated focus on contributing to an **enabling environment** for civil society,*
 - b) *increased efforts for a more **inclusive CSO participation** in the dialogue on development policy and domestic policies in partner countries and*
 - c) *a comprehensive approach to **capacity building** to strengthen CSO partner capacities*



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Civil society thematic program

- At least 75% of the programme funds will continue to be managed by Delegations
- Assistance independently of national governments.
- CSO Country Roadmaps remain the overarching frameworks for joint EU and Member States dialogue and engagement with civil society at country level
- Focus on CSOs as actor of governance instead of service delivery