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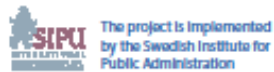


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Preface

The Review of EU Networks for Civil Society Organizations provides the overview of different existing EU civil society networks and their programs that could offer various opportunities for establishing formal cooperation and partnership with civil society organizations in the Western Balkans and Turkey. It should also help to both EU partners and local CSOs in the region in establishing communication and cooperation in implementing various joint programs and project activities placed at disposal of non-government organizations, municipalities, small and medium-sized enterprises, media, entrepreneurs and individuals. **The Review of EU Networks for Civil Society Organizations** will provide an answer to FAQs from the CSOs side: what are the existing EU civil society networks relevant to the Western Balkans and Turkey context, how the cooperation and partnership could be established, etc.

The main objective is to help national and local civil society organizations in easier identification of relevant EU networks as potential partners. More specifically, this **Review** will provide support to local authorities, NGOs, local small and medium enterprises and entrepreneurs, media, institutions, and other stakeholders to use EU funds more effectively through available programs and funding opportunities for their activities. The current lack of information on the EU networks prevents local actors from developing projects and programs, which could contribute to the better usage of eligible EU funds. Furthermore, by being introduced to the list of the relevant EU networks and their scope of work at the EU level, CSOs covered by TACSO project will be having a greater opportunity to access various relevant information and potentially take part in the EU network membership.

The Review of EU Networks for Civil Society Organizations consists of the following parts:

- ◇ The introductory chapter that includes information on the functioning of EU institutions; the role of civil society in the pre accession process to the EU, including specific stages in this process of IPA countries; relationship between civil society organizations and institutions in the EU; the role of the CSOs in the decision making process in the EU; the role of the European Social and Economic Council etc.
- ◇ The main chapter that includes the list of EU relevant networks defined by title, objectives, activities membership and contact available
- ◇ The final chapter with list of key words and phrases used as search engine (index).

In the review are presented 203 most relevant European networks about which information were collected exclusively on their websites. Taking into account that this is the first attempt of the kind, we have chosen networks that may be interesting to a broad circle of actors, not only in civil society but in the public and private sectors as well. We point out that the quantity and type of information on each individual network directly depended on the manner in which the network was presented on its website. This has resulted in uneven presentation of networks in terms of information scope, type and structure. Nevertheless, we believe that the **Review** will make possible acquirement of main information on characteristics of each individual European network. Further presentation and use of the **Review** will provide insight into the needs of civil society organizations with reference to missing information on networks, which may be useful in their future activities.

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Introduction

How does the EU work?

To learn more about the role of civil society in the pre accession process to the EU and relationship between civil society organizations and institutions in the EU, it is important to understand how EU works.

The European Union (EU)¹ is a family of democratic European countries working together to improve life for their citizens and to build a better world. Family squabbles and occasional crises are what make the news headlines, but away from the cameras, the EU is actually a remarkable success story. In just over half a century it has delivered peace and prosperity in Europe, a single European currency (the euro) and a frontier-free 'single market' where goods, people, services and capital move around freely. It has become a major trading power, and a world leader in fields such as environmental protection and development aid. No wonder it has grown from six to 27 members and more countries want to join.

The European Union's success owes a lot to the unusual way in which it works. Unusual because the countries that make up the EU (its 'member states') remain independent sovereign nations but they pool their sovereignty in order to gain a strength and world influence none of them could have on their own. This stops short of being a federation, like the United States, but is much more than an organisation for cooperation between governments, like the United Nations. The EU is, in fact, unique.

Pooling sovereignty means, in practice, that the member states delegate some of their decision-making powers to shared institutions they have created, so that decisions on specific matters of joint interest can be made democratically at European level.

European institutions

The three main decision-making institutions are the:

- **European Parliament (EP)**, which represents the EU's citizens and is directly elected by them;
- **Council of the European Union**, which represents the individual member states;
- **European Commission**, which represents the interests of the Union as a whole.

This 'institutional triangle' produces the policies and laws that apply throughout the EU. In principle, it is the Commission that proposes new laws, but it is the Parliament and Council that adopt them. The Commission and the member states then implement them, and the Commission enforces them.

Here, it is important to mention the **European Council** that provides the Union with the necessary impetus for its development and defines the general political directions and priorities thereof. It does not exercise legislative functions. The European Council consists of the Heads of State or Government of the Member States, together with its President and the President of the Commission.

The **Court of Justice** is the final arbiter in disputes about European law. The **Court of Auditors** checks the financing of the Union's activities.

A number of other bodies also have key roles in making the EU work. They are the:

¹ Downloaded from the "**How the European Union works, Your guide to the EU institutions**", You can find this booklet and other short, clear explanations about the EU online at www.ec.europa.eu/publications

- **European Economic and Social Committee**, which represents the economic and social components of organised civil society;
- **Committee of the Regions**, which represents regional and local authorities;
- **European Investment Bank**, which finances investment in economic development projects in and outside the EU, and helps small businesses via the **European Investment Fund**;
- **European Central Bank**, which is responsible for European monetary policy;
- **European Ombudsman**, which investigates complaints about maladministration by EU institutions and bodies;
- **European Data Protection Supervisor**, which safeguards the privacy of your personal data.

In addition, specialised agencies handle certain technical, scientific or management tasks.

The powers and responsibilities of the EU institutions, and the rules and procedures they must follow, are laid down in the Treaties on which the EU is founded. The Treaties are agreed by the presidents and prime ministers of all the EU countries and then ratified by their parliaments.

European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

EESC is also called "**a bridge between Europe and organised civil society**". Committed to European integration, the EESC contributes to strengthening the democratic legitimacy and effectiveness of the European Union by enabling civil society organisations from the Member States to express their views at European level.

Founded in 1957 under the Treaty of Rome, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) has 344 members. The number from each EU country roughly reflects the size of its population. The numbers per country are as follows:

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| France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom | 24 |
| Poland and Spain | 21 |
| Romania | 15 |
| Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, the Netherlands, Portugal and Sweden | 12 |
| Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Lithuania and Slovakia | 9 |
| Estonia, Latvia and Slovenia | 7 |
| Cyprus and Luxembourg | 6 |
| Malta | 5 |
| Total | 344 |

The EESC is a consultative body that gives representatives of Europe's interest groups, such as employer organisations and trade unions, and other organised civil society bodies, such as consumer associations, a formal platform to express their points of view on EU issues. The members are nominated by the EU governments but they work in complete political independence. They are appointed for four years, and may be reappointed. The Committee meets in plenary assembly, and its discussions are prepared by six subcommittees known as 'sections', each dealing with particular policy areas. It elects its President and two Vice-Presidents for a two-year term. Mario Sepi from Italy became President of the EESC for the period 2008–2010.

What does the EESC do?

The European Economic and Social Committee has three main roles:

- helping to ensure that European policies and legislation tie in better with economic, social and civic circumstances on the ground, by assisting the European Parliament, Council and European Commission, making use of EESC members' experience and representativeness, dialogue and efforts to secure consensus serving the general interest;

- promoting the development of a more participatory European Union which is more in touch with popular opinion, by acting as an institutional forum representing, informing, expressing the views of and securing dialogue with organised civil society;
- promoting the values on which European integration is founded and advancing, in Europe and across the world, the cause of democracy and participatory democracy, as well as the role of civil society organisations.

The Committee's opinions are forwarded to the larger institutions — the Council, the Commission and the European Parliament. It must be consulted before decisions are taken on economic and social, regional and environment policy. It thus has a key role to play in the Union's decision-making process. The EESC is a bridge between the Union and its citizens, promoting a more participatory, more inclusive and therefore more democratic society in Europe.

Who are the EESC's members?

Working mostly in their countries of origin, the members of the Committee form three groups that represent employers, employees, and various other economic and social interests.

