



## **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 peacebuilding.

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, the network 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. HRDN carries out advocacy actions and monitoring of EU policies and cooperates with other NGOs 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. Current working groups are focused on the following issues:

- **European Parliament**

The aim is to contribute to the enhancement of the European Parliament's engagement on human rights and democracy matters and support 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**

The working group follows closely 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 of 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**

The working group advocates that the EU should define a more comprehensive internal Human rights strategy that mirrors its external strategic framework, and devise a corresponding action plan to guide collective EU action.

- **NGO Forum**

The working group convenes annually on an ad hoc basis to plan the annual EU human rights NGO forum, taking place in December. Together with the European External Action Service, HRDN has a key role in shaping the agenda and format of the annual forum.

### **Membership procedure**

HRDN accepts applications to [troika@hrdn.eu](mailto:troika@hrdn.eu) from eligible organisations which are then reviewed by a membership committee, before being submitted to the whole membership

twice a year – Spring (March-April) and Autumn (September-October).

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## Member Organisations

HRDN has 52 member organisations (March 2017)

Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme  
[www.aedh.org](http://www.aedh.org)

Amnesty International  
[www.amnesty.eu](http://www.amnesty.eu)

Act Alliance EU  
[www.aprodev.eu](http://www.aprodev.eu)

Association for the Prevention of Torture  
[www.apf.ch](http://www.apf.ch)

Brot für die Welt  
[www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de](http://www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de)

CBM  
[www.cbm.org](http://www.cbm.org)

Christian Solidarity Worldwide  
[www.csw.org.uk](http://www.csw.org.uk)

Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC)  
[www.coalitionfortheicc.org](http://www.coalitionfortheicc.org)

Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)  
<https://www.cpj.org/>

Conference of European Churches  
[www.ceceurope.org](http://www.ceceurope.org)

Copenhagen Initiative for Central America and Mexico  
[www.cifca.org](http://www.cifca.org)

DEMAS  
[www.demas.cz](http://www.demas.cz)

Ensemble Contre la Peine de Mort  
[www.abolition.fr](http://www.abolition.fr)

EuroMed Rights  
[www.euromedrights.org](http://www.euromedrights.org)

European Association for the Defense of Human Rights (AEDH)  
[www.aedh.eu](http://www.aedh.eu)

European Partnership for Democracy  
[www.epd.eu](http://www.epd.eu)

European Peacebuilding Liaison Office  
[www.eplo.org](http://www.eplo.org)

Fair Trials  
[www.fairtrials.org](http://www.fairtrials.org)

Front Line Defenders  
[www.frontlinedefenders.org](http://www.frontlinedefenders.org)

Human Rights House Foundation  
[www.humanrightshouse.org](http://www.humanrightshouse.org)

Human Rights Watch  
[www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org)

Human Rights Without Frontiers  
[www.hrwf.org](http://www.hrwf.org)

International Center for Transitional Justice  
[www.ictj.org](http://www.ictj.org)

International Commission of Jurists  
<http://www.ici.org/>

International Dalit Solidarity Network  
[www.idsn.org](http://www.idsn.org)

International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (FIACAT)  
[www.fiacat.org](http://www.fiacat.org)

International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)  
[www.fidh.org](http://www.fidh.org)

ILGA-Europe  
[www.ilga-europe.org](http://www.ilga-europe.org)

International Partnership for Human Rights  
[www.iphronline.org](http://www.iphronline.org)

International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)  
[www.irct.org](http://www.irct.org)

International Rescue Committee  
[www.rescue.org](http://www.rescue.org)

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[www.fidh.org](http://www.fidh.org)

ILGA-Europe  
[www.ilga-europe.org](http://www.ilga-europe.org)

International Partnership for Human Rights  
[www.iphronline.org](http://www.iphronline.org)

International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)  
<http://www.ippf.org/>

International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)  
[www.irct.org](http://www.irct.org)

International Rescue Committee  
[www.rescue.org](http://www.rescue.org)

Justice and Peace  
[www.justiceandpeace.nl/english](http://www.justiceandpeace.nl/english)

La Strada International  
[www.lastradainternational.org](http://www.lastradainternational.org)

Light for the World  
[www.light-for-the-world.org](http://www.light-for-the-world.org)

Minority Rights Group International  
[www.minorityrights.org](http://www.minorityrights.org)

Netherlands Helsinki Committee  
<http://www.nhc.nl/>

Nonviolent Peaceforce  
[www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org](http://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org)

Open Society Foundations  
[www.opensocietyfoundations.org](http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org)

Partners for Democratic Change International  
[www.pdci-network.org](http://www.pdci-network.org)

Peace Brigades International  
[www.peacebrigades.org](http://www.peacebrigades.org)

Penal Reform International  
[www.penalreform.org](http://www.penalreform.org)

Plan EU Office  
[www.plan-eu.org](http://www.plan-eu.org)

Protection International  
[www.protectioninternational.org](http://www.protectioninternational.org)

Quaker Council for European Affairs  
[www.qcea.org](http://www.qcea.org)

Reporters Without Borders  
[www.rsf.org](http://www.rsf.org)

Save the Children  
[www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org)

Search for Common Ground  
[www.sfcg.org](http://www.sfcg.org)

Terre des Hommes International Federation  
[www.terredeshommes.org](http://www.terredeshommes.org)

World Coalition against the Death Penalty  
[www.worldcoalition.org](http://www.worldcoalition.org)

World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)  
[www.omct.org](http://www.omct.org)

World Vision International  
[www.wvi.org](http://www.wvi.org)