



# **The EU as a public funding example for rights-based activities**

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# The EU as a solid partner

*The EU institutions and its Member States continue to be the main aid donors in the world*

*The EU is also a key stakeholder in the provision of public funding to support activities with a rights-based orientation.*

# Why supporting right-based activities?

 **EU Political Commitment** to human rights incl. *EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy (2015-2019)*

 Strong **legal basis in the EU.**

- Art 2, Treaty on European Union
- Art 21, Treaty on European Union
- Charter of Fundamental Rights binding on EU institutions
- EU party to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

 **Rights-Based Activities as key to realizing the SDGs**

# RBA = leaving no one behind



**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**



## RBA allows for direct action and mainstreaming of important issues



Gender



Rights of  
the child



Persons  
with  
disabilities



Conflict  
sensitivity



## Rights-Based Approach: Key Principles

- ✧ **A**pplying all rights (legality, universality, indivisibility of human rights)
- ✧ **P**articipation and access to the decision making process
- ✧ **N**on-discrimination and equal access
- ✧ **A**ccountability and rule of law
- ✧ **T**ransparency and access to information



# How does this work for Turkey...

The EU has been supporting the Turkish institutions to conduct reforms in the areas of rule of law, judiciary and fundamental rights (linked to acquis chapters 23 and 24).

The EU has also provided important financial support to civil society organisations in Turkey:

- More than €125 million provided by IPA funds since 2007.
- Almost €18 million provided by EIDHR funds since 2007.



## **Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA)**

*Increasingly stronger focus on sector reforms, with two important priority areas in Turkey for the period 2014-2020 that are worth to highlight :*

*1. Democracy and governance (€956.5 million, with civil society as an important sub-sector)*

*2. Rule of law and fundamental rights (€624.9 m)*



## **Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA)**

*The support is channelled both:*

*directly through the EU Delegation/Headquarters,  
or*

*indirectly through the Turkish Authorities, with  
the Ministry of EU Affairs as the lead ministry.*



## **DG NEAR Guidelines for EU Support to Civil Society in Enlargement Countries, 2014-2020**

In both cases, the EU work revolves around 4 priority areas:

- a) Improving the legislative environment for active citizenship,
- b) Strengthening cooperation between public sector and CSOs,
- c) Strengthening the capacities and networking between organised active citizens and CSOs, and
- d) Connecting people for mutual understanding between Turkey-EU.



# Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA)

National  
Programmes

Civil Society  
Facility

# IPA National Programme (NP)

## CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

### Objective:

To strengthen capacities  
of organised citizens

**Funding since 2007:**  
**€52M**

Civil Society Support  
Programme: €23M

Civil Society  
Development Centre -  
STGM: €12M

## ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

### Objective:

To build a more enabling  
legal and financial  
environment for active  
citizenship.

## CIVIL SOCIETY- PUBLIC SECTOR DIALOGUE

### Objective:

Strengthening  
cooperation between  
public sector (at local,  
regional and national  
level) and CSOs,  
including by effective  
CSO consultation in  
policy-making and  
governance, through the  
establishment of  
transparent mechanism

## EU-TR CIVIL SOCIETY DIALOGUE

### Objective:

To create partnerships  
between CSOs in Turkey  
and the EU to work  
together, share  
experiences, and  
network.

**Funding since 2008:**  
**€70M**

Civil Society Dialogue  
programmes: €59M

EU-Turkey Common  
Cultural heritage: €11M



# Civil Society Facility (CSF)

The EUD provides support to CSO interventions with strong rights-based approach, both at national and regional level.

CSF has already invested €20 million since 2011 and €10 million are now committed for the next two years.

Our flagship programme under CSF in Turkey is the Sivil Düşün ("Think Civil") EU Programme.



## **European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)**

Turkey is one of the largest recipients of EIDHR funds in the world, with an annual allocation of around €3 million for the period 2014-2020.

This year, we provided additional € 2 million to support human rights of refugees and migrants.

The next local call is foreseen for winter this year. Global calls are also launched on regular bases.