The Employers' Group has members from private and public sectors of industry, small and medium-sized businesses, chambers of commerce, wholesale and retail trade, banking and insurance, transport and agriculture.

The Employees' Group represents all categories of employees, from manual to executive. Its members come from national trade union organisations.

The Various Interests Group represents nongovernmental organisations (NGOs), farmers' organisations, small businesses, crafts and professions, cooperatives and non-profit associations, consumer and environmental organisations, the scientific and academic communities, and associations that represent the family and the disabled.

Role of civil society in the EU integration process²

Civil society consists of citizens organized into nongovernmental organizations, trade unions, universities, chambers of commerce, associations of employers; however, a possible impact by an individual should not be neglected at all (particularly by the ones respected both home and abroad). Citizens and civil society organizations are very important in the European Integration Process, because without them a country cannot access EU. From the very beginning of the European Integration Process of a country, one should take into account that access to the European Union is a very complex process of change of political, philosophical point of view; therefore, its success is not possible without participation and activities of civil society. Situation is similar also regarding the process of harmonization with EU regulations and communication with EU institutions. In that context, public-private partnership is indispensable, in which both participants, the Government and civil society, will find their proper place: civil society organizations cannot be the ones to push the Government in the European Integration Process, nor can the Government require from the nongovernmental sector to act as its agencies. On the other hand, experiences prove that civil society organizations do not gain anything by being constantly "subversive" towards the process conducted by the authorities in the country, which organize technical activities for European Integration – therefore "alchemy" between the governmental and nongovernmental sectors is of great importance, in order to reach balance in these activities.

² Adapted from the "**Possibilities for Citizens and NGOs to Communicate with EU Institutions**", published in June 2009 by Civic Initiatives, within "**CIDEC - Citizens' Dialogue for European Consensus**". This project was financed by the EU through the European Integration Fund, a programme managed by the EC Delegation to the Republic of Serbia and implemented by Press Now. Original text prepared by prof. dr Tanja Mišćević, based on the presentations of experiences from the EU countries and the region.

Finding that balance must be based on the dialogue between the executive authorities and civil society, through exchange of information attitudes and values. Experiences in this process to date show two levels of communication – one of them is informing, which is the base of everything, while the other one is partnership. Informing *per se* does not mean partnership, while partnership means division of responsibilities and liabilities – intensive partnership is exactly the aim that both the State and civil society should aspire to in the European Integration Process.

On the other hand, interest of EU bodies for participation of citizens and civil society in the European Integration Process grows as the Process is entering its later formal steps. In this dialogue with EU do not participate only organized parts of civil society but citizens themselves, too, as individuals. **Up to now, the best way of communication has proven to be through European networks of nongovernmental organization, because they bring together a large number of nongovernmental organizations, thus performing as one voice in topics they are interested for.** It is noticeable that there is no uniform dialogue practice – it depends on the EU body in question, but it also depends on the type of policy in question. Actually, in this second aspect it depends on whether it is about issues transferred to the EU level, such as environmental protection, or issues that are still in hands of member states, such as social policy or care for youth. Exactly for this reason, good practice says that messages and the method of activities cannot be the same for every policy or for every EU body – only differentiated messages and approach may achieve results.

Development within EU shows that the role of the European civil society is ever stronger, which is also proven by the Lisbon Treaty (2007). For the first time, the wording of a main Union treaty stipulates the necessity of cooperation with nongovernmental organizations and citizens. Namely, the new Title II of the Treaty on EU refers to provisions related to realization of democratic principle, which requires from the Union to pay attention to equality of its citizens in all its activities and activities of its bodies and agencies.

Functioning of EU is based on the representative democracy, and direct representation of citizens at the Union level is through the European Parliament. Moreover, representatives in both the Council and European Council are democratically responsible either to their National Parliaments or to their citizens. Every citizen has the right to take part in the democratic life in the Union, and decisions must be made as transparently and as close to the citizens as possible. Political parties at the European level should contribute to forming the European political awareness and to expressing the will of the citizens of the Union. **The most important Article in the Lisbon Treaty is Article 11, which gives opportunity to citizens and associations to present their opinion through EU bodies, or to exchange their attitudes regarding all issues dealt by EU; the bodies must maintain an open, clear and standing dialogue with representative organizations and civil society. The European Commission should provide wide consultations with all the interested, for the purpose to secure that the Union activity is coherent and evident.** For the first time has been introduced the opportunity that a million of citizens, who are citizens of the majority of member states, may have the initiative to invite the European Commission to propose adoption of a legal document by means of which are realized founding contracts.

Actually, the key question is in what way civil society may have an impact on the European Integration Process in a country? In the first place, its impact may be stronger through cooperation within civil society – through agreements on priorities, forming of civic platforms and coalitions (particularly for projects financed by EU). The other method is by having a dialogue and cooperation with the State – through information and joint campaigns, participation of civil society organizations in formal steps (the example of monitoring of Stabilization and Association Agreement implementation, or liabilities towards the Process) but also through participation in legislative initiatives and by rendering expertise owned by civil society. This knowledge of civil society may especially be used, and it may be of benefit for both civil society and State authorities, through participation in negotiations on membership. The third aspect of participation is a dialogue and cooperation with the European Union, through its financial assistance, but also through partnership with EU.

Relationships between civil society organisations and EU institutions

Experiences of Central and Eastern European countries (Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria and Romania) show two types of experiences in this cooperation – one type of experience is during their approaching to EU, while their membership experiences are completely different. Nevertheless, one can also learn from experiences of other Western Balkan countries (Croatia, in the first place). The role of EU as a civil society partner means giving support and more significant position to civil society in the country, actually its empowerment. The dialogue is practically realized through contacts with EU bodies: the European Commission, European Parliament, Council of Ministers.

Dialogue with the European Commission – this is the first body that civil society faces in the context of exchange of information and consultations, and before the country obtains the status of an EU member state. First base for communication is – submitting applications and management of programmes and projects that arrive to the country through the Commission, and become available to civil society. EU financial assistance implies that the Union has an important position of donor that is assisting civil society activities; however, it would be a great mistake to consider it as the “main financier”!

Funds currently available to Western Balkan countries come from the pre-accession assistance instrument (IPA). Financing under this single umbrella is provided through five components:

1. Transition Assistance and Institution Building : EC Directorate General for Enlargement
2. Cross-Border Co-operation (with EU Member states and other countries eligible for IPA)
3. Regional Development (providing support to transport, environment infrastructure and enhancing competitiveness and reducing regional disparities);
4. Human Resources Development (strengthening human capital and combating exclusion): EC Directorate General for Employment and Social Affairs
5. Rural Development (rural development type of measures): EC Directorate General for Agriculture.

The European Commission Directorate General for Regional Policy is responsible for the implementation of Component III and Component II in the part concerning Member States.

Components I and II are open to all beneficiary countries whereas Components III, IV and V are open to the Candidate Countries only. They are designed to mirror closely structural, cohesion and rural development funds, in preparation for the management of such funds upon accession. Thus, IPA allows beneficiary countries to prepare themselves for the successful participation in the Community's Cohesion Policy and its instruments upon accession, with a view to a better and more effective absorption of these funds once they become available.

The European Union has also anticipated **special funds for nongovernmental organizations**, such as **European Integration Fund (EIF)** and a new, special mechanism for civil society (**Civil Society Facility**). Considerable are funds available through IPA to civil society organizations every year, and they amount between one and a half million Euros and two million Euros, with a stress on two priorities: human rights and civil society. There is also an additional fund for **media**, because communication is the key element of the European Integration Process: being able to successfully fulfil obligations and perform changes is just one half of success; being able to present the well-done work to everyone through media is also very important, for the purpose of getting acknowledgement for it, or necessary additional funds.

