



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 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 53 member organisations (December 2018)

1. Act Alliance EU
www.aprodev.eu
 2. Agir Ensemble pour les Droits de l'Homme
www.aedh.org
 3. Amnesty International
www.amnesty.eu
 4. Association for the Prevention of Torture
www.apr.ch
 5. Brot für die Welt
www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de
 6. CBM
www.cbm.org
 7. Christian Solidarity Worldwide
www.csw.org.uk
 8. Clean Cloths Campaign (CCC)
<https://cleanclothes.org/>
 9. Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC)
www.coalitionfortheicc.org
 10. Conference of European Churches (CEC)
www.ceceurope.org
 11. Copenhagen Initiative for Central America and Mexico (CIFCA)
www.cifca.org
 12. DEMAS
www.demas.cz
 13. End FGM European Network
<http://www.endfgm.eu/>
 14. Ensemble Contre la Peine de Mort (ECPM)
www.abolition.fr
 15. EuroMed Rights
www.euromedrights.org
 16. European Association for the Defense of Human Rights (AEDH)
www.aedh.eu
 17. European Network for Central Africa (EurAc)
<https://www.eurac-network.org/en>
 18. European Partnership for Democracy (EPD)
www.epd.eu
- Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)
<https://www.cpj.org/>

19. European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)
www.eplo.org
20. Fair Trials
www.fairtrials.org
21. Front Line Defenders (FLD)
www.frontlinedefenders.org
22. Human Rights House Foundation (HRHF)
www.humanrightshouse.org
23. Human Rights Watch (HRW)
www.hrw.org
24. Human Rights Without Frontiers (HRWF)
www.hrwf.org
25. ILGA-Europe
www.ilga-europe.org
26. International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)
www.ictj.org
27. International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)
www.icj.org
28. International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN)
www.idsn.org
29. International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)
www.fidh.org
30. International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (FIACAT)
www.fiacat.org
31. International Partnership for Human Rights (IPHHR)
www.iphronline.org
32. International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
www.ippf.org
33. International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)
www.irct.org
34. International Rescue Committee
www.rescue.org
35. Justice and Peace
www.justiceandpeace.nl/english
36. La Strada International
www.lastradainternational.org
37. Light for the World
www.light-for-the-world.org
38. Minority Rights Group International
www.minorityrights.org
39. Nonviolent Peaceforce
www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org
40. Open Society Foundations
www.opensocietyfoundations.org
41. Peace Brigades International (PBI)
www.peacebrigades.org
42. Penal Reform International
www.penalreform.org
43. Plan EU Office
www.plan-eu.org
44. PICUM – Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants
www.picum.org
45. Protection International
www.protectioninternational.org
46. Quaker Council for European Affairs
www.qcea.org

47. Save the Children
www.savethechildren.org
48. Search for Common Ground
www.sfcg.org
49. Terre des Hommes International Federation
www.terredeshommes.org
50. Netherlands Helsinki Committee
www.nhc.nl
51. World Coalition against the Death Penalty
www.worldcoalition.org
52. World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)
www.omct.org
53. World Vision International
www.wvi.org