DG NEAR FRAMEWORK PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

for Capacity Development of Civil Society Organisations in the Eastern Partnership

In December 2015, European Commission DG NEAR approved a Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) between the European Union and 10 organisations in the Eastern Partnership (Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, and the countries of the South Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia). This is the first FPA approved for the Eastern Partnership.

The FPA is an important step in strengthening the role of civil society organisations in governance actors, contributing to ensuring democracy, the rule of law and good governance through support for capacity development of their members. The FPA is consistent with the fundamental principles of the Eastern Partnership and the European Neighbourhood Policy, as well as with the objectives of the European Union’s Strategic Partnership with the Eastern Partnership that was launched in 2014.

The FPA is an important element of the Eastern Partnership’s strategic approach to economic and social cooperation in the Eastern Partnership. The FPA is based on the commitment to support the development of the civil society in the Eastern Partnership.

The FPA will be implemented by the organisations listed below. The organisations will work in cooperation with the European Union and the Eastern Partnership countries.

Framework Partners

- Human Rights First
- PAZZI
- RCC
- RELEX
- TADEUS
- People in Need
- PEPLOH
- BDI
- PEPLOH

Geographical Area Covered

- Azerbaijan
- Armenia
- Belarus
- Georgia
- Moldova
- Ukraine
- Russia

Type of Activities

- Facilitation of experience and knowledge sharing among CSOs
- Identifying constituency interests, needs and concerns, and engaging in constructive dialogue with stakeholders
- Capacity development and capacity building activities
- Promotion of networks and development of new forms of cooperation with the public sector
- Policy research, analysis and engagement in decision-making processes
- Monitoring and reporting on policy and decision-making processes

Thematic Areas

- Rule of Law
- Human Rights
- Good governance and public administration
- Media
- Education, Culture and Youth
- Social work and needs of vulnerable groups
- Environment and climate change
- Agriculture and rural development
- Energy
- Trade
- Transport
- Migration and mobility

FPA Target Audience

- Human rights defenders and human rights NGOs
- Women’s organisations
- Media
- Other CSOs
- Organizations working on the rights of children
- Organizations working on the rights of marginalised groups or networks
- Youth organisations
- Organizations working with rural communities
- Organizations working on the rights of Afro-descendants