All Directorates General of the European Commission hold **meetings** with civil society, or conduct some other aspects of communication, in their domains, of course. The most important are certainly mechanisms of consultations – continuous aspects of communication are conducted *on line*, too, and may be found on the European Commission website (*Your Voice in Europe*).

The European Commission is also keeping a **Register of Interested Representative Organizations**, which is a very important mechanism used by this EU body; therefore, suggestion that organizations should require to be registered for this type of dialogue is very important. One should not neglect conferences as an important mechanism, where it is possible to get directly included into the dialogue with representatives of the European Commission.

Direct communication and dialogue is certainly going on with the Delegation of European Commission in the country. It should be the main contact with civil society, through its liaison officer, with whom communication should be regular. The best experiences prove that their approach should be to a great extent proactive, in the sense of forwarding information to nongovernmental organizations because these organizations usually do not have sufficient capacity to follow all information and happenings in Brussels, therefore it is necessary that someone processes these information and presents the most important initiatives, and invites to commenting the issues related to development of specific policies.

Dialogue with the European Parliament – since this body represents citizens of the European Union, who elect them, it is quite logical for it to be the most open for a dialogue with civil society. There are several mechanisms of this dialogue, however, the Parliament itself is also very active in proposing a large number of new opportunities for citizens' participation, such as **AGORA**³, or **civic forums** organized by the Parliament since 2005 at the local level, which also bring together members of the European Parliament. Certainly, the oldest mechanism of the dialogue is debate with committees in the European Parliament, however, there is also a much less formal approach through **inter-parliamentary groups**, which are not a part of official structure of the Parliament; they are informal gathering of its members addressing the appropriate topic⁴. Precisely for their informal structure, it is easier for inter-parliamentary groups to cooperate with nongovernmental organizations or European Platforms – the example is the **inter-parliamentary Group for Protection of Health and Consumers**, which also has its Secretariat in the scope of corresponding European Platforms in Brussels, i.e. the ones addressing these issues. Another example is the **informal parliamentary group, Friends of Serbia**, formed in September 2010 in the European Parliament. The aim of this group is to encourage relations with Belgrade and aid integration of Serbia into EU. In four days only, 32 MPs joined the group. They represent different political options and come from different member countries; however, they have a common goal – to promote relations with Serbia in all areas, to establish as many relations as possible, not with politicians only but also with artists, businessmen and others; they strive to present the Serbian reality and to strengthen efforts of Serbia related to its EU accession.

Of course, one should by no means forget the **right to petitions to the European Parliament**, as a very important mechanism that is open to both civil society organizations and citizens as individuals.

A significant method of communication is also **correspondence with members of the Parliament**, because citizens are encouraged to write to their member of the European Parliament, in order to point to any issue of importance for them, whether at local, regional, State or European level.

Communication with the European Parliament is also possible at the project level, for which there is a good example from Slovenia, i.e. support to the idea of improvement of the dialogue between the Parliament and nongovernmental organizations from this member

³ Agora is an instrument used as a discussion with citizens and civil society on issues being the subject of legislative activity of the European Parliament, however, not with reference to current proposals only but also with reference to future challenges for EU. In discussion opened for the public, citizens and organizations may express their opinions, present their own analyses, but also express their will to participate in the Union's activities.

⁴ Inter-parliamentary group exists for the Southeast Europe region, too, and it very often pays visits to countries of this region, to get more information on development and reforms on the agenda. Members of this group are representatives of all political groups in the European Parliament, who expressed their wish to deal more with the region issues.

state, which was supported by the Directorate General for Information, or preparations for the European Parliament elections in 2009, in the scope of which was organized a large number of gatherings with members of the European Parliament, local authorities, citizens and nongovernmental organizations.

Dialogue with the Council of Ministers is in the sense of a dialogue with citizens and civil society the most closed one; however, one should take into account that this body consists of a large number of boards, committees and working groups, with whom a dialogue may be established and civil society interests advocated. In addition, it is important to establish a dialogue with the country presiding over the Council and, of course, with the national Minister, member of the Council (if the country is an EU member state). In earlier phases of association and accession, it is rather important to establish good relations and to try to have an impact on member states (bilaterally) through their diplomatic representatives in one's own country.

In the dialogue with EU bodies the greatest benefit for civil society, as proven by experiences of Slovenia and Slovakia, are, for instance, activities of **European Platforms of Nongovernmental Organizations** – the Council of Non for profit Organizations, European Civic Forum, European Service for Citizens' Action, Civil Society Contact Group, Social Platform, but also the Central and Eastern European Citizens Network, and many others. It is important to emphasize that cooperation with these networks before a country becomes an EU member and immediately upon it, is important as a great assistance to civil society development, because it can give information for understanding how things are actually evolving in EU, where the most important political initiatives are, how to provide a better access to European funds, how to lobby. Also, European Platforms are precisely the place for exchange of experiences with civil society organizations from other member states. This learning process is especially important for the participation in European projects, because in that way not only partners may be found but also one may successfully compete and provide more considerable funds for its activities. One can learn from organizations with previous experiences that it is not simple to take part in European projects, because there is quite a lot of bureaucracy, both during application phase and during project management. In addition, there is always the need for co-financing; projects are never fully covered by EU, which has always to be born in mind.

Experiences prove that the most successful countries in the European Integration Process had the strongest consensus – political and national. The best organization for Integration also presupposed big participation of civil society – examples of Slovenia or Poland show that all negotiations with EU took place only upon consulting civil society. The civil society role grows as membership negotiations are coming close to their end, because successful closing of some negotiation chapters depends on assessment of civil society as well. The real struggle in this process is taking place at home – the country will not be successful in getting closer to EU if it is not successful in gaining some political, economic and social reforms within the country. The attitude that must prevail is that all that is done during the Process is good for the sake of citizens and not (only) for the sake of the European Union. This, of course, does not exclude the fact that every country is unique, different – but also that there is a large number of common elements for every country approaching EU membership (chapters, *acquis*, conditions that have to be met...). However, it does not mean that the country renounces its essence, but it must renounce some habits and push its institutions and citizens in that direction, in order to find the appropriate balance between specificities and togetherness.

Yet, it would be wrong to claim that it is sufficient to only open communication channels between civil society, State and the European Union. It is necessary, at the same time, to assist capacity building and development of the nongovernmental sector, which will only then be capable of using communication channels at its disposal. It is also important that EU institutions have as proactive approach as possible, not only by setting a corresponding website for dialogue with civil society organizations and waiting for their contribution – EU must really assist building and strengthening of civil society capacities, exchange information with them, consult them and include them into discussion.

Characteristics of the European Networks⁵

European networks deal with issues interesting for their membership; they collect and distribute information, plead with European institutions for improvement of different policies. Very often they have very few staff (2-3 persons) functioning under the guidance of an operational body (executive board or similar). In the following review of networks, one may notice that their activities range from protection and improvement of their members' interest, through exchange of good practices to advocacy, lobbying, organizing of events, and printing of publications. Organizations wishing to access European networks may do it for the purpose to have an impact on some social changes; others wish to be at the source of information; some others again wish to have an impact on adoption of different policies at the European level (or to prevent those policies from being adopted).

Membership in European networks is not always open to all. At the same time, conditions for membership are rather diverse; therefore, we wish to call for readers' attention to study carefully criteria and conditions for membership in networks that they recognize as relevant for their work. Some networks insist that only one organization may represent a country; some define different types of membership: full membership (those who pay full membership fee and have the voting right), associate membership (paying lower membership fee; they may, for instance, receive publications and information by internet but have no voting right), observers; some networks are completely open and accept membership of both legal entities and individuals – often it is sufficient to agree with the programme, objectives and Statute of the network. It is very important to remember that, even if the network is not open for full membership, one should not hesitate to get in touch with such network because it may be a very good source of information; it may provide resources (publications, contacts, analyses, recommendations). It may certainly become a partner of your organization in some of the projects funded by EU⁶. We underline that due to the aforementioned diversity in defining criteria and conditions for membership this was not elaborated in more detail for every individual network; however, interested readers are referred to websites of the presented networks to get more information.

