



Strengthening EU engagement with civil society

It is almost ten years since the EU introduced the Country Roadmaps for Engagement with Civil Society. Since mid-2014, more than 115 EU Delegations have developed Roadmaps in close coordination with Member States and like-minded countries. EUDs are currently developing and implementing the third generation of Roadmaps, post-2020, with 93 CS RMs in partner countries adopted as of December 2022.

The Civil Society Roadmap Facility (RMF) is providing tailored technical assistance to INPTA G2 and EUDs in order to enhance the EUs engagement with civil society in partner countries.

How can INTPA G2 support EU Delegations?

INTPA G2 with the support of the RM Facility (RMF) can provide tailored technical assistance to support EU Delegations on a variety of issues, among which:

The Civil Society Roadmap cycle:

- **The elaboration, update or review of the CS Roadmap:** As part of this, the RMF can produce brief analyses of civil society context and CSOs capacities as well as recommendations to move into the implementation of the CS RM;
- **The implementation of the CS Roadmap:** Development of initial action plans for CS Roadmaps implementation, This may include inputs and advice into the design, implementation and evaluation of measures in support of civil society funded under geographic and thematic programmes (technical assistance facilities, specific funding and capacity building initiatives);
- **Monitoring and evaluation of the CS Roadmap,** through backstopping support and advice. This may include an analysis of progress and achievements, measuring key indicators, identification of lessons and good practices, adapting the action plan and M&E framework to changes and lessons learned; preparing for external evaluations, among others;
- **Outreach and visibility:** Development of EUDs outreach strategies related to the CS RM, country-tailored information materials on the CS RM, specific tools to engage with CSOs and showcase good practices, among others.





Priority areas for civil society engagement in the CS Roadmap implementation:

- **Localizing civil society engagement:** We can provide tailored technical assistance to EUDs to conceive strategies and modalities to support local CSOs, among which: i) conceiving and reviewing approaches to enhance local CSOs networking and capacities to engage and influence policy dialogue; ii) recommending approaches to engage with emerging forms of civil society, particularly focusing on women and youth CSOs, and CSOs representing discriminated and disadvantaged groups; iii) supporting grassroots, community-based organisations and decentralised CSOs through innovative approaches (e.g. Financial Support to Third Parties, others); iv) developing tailor-made capacity building programmes for local CSOs and monitoring systems of local CSOs grantees, among others.
- **Consultations and dialogue with civil society:** We can provide tailored technical assistance to EUDs to improve their practices of consultations and dialogue with civil society across the various programmatic areas, towards more systematic and strategic approaches. The support can be envisaged to analyse current practices and produce practical and actionable advice on how to move towards a structured dialogue; design specific Terms of Reference for the structured dialogue with CSOs; support the implementation of dialogue through conceiving and facilitating dialogue events, recommending communication strategies for continued engagement with CSOs, conceiving and ensuring feedback mechanisms for continuous improvement; and others.
- **The enabling environment for civil society:** We can provide cutting-edge expertise and capacity building on issues related to: the legal and policy environment (including in-depth assessment of laws and policies, trainings on specific legal and policy issues, etc.); developing strategies to engage with government, CSOs and other actors to improve the enabling environment for civil society; developing adapted systems to monitor the civic space; .
- **Mainstreaming of civil society:** We can provide contextual analysis, practical recommendations and capacity building to EUDs, tailored to the national context, on strategies and modalities to engage with civil society in MIP priority areas and actions, including in Team Europe Initiatives and Global Gateway.



Modalities of the RMF support to EUDs:

The RMF support can be delivered in two ways: through a helpdesk modality, providing ad hoc advice from distance; or through specific country missions, which can include field missions, in which case the EUDs will have to develop specific Terms of Reference following the RMF template. Please note that for each country mission, the support of the RMF cannot go beyond 25 Working Days of senior and/or junior expert(s).

How to request the support of the RMF?

The EUD shall address a request for the RMF support to INTPA G2 (the Roadmaps Coordinator or/and country officer), which will assess and approve the request in line with the resources available.

Our contacts

The Civil Society RMF is managed by NIRAS and implemented by a core team of 4 experts in addition to a pool of international and local experts.

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