The majority of networks presented in this publication have some formal base and work structure. In the first place, they possess a main document regulating their activities (the Statute, Rulebook etc.). Besides, they are formally registered in the country of their activities (mainly in Brussels, Belgium) as an international organization. As regarding management bodies, they differ to the extent that makes it impossible to establish a uniform approach – very often they have General Assembly that meets every other year. The network is managed by the President, General Secretariat, Executive Board, Executive Director and different staff; among them there are often representatives of national organizations of which the network consists.

European Union is financing⁷ a number of European networks, either through institutional grants or regular competition-based projects. Many of them count on membership fee, and some of them on other donors, too (e.g. private foundations). Sometimes they associate and share premises and other resources with other networks, for the purpose of funds saving.

Association with a European network should contribute to better understanding of European institutions and their functioning, as well as to faster and more efficient exchange of information on events within the European Union. Organizations in Serbia may learn how civil society organizations in EU cope with similar problems; they may also learn how to use new methods of work and learn from good practices and, linking with related organizations, overcome the feeling of isolation, as well as

⁵ Adjusted from **Networking in Europe**, A Guide to European Voluntary Organizations, Second Edition, Brian Harvey, published by NCVO in 1995, and from **Networking of Civil Society Organizations, Analysis of inclusion of Slovenian NGOs in European networks**

⁶ Competition in the scope of „IPA – Socio-Economic Partnership Programme“ announced in early 2010, required partnership with a so-called European Representative Organization, meaning that this organization represents stakeholders on the European level.

⁷ In the course of August and September 2010 were approved three-year institutional grants for a large number of European networks in the scope of the EU Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity „PROGRESS 2007-2013“. All these networks are presented in the **Review**.

build confidence in their own capacities and get ready to start new initiatives. Benefits of membership may include:

- promotion of the organization, its activities and interests;
- approach to updated information and news;
- participation in joint projects, campaigns and actions;
- getting magazines, bulletins, newsletters;
- getting manuals, guidebooks, documents, analyses, policies;
- advising;
- presence at events especially organized for members of the network;
- advising and assistance in searching a partner;
- trainings, seminars, conferences;
- databases;
- annual gatherings etc.

At the same time, membership in a European network may mean considerable expenses for a local civil society organization; it is therefore necessary to assess advantages and disadvantages of joining a network. Namely, inclusion into a European network requires time, commitment, specific knowledge and skills, while often results are not immediately visible because processes in EU are slow and bureaucratic *per se*. Moreover, when getting included into a European network, the organization must also adjust its internal structure, strategy, method of work; it must additionally get educated and qualified in order to be ready to follow exigent networking processes at the European level.

European Networks

1. AEBR - Association of European Border Regions

Objectives

AEBR is acting for the benefit of all European border and cross-border regions and that it has as its aims

- to make their particular problems, opportunities, tasks and projects intelligible;
- to represent their overall interests to national and international parliaments, organs, authorities and institutions;
- to initiate, support and co-ordinate their co-operation throughout Europe (creation of a network);
- to exchange know-how and information in order to formulate and co-ordinate common interests on the basis of the various cross-border problems and opportunities, and to offer adequate solutions.

Activities

- to implement programmes and projects, to apply for funds and to receive and to dispose of them;
- to organise events that deal with cross-border problems;
- to help to solve cross-border problems and to support special activities;
- to prepare and implement common campaigns within the networks;
- to inform European political bodies and the public about cross-border issues.

Membership

Three types of members (full, without right to vote and advisory members). Ranging from European border and cross-border regions in member states of the European Union or the Council of Europe up to natural persons, associations of individuals, institutions and institutes working in the field of cross-border co-operation. For more details, see <http://www.aebr.net/>

Contact

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<http://www.aebr.net/>

2. AEGEE Europe - European Students' Forum

Objectives

AEGEE, which was founded in 1985 in Paris, puts the idea of a unified Europe into practice. The association's main aims are:

- to promote a unified Europe without prejudices
- to strive for creating an open and tolerant society of today and tomorrow
- to foster democracy, human rights, tolerance, cross-border co-operation, mobility and European dimension in education

Activities

A widely spread student network provides the ideal platform where youth workers and young volunteers from 43 European countries can work together on cross-border activities such as conferences, seminars, exchanges, training courses, Summer Universities, Case Study trips and Working Group meetings. By encouraging travelling and mobility, stimulating discussion and organising common projects AEGEE attempts to overcome national, cultural and ethnic divisions and to create a vision of young people's Europe.

Membership

AEGEE is one of the biggest interdisciplinary student associations in Europe; it is represented by **15.000 students**, active in **232 academic cities**, in **43 countries all around Europe**, which

presents amazing culture variety. AEGEE is a secular, non-profit organization, not linked to any political party. All projects and activities are based on voluntarily work of its members. In order to really promote international co-operation and avoid creating any physical or mental borders AEGEE does not recognize any national level or national administration in its unique organizational structure, which is based on:

- **Local level** where people from the 241 autonomic AEGEE locals directly implement AEGEE aims in a way that serves best the needs of their local community
- **European level** which gives the great common frame and direction for all local activities and provides a platform for international co-operation in multicultural teams

Members from local level can directly get involved in the European Working Groups, Project Teams and Commissions.

Contact

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<http://www.aegee.org/>

3. AEIDL – European Association for Information on Local Development

Objectives

AEIDL's objectives focus on contributing to a united, citizen-oriented Europe, based on sustainable development and equal opportunities, by offering an extensive range of services to local development and civil society actors, along with various institutions including the European Commission.

Activities

- Providing stakeholders in the field - in urban and rural areas – with European information which is essential for them: information on policies and programmes, exchange of best practices, identification of partners, etc.
- Other activities also include the organisation of events, networking, website creation, creating communication products, as well as consultancy, training and evaluation.

Membership

AEIDL has around twenty associate members, local actors from various European Union countries. They include academics, development agents, association managers, civil servants and social economy company directors, who are all associated with AEIDL on a personal basis.

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<http://www.aeidl.be/aeidl/contact.php>

4. AER - Assembly of European regions

Objectives

The Assembly of European Regions (est.1985) is the largest independent network of regions in the wider Europe.

The AER members work together in order to:

- promote the concept of regional democracy in Europe and the role of the regions in the political process
- promote and lobby for the interests of regional government, by
- contributing as a recognized partner at the national, European and international levels, to the decision-making processes
- develop excellence in regional government by regions taking responsibility as leaders in their areas of competence
- support regions in working together to optimize the development and implementation of regional policies
- promote diversity in Europe
- develop the ability of regions to make Europe relevant to the citizens

Activities

- Summer schools
- Working groups
- Conferences
- Seminars
- Launch of personal initiatives
- General Assemblies

Membership

The Assembly of European Regions currently has:

- 270 Member regions from 33 countries
- 16 Interregional Member Organisations

Contact

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<http://www.aer.eu>

5. AGE - The European Older's People Platform

Objectives

AGE Platform Europe is a European network of around 150 organisations of and for people aged 50+ representing directly over 28 million older people in Europe. Its work focuses on a wide range of policy areas that impact on older and retired people. These include issues of **anti-discrimination, employment of older workers and active ageing, social protection, pension reforms, social inclusion, health, research, accessibility of public transport and of the build environment, and ICT**. The Platform takes also active part in several **EU projects**. The majority of these projects are funded by the 7th Framework Programme.

The purpose of its work is to voice and promote the interests of the 150 million inhabitants aged 50+ in the European Union and to raise awareness of the issues that concern them most. AGE seeks to give a voice to older and retired people in the EU policy debates, through the active participation of their representative organisations at EU, national, regional and local levels, and provides a European platform for the exchange of experience and best practices. It also aims to inform older people on EU policymaking process and on recent EU policy development.

Activities

- * Meetings, seminars, conferences.
- * Lobbying.
- * Publications of brochures and reports.
- * Take part to some European projects.

Membership

There are two ways to become involved in AGE's activities: to become a full member or an observer member. **A full Member** must represent and/or work on behalf of older and/or retired people in the countries of the European Union and be not-for-profit. **As an observer member**, you can participate in AGE's activities and to comment on text proposals as full members. However, observer members do not receive reimbursement for participation in AGE meetings and do not exert a voting right at the General Assembly.

E-mail: info@age-platform.eu

<http://www.age-platform.org/>

6. Alliance for Childhood European Network Group

Objectives

The Alliance for Childhood European Network Group is a network group of public advocacy groups in the member states of the European Union that work on the Quality of Childhood in their own countries or group of countries/ specific areas.

Activities

The activities of the Alliance for Childhood European Network Group are complimentary to the activities of the various members. The following concrete activities can be distinguished:

- The members brief each other on how they perceive the situation with regard to the Quality of childhood in their areas of activity.
- The members brief each other on their concrete activities, strategies, networks in which they function, etc.

In short: the Alliance for Childhood European Network Group maintains a knowledge system with respect to the Quality of Childhood in the European Union.

Membership

Organisations that work on the Quality of Childhood in one or more member states of the European Union with, ideally, the following characteristics:

- preferably a leading organisation with a large network
- in-depth knowledge of the subject in question.

Members must be invited to join.

Contact

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<http://www.allianceforchildhood.eu>

7. Alzheimer Europe

Objectives

Alzheimer Europe is a non-profit organisation, which aims to improve the care and treatment of Alzheimer patients through intensified collaboration between its member associations. In the longer term, AE is striving to become the coordination and information centre for all organisations working in this specific field, such as day care centres, sitting services, training centres for professionals and related organisations. With the current steady increase in the life expectancy of Europe's population, the number of people affected by age-related disease such as Alzheimer's disease and related disorders is forecast to increase dramatically in the next few years. More importantly, the majority of Alzheimer sufferers live at home and are cared for by their relatives and friends. Although many organisations are active in supporting them, carers often work alone, and lack in know-how and inspiration which could be given by others.

Activities

As set out in our statutes, our activities are geared towards attaining the following objectives:

- to improve the exchange of information between Alzheimer help associations;
- to stimulate the development of projects in the domains of information, support and care giving for demented people;
- to establish contacts between Alzheimer help associations in view of setting up and coordinating common trans-national projects;
- to arrange for the translation of booklets, pamphlets and other material of interest to various organisations in the member states of the European Union;
- to organise an annual international conference offering participants the possibility to inform themselves about new findings in the fields of research on, and treatment of the Alzheimer disease.

Membership

Alzheimer Europe currently has 34 member associations from 30 countries across Europe. The membership of Alzheimer Europe shall consist of national organisations of and for people with

dementia, their families and their carers. Full member organisations need to fulfil all the criteria from the rules and regulations. If not, they may be granted provisional membership as laid down in the rules and regulations.

Contact

Mail: info@alzheimer-europe.org
<http://www.alzheimer-europe.org/>

8. ANEC - European Consumer Voice in Standardization

Objectives

ANEC was established in 1995 as an international non-profit association under Belgian law (AISBL). It is a non-governmental organisation representing the consumer interest in standardisation. It is funded exclusively by the European Union and EFTA and its Secretariat is based in Brussels. ANEC is the European consumer voice in standardisation. ANEC mission is to promote and defend the interests of European consumers in the processes of standardisation and conformity assessment, and in related political and legislative developments.

ANEC has three main objectives:

- to represent the consumer interest in the development of European technical standards
- to represent the consumer interest in use of European technical standards (including conformity assessment and certification)
- to represent the consumer interest in the development or revision of European legislation related to products and services.

Activities

- * ANEC provides technical expertise and directly participate in the work of the European standards bodies.
- * Reports, studies and tests on products.
- * Lobbying.
- * Publications, meetings, and workgroups.

Membership

ANEC represents consumers from EU Member States and 3 EFTA countries (through national consumer organizations),

Contact

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<http://www.anec.org>

9. APRODEV

Objective

APRODEV is the association of the 17 major development and humanitarian aid organisations in Europe, which work closely together with the World Council of Churches. The main objective of APRODEV is to influence decision-making processes in the European Union institutions as these affect developing countries, in order to promote justice and peace, and the eradication of poverty. In this, APRODEV pursues rights-based development from a faith-based perspective.

Activities

APRODEV carries out activities in the following policy areas:

- Development
- Trade
- Food security
- Climate Change
- Gender

Activities include: Conferences, Seminars, Workshops/Training , Fund raising and Lobbying/Advocacy

Contact

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<http://www.aprodev.eu/>

10. A.R.F.I.E. - Association for Research and Training on Integration in Europe

Objectives

A.R.F.I.E. was set up in 1992 as a European network to improve the assistance, social integration and social services available to people with disabilities; mainly heavily dependent people with learning difficulties and people with associated psychiatric disorders

Activities

A.R.F.I.E. members run training, life skills and placement courses for disabled people wishing to find work. They also train the staff who work with them, on all issues relating to the daily lives and needs of their clients. A.R.F.I.E. also serves as a platform for professionals to compare and develop best practice across different countries with regard to quality of life and equal opportunities of disabled people.

Membership

Our members are, for the most part, non-profit associations of parents and friends of disabled people, cooperatives employing disabled people, training centres for staff and disabled people alike, research institutes and centres which are committed to the empowerment of people with severe and multiple disabilities. We have an active and enthusiastic membership, and are open to members in all European countries.

Contact

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<http://www.arfie.info>

11. ATEE - Association for Teacher Education in Europe

Objectives

ATEE is a non-governmental non-profit European organisation, aiming at enhancing the quality of Teacher Education in Europe and supporting the professional development of teachers and teacher educators, at all levels

Activities

ATEE tries to increase co-operation between individuals and institutes engaged in Teacher Education both inside and outside Europe. This is done by promoting international networks, such as the research and development centres, through the stimulation of joint research and by stimulating innovative approaches to teacher education.

The exchange of research and practice is facilitated by the publication of the *European Journal of Teacher Education* and by the organisation of conferences e.g. the annual ATEE conference in autumn as well as the ATEE Spring conference.

Membership

The members of the ATEE are individuals and institutions involved in the research and practice of teacher education, both within and outside higher education.

Contact

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<http://www.atee1.org>

12. AUTISM Europe

Objectives

Autism-Europe's overarching statutory mission is to improve the life of all persons with autism by promoting their rights. It is achieved through:

- Representing persons with autism towards all EU institutions
- Promoting awareness on the appropriate care, education, and well-being of persons with autism
- Promoting the exchange of information, good practices and experience.

Activities

Autism-Europe plays a key role in raising public awareness, and in influencing the European decision-makers on all issues relating to autism, including the promotion of the rights of people with autism and other disabilities involving complex dependency needs. Autism-Europe has established a structured dialogue with the European Institutions and is also active towards the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Autism Europe also enjoys NGO participative status with the Council of Europe and in July 2002 lodged a collective complaint with the European Committee of Social Rights, becoming the first disability NGO to undertake such action.

- **Publications:** Link magazine; position papers on health, aging, inclusion, education and family needs; other documents
- **Advocacy** for the rights of persons with autism and their families
- **Initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life of persons with autism** and their families, including client-oriented service delivery and scientific research.

Membership

Autism-Europe ensures effective liaison among more than 80 member associations of parents of persons with autism in 30 European countries, including 20 Member States of the European Union, governments and European and international institutions.

Contact

Email: secretariat@autismeurope.org

<http://www.autismeurope.org>

13. AVSO - Association of Voluntary Service Organisations

Objectives

The Association of Voluntary Service Organisations (**AVSO**), an international non-governmental organisation, is a European platform of non-profit organisations offering opportunities for long-term full-time international and/or national voluntary service. Many of AVSO's member organisations are international networks and associations themselves.

Based in Brussels, **AVSO** has become a representative and liaising body for its members in dealing with the European Commission, the European Parliament and other EU institutions and Brussels based organisations in general and particularly with regards to support for long-term voluntary service programmes. **AVSO** enhances co-operation and interchange of ideas and practices between its member organisations. Many member organisations co-operate closely in the running of projects and programmes.

Activities

Through our lobbying and promotion activities, AVSO strives to achieve recognition for voluntary service at European level, and we empower our members to lobby their national and regional governments.

Through networking activities, we aim at creating multiple opportunities for partnerships to help us achieve our objectives.

AVSO's activities are based on three pillars:

1. Lobbying and advocacy
2. Support services to members
3. Research

AVSO considers that long-term voluntary service in Europe remains inadequately researched and documented. We therefore encourage new research, disseminate research results and exchange of views on specific topics. Other activities include

Membership

AVSO is open for all non-profit (non-governmental or public) organisations, which have an interest in the development and promotion of long-term voluntary service in Europe. Organisations interested in becoming AVSO's members (either Observer or Full member) have to send to the Secretariat: Two letters of recommendations: one from an AVSO's Full Member and one from a recognised voluntary service organisation or two from two AVSO's Full members. Questions about membership may be directed to linden@avso.org

Contact

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<http://www.avso.org>

14. BANLIEUES D'EUROPE - Network of association officials, towns experts and research workers and artists

Objectives

Their joint objective is to exchange practices and information and to get away from isolation in order to valorise cultural action projects in deprived neighbourhoods with excluded communities.

- * Make people aware of the issue of artistic intervention in disadvantaged areas.
- * Move forward at European level a reflection shared between researchers, Council officials, artists and cultural workers on the areas of tension and of innovation, which are today more than ever to be found on the outskirts of towns.

Activities

- * Network bringing artists together,
- * Propositions for exchanges at European level,
- * Evaluation of projects.
- * Expert opinion on questions of cultural democracy.
- * Organisation of international meetings, newsletters, trainings.
- * Publication of proceedings and reports.

Membership

Associations, local authorities, research organisations, cultural workers, artists and workers. An unmissable resource centre of cultural and artistic innovation in Europe, **Banlieues d'Europe** brings together 300 international active partners and 4000 contacts in Europe. The network is constituted of cultural actors, artists, militants, social workers, local councillors and researchers.

Contact

E-mail: banlieues.deurope@wanadoo.fr
<http://www.banlieues-europe.com>

15. BEUC - European Consumers' Organisation

Objectives

The objective of the Association is to bring together consumer organisations of the European Union and other European countries in order to promote, defend and represent the interests of European consumers in the elaboration and implementation of European Union policies with the European Union institutions and with other bodies.

Activities

- * Organisation of campaigns at European scale concerning consumption.
- * Publication of position papers, studies, brochures, memorandum and annual reports on the situation of consumers in Europe.

Membership

BEUC, the European Consumers' Organisation has a membership of 43 well-respected, independent national consumer organisations from 31 European countries (EU, EEA and applicant countries).

Contact

E-mail: consumers@beuc.eu

<http://www.beuc.eu>

16. BUSINESSEUROPE

Objectives

BUSINESSEUROPE plays a crucial role in Europe as the main horizontal business organisation at EU level. Through its 40 member federations, BUSINESSEUROPE represents 20 million companies from 34 countries. Its main task is to ensure that companies' interests are represented and defended vis-à-vis the European Institutions with the principal aim of preserving and strengthening corporate competitiveness. BUSINESSEUROPE is active in the European social dialogue to promote the smooth functioning of labour markets.

Activities

- Issuing weekly newsletter - BUSINESSEUROPE's newsletter reports on our activities, covering all departments. It includes all sorts of public information.
- Developing public documents
- Printed publications - BUSINESSEUROPE issues a number of studies, surveys, position paper collections etc. professionally printed for wide distribution of which the text is made generally available for print-out on this web-page. Reproduction of the text and data is allowed, except for commercial purposes, provided that BUSINESSEUROPE is credited as the source, and that its website is given as a reference (<http://www.businessseurope.eu>).
- Conference centre - Situated in the European quarter, BUSINESSEUROPE offers conference facilities comprising a range of meeting rooms and multifunctional areas.
- Employers' Resource Centre - The Employers' Resource Centre has been created as a service to respond to the needs of employer federations. It provides information on the European Social Dialogue, on joint projects being undertaken by European Social Partners, and on financial opportunities for their members that exist.
- BOSMIP - BOSMIP III strengthens horizontal business federations in the Western Balkans & Turkey. Know-how and experience about the efficient implementation of the acquis communautaire has been transferred to business federations through partnership with EU-27 member federations of BUSINESSEUROPE.
- Campaign for healthy workplaces 2010-2011

Membership

BUSINESSEUROPE's members are 40 central industrial and employers' federations from 34 countries, working together to achieve growth and competitiveness in Europe. BUSINESSEUROPE, the Confederation of European Business, represents small, medium and large companies.

Contact

main@businessseurope.eu

<http://www.businessseurope.eu/Content/Default.asp>

17. CAN CEE – Climate Action Network Central and Eastern Europe

Objectives

CAN CEE) is a voluntary, independent and not-for-profit association of non-profit and non-governmental civic organisations. CAN CEE was established in 1994 to bring together NGOs from across Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) that are concerned with the growing impact of climate change.

Providing information As an active player in the Climate Action Network, CAN CEE has access to a world-wide group of experts and campaigners in climate issues. Through CAN CEE its members are kept abreast of the latest developments in the international negotiations. CAN CEE also produces a newsletter, to both provide and update on this information and to highlight the important developments in CEE. Through its international links it is capable of providing information on EU programmes and initiatives.

Making CEE's voice heard Increasingly, and especially in those countries preparing for accession to the EU, policy is being influenced from outside the region. With its close links to the international NGO community and its sister organisation in Brussels, CAN CEE makes sure that the NGO voices from CEE are heard in the wider policy framework. It promotes and supports the local actions of its members by publicising them more widely and helping to link them to the wider European climate agenda. Working closely with Climate Action Network Europe, its Western European partner, CAN CEE works to make climate change and sustainable energy, transport, waste and agriculture issues a central part of transition, including accession to the EU for the candidate countries.

Participating in international debates As a regular participant in the meetings of the UNFCCC and other international negotiations, CAN CEE helps to shape the outcomes of those negotiations. CAN CEE campaigns to make sure that the Kyoto Protocol targets are achieved and enforced. In particular, CAN CEE has expertise on the development of Joint Implementation (JI), Actions Implemented Jointly (AIJ) and emission trading (ET).

Activities

- unites NGO views from across the region into a common position and helps to represent their concerns at an international level, including co-ordinating their lobbying efforts in the UNFCCC process
- acts as a source of information for its members and a mean for them to exchange views with each other on climate change by maintaining a web page and mailing lists
- promotes the actions of its members and helps link these to wider efforts
- co-ordinates the Central and Eastern European efforts in combating the climate change and co-operating with other focal points of Climate Action Network
- develops the network on international, national and regional level
- enhances the public awareness about climate change problems by using press-campaigns, conferences and workshops
- monitors and encourages the implementation of strategies and regulations to combat climate change
- encourages Central and Eastern European governments to be internationally more responsible for implementing the provisions of the UNFCCC and its Protocols
- sets up and co-operates with thematic networks, platforms and ad hoc co-operations on all levels
- carries out other activities that could contribute to fulfilling the aim of CAN CEE

Membership

It is a network of 18 non-governmental organisations from 15 Central and Eastern European countries. It is also a member of the **Climate Action Network Europe (CAN-E)** - recognised as

Europe's leading network working on climate and energy issues. With 129 members in 25 European countries, CAN-E unites to work to prevent dangerous climate change and promote sustainable energy and environment policy in Europe. See more details on <http://www.climnet.org/about-us/who-is-cane.html>

Contact

<http://www.climnetcee.org>

18. Caritas Europa

Objectives

Caritas Europa and its member organisations are especially committed to and involved in:

- The reduction of inequalities between countries and within countries, fighting against poverty and social discrimination and promoting the integration of all
- The peaceful solution of conflicts, seeking reconciliation, for instance, in the face of nationalistic tendencies
- Fighting unemployment
- Guaranteeing the rights of minorities
- Preserving Europe as a place of refuge and protection for those who are persecuted and as a place where non-nationals are treated with respect
- Eliminating the causes of forced migration

Activities

Caritas Europa focuses its activities on issues related to poverty and social inequality, and issues of migration and asylum, both within the European Union and in all other European countries. The organisation is strongly involved in supporting the activities of its members in the fields of international cooperation: Humanitarian aid, Development and peace.

Membership

Created in 1971, Caritas Europa brings together 48 organisations that are active in 44 European countries. It is one of the seven regions of Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development and social service organisations working to build a better world, especially for the poor and oppressed, in over 200 countries and territories.

Contact

info@caritas-europa.org

<http://www.caritas-europa.org>

19. CEA-PME European Confederation of SME's Associations

Objectives

CEA-PME represents the interests of small and medium-sized enterprises of all branches and professional groups towards the European Institutions and aims at giving SMEs a voice commensurate to their importance for the European economy.

CEA-PME's objective consists in influencing the political processes of decision-making at the EU-level efficiently and lastingly by bundling the interests of its members. Our objective is to lend a voice to small and medium businesses that their interests are represented commensurate with their importance.

Activities

- * Practical assistance to manage European projects.
- * Political Lobbying and public relation within the European Institutions.
- * Organisation of events (conferences, symposia, seminars, workshops to international financial).

Membership

CEA-PME is an ideologically neutral and non-party confederation of national business organisations.

Contact

E-mail: nfo@cea-pme.org

<http://www.cea-pme.org>

20. CEC – European Confederation of Executives and Managerial Staff

Objectives

As a European Social Partner, the CEC mission can be defined as follows:

- to strive for the European integration, allowing managers to fully take part in EU projects in every country
- to contribute, along with the other Social Partners, to a continuous research of a fairer balance between the economic performance of enterprises and the guarantee of income and social protection for the workforce. To this extent, executives' and managers' interests and aspirations are highlighted
- to express and defend the needs and points of view of European managers on current topics such as sustainable development, environmental protection, active ageing, energy independence of Europe, lifelong learning, active ageing, equal opportunities, promotion of diversity, bounty and tolerance.

Activities

Activities can be described through the benefits you get by joining CEC:

- Strengthening the voice of managers vis-à-vis the European Institutions
- Having an easier access to the EU situations through the CEC support
- Staying informed on our activities with the CEC Newsletter
- Participating in CEC conferences and events
- Gaining privileged access to CEC information and data
- Increasing your visibility through a free web link on the CEC homepage
- Taking advantage of the CEC Managers' Network
- Benefiting from the CEC Mutual Assistance Agreement when going abroad

Membership

CEC is composed of national organizations, established in the Member States and other European countries, and of European professional federations. It also has co-operation agreement with organizations which have an observer statute. Today CEC represents about 1.5 million managers all over Europe.

Contact

E-mail: info@cec-manages.org

<http://www.cec-managers.org>

21. CECODHAS - THE EUROPEAN LIAISON COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL HOUSING

Objectives

- to reinforce the European social model and promote the values, successes and the vital future role of our members within that model;
- to promote integrated approaches to sustainable urban development, stressing that the work of social housing providers is the backbone of social cohesion in European cities;
- to protect fundamental rights and fight for quality social services, accessible to all.

Activities

- Represent and negotiate for strategic common interests
- Establish alliances and maintain continuous dialogue with European Institutions
- Support and inform through:
 - monitoring and disseminating news on developments in European policies, programmes and legislation which matter for the social housing sector with our monthly e-newsletter;
 - communicating ideas, research and best practice through, publications, conferences and

seminars.

- providing easy access to policy papers, press releases, information on our members activities as well as publication and event listings on our homepage at: www.cecodhas.org
- Provide a platform for exchange and learning through the facilitation of:
 - bi-lateral and multi-lateral study visits and exchanges between our Members to capitalize on existing know-how and identify common challenges
 - Assistance to Members in the establishment of trans-national partnerships to access European funding programmes

Membership

CECODHAS, established in 1988, is the European network for the promotion of the right to decent housing for all. In our membership, we have 45 regional and national federations, which together represent over 39.000 public, voluntary and cooperative social housing enterprises in 19 countries. Together they provide over 21 million homes across the European Union. CECODHAS is funded by membership fees.

Contact

info@cecodhas.org

<http://www.cecodhas.org>

22. CECOP – CICOPA - Europe, European Confederation of Workers' Cooperatives, Social Cooperatives and Social and Participative Enterprises

Objectives

- To promote producers' and workers' cooperatives, social cooperatives, and other types of worker-controlled enterprises throughout Europe
- To promote worker ownership and the status of worker-member as a third labour modality, alongside employed labour and self-employment
- To strengthen and develop member organisations' activities
- To support, encourage and facilitate the exchange of projects and good practises between members
- To disseminate European information
- To promote cooperation with other cooperative and social economy sectors

Activities

1. Lobbying
2. Social dialogue - negotiation with trade unions
3. Data collection and analysis, information and network animation
4. Institution-building
5. Development project work
6. Institutional relations with cicopa and within cooperatives europe

Membership

The association is composed of full members and associated members:

A. As full members: National organisations, legally constituted according to the laws and practices of their home country, existing in Europe, representatives at national level for workers' cooperatives, social cooperatives and all the other forms of social enterprises characterised by a majority participation of the workers in the management and ownership of the enterprise; European organisations, representing at European level professional federations or enterprises belonging to the categories listed above, European groups, European Co-operatives Societies (ECS) belonging to the categories of enterprises listed above.

B. As associated members: The regional organisations of the enterprises under category A; can also

be associated members development agencies, technical and financial support organisations to enterprises of category A, vocational training federations as well as European social and solidarity based economy networks.

Contact

E-mail: cecop@cecop.coop

<http://www.cecop.coop>

23. CEDAG – The European Council for Non-profit Organizations

Objectives

CEDAG (Comité européen des associations d'intérêt général), was created in Brussels in 1989 by a number of associations, civil society and umbrella organisations from various EU Member States. It was established as a network to provide the voice for the non-profit sector at the European level on specific issues which are common to all non-profit organisations and associations.

Activities

- Information Policy - a regular update on social policy, EU policies and funding opportunities through CEDAG's website and access to the members only section of the website;
- EU Policy activities
- Policy influencing - lobbying with the Commission, large number of DGs, but in particular DG Employment and Social Affairs, to voice the viewpoints of the member organisations on the European agenda; lobbying with the Social Economy Intergroup of the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the Council of Europe; influencing EU policies through CEDAG's involvement in "SOCIAL ECONOMY EUROPE" – SEE and the "Informal Network of Social Service Providers";
- Project development
- Practical support provided by CEDAG

Membership

CEDAG's members are national and regional umbrella bodies, involved in social fields of activities such as education, citizenship, culture, social and health issues, environmental issues, consumer protection and sport, uniting a big number of organisations with millions of members and, taking into account the informal networks with the new Member States, this number is likely to be multiplied.

Contact

E-mail: cedag@wanadoo.be

Website: www.cedag-eu.org

24. CEEP - European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public services

Objectives

CEEP as a cross-sectoral social partner speaks at the European level for enterprises, associations of enterprises and employers working in public service sector:

- **Strengthening Services of General Interest, whether economic or non-economic**
- **Giving input in the European Social Dialogue**
- **Making sustainable development real**

Activities

CEEP and its General Secretariat in Brussels, represents the interests of its members before the European Institutions. It has excellent contacts with the departments of the EU Commission and other European Institutions, such as the European Parliament and the European Economic and Social Committee. Its status as a European Social Partner gives it access to contacts at the highest levels, including the members and President of the EU Commission. CEEP is consulted regularly by the Directorate-Generals of the European Commission on draft Regulations, Directives and other

legislation of interest to its members, and is frequently asked to produce opinions.

CEEP sends representatives and observers to a large number of committees and consultative bodies of the European Institutions, and through its involvement is kept up to date with developments at European level which are of interest to its members. As a result, it is well informed at all times on the activities and plans of the European Institutions, and is in a position to issue opinions and take other steps to ensure that the interests of its members are considered at an early stage.

CEEP work closely with other European industry associations. Although many of our members belong to these sector-specific umbrella organisations, CEEP provides them with an additional powerful lobbying instrument in Brussels by virtue of its role as a Social Partner and the European association representing all enterprises providing services of general interest.

CEEP moreover organises congresses, conferences and seminars on subjects of current interest for its members and on topics related to the development of the EU as a whole. Many of these events are organised in conjunction with the European Commission as well as with other social partners. CEEP also carries out research projects on behalf of the Commission along with its support.

Membership

CEEP members are enterprises and associations from across Europe both public and private at national, regional and local level.

Contact:

E-mail: ceep@ceep.eu

<http://www.ceep.eu/>

25. CEJA - European council of young farmers

Objectives

CEJA is the voice of Europe's next generation of farmers to the European Institutions. CEJA's main objective is to promote a younger and innovative agricultural sector across the EU 27 and to create good working and living conditions for young people setting up in farming and those who are already "Young Farmers". CEJA achieves this by acting as a forum for communication and dialogue between young farmers and European decision makers.

Activities

CEJA is an organisation that:

- Represents the interests of Europe's young farmers towards the EU institutions
- Informs young Farmers of current EU agricultural matters
- Trains Young farmers through seminars and conferences
- Organises young farmers at European level
- Promotes the development of agriculture and rural areas within the EU
- Discusses matters related to food and agricultural products with European society

Membership

In 2010, CEJA represents 26 organisations from across EU Member States including one observer member. In total, CEJA represents around one million young farmers in Europe and actively cooperates with other young farmers' organisations in the European Union.

Contact

E-mail: p.rouhier@ceja.be

<http://www.ceja.be/>

26. CEMR - Council of European Municipalities and Regions

Objectives

CEMR works to promote a united Europe that is based on local and regional self government and

democracy. To achieve this goal it endeavours to shape the future of Europe by enhancing the local and regional contribution, to influence European law and policy, to exchange experience at local and regional level and to cooperate with partners in other parts of the world.

Activities

CEMR works in many fields of activity such as regional policy, transport, the environment, equal opportunities, governance... Its committees and working groups seek to influence draft EU legislation to make sure the interests and concerns of local and regional authorities are taken into account from the earliest stages of the EU legislative process.

They contribute to CEMR's calendar of activities by organising seminars and conferences on a wide range of issues to promote the exchange and dissemination of experience at the local and regional level. CEMR is particularly proud of its unique town twinning network. Today, there are over 26,000 twinning projects linking towns from all over Europe.

Membership

It is the largest organisation of local and regional government in Europe; its members are over 50 national associations of towns, municipalities and regions from 38 countries. Together these associations represent some 100,000 local and regional authorities.

Contact

E-mail: cemr@ccre.org

<http://www.ccre.org>

27. CEN - European Committee for Standardization

Objectives

The **European Committee for Standardization** (CEN) is a business facilitator in Europe, removing trade barriers for European industry and consumers. Its mission is to foster the European economy in global trading, the welfare of European citizens and the environment. Through its services, it provides a platform for the development of European Standards and other technical specifications.

Activities

CEN is a major provider of European Standards and technical specifications. It is the only recognized European organization according to Directive 98/34/EC for the planning, drafting and adoption of European Standards in all areas of economic activity with the exception of electro technology (CENELEC) and telecommunication (ETSI).

Activities include:

1. Promoting the development of a coherent European Standardization System.
2. Ensuring a business-like approach within CEN, together with an effective marketing strategy, to strengthen the provision of services to customers and to improve the visibility of the CEN Standardization System.
3. Providing customers with timely and market relevant products and services which meet their needs, whilst upholding the values of openness, transparency and consensus.
4. Developing effective relations with the EC and EFTA in order to promote and reinforce the role of European standardization as a tool for supporting European policies and for simplifying legislation in Europe.

Membership

CEN's National Members are the National Standards Organizations (NSOs) of the 27 European Union countries and Croatia plus the three countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). There is one member per country.

Contact

<http://www.cen.eu>

28. CEPS – Center for European Policy Studies

Objectives

Founded in Brussels in 1983, the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) is among the most experienced and authoritative think tanks operating in the European Union today. CEPS serves as a leading forum for debate on EU affairs, but its most distinguishing feature lies in its strong in-house research capacity, complemented by an extensive network of partner institutes throughout the world.

Activities

In the context of its research programmes and networks, CEPS organises a variety of activities, involving its members and other stakeholders in the European policy debate, national and EU-level policy-makers, academics, corporate executives, NGOs and the media. These activities include task forces, conferences, lunchtime membership meetings, briefings, training seminars and major annual events (e.g. the CEPS Annual Conference).

Membership

Two main categories of CEPS Membership are available to suit the need of any organisation, large or small: Corporate Membership and Non-corporate Membership

Contact

E-mail: info@ceps.eu

<http://www.ceps.eu>

29. CESES - Confederation of European Senior Expert Services

Objectives

CESES aims to contribute to raising standards of living in developing economies through voluntary assistance to small and medium-size, financially weak, enterprises and institutions.

Activities

* Offers short-term hands-on assistance in problem solving, predominantly to small and medium-size enterprises which are not in a position to afford commercial advice.

* Pooling member organisations' resources for CESES programmes and projects (Member Organisations have agreed to apply common standards and conditions for projects contracted under the CESES umbrella).

Membership

CESES is an international not-for-profit association of 25 organisations from the member states of the European Union. The first such legal entity of its kind in Europe, it encompasses the skills of over 24,000 volunteers.

Contact

E-mail: info@ceses.net

www.ceses.net

30. CIRCOM - European Association of Regional Television

Objectives

- To examine Regional Television in Europe from an innovative and practical angle and contribute to the development of regional culture and identities;
- To bring together researchers and professionals from the mass media across borders and initiate a dynamic cultural approach in regional development;
- To provide a unique forum for ideas and experience and a network for exchanging personnel and equipment between European regional stations;
- To foster communication between members;

- To make co-production and encourage the exchange of regional programmes: theme programmes, news magazines, cross-border news bulletins, documentaries, programmes for young people and cultural and music programmes;
- Award the Prix CIRCUM Regional to the best regional programmes in Europe;
- Increase vocational training for journalists and technicians.

Activities

- Annual European forum for professionals from the audiovisual industry.
- Vocational training.
- Circum regional prize.
- Co-productions, quarterly newsletter.
- Surveys

Membership

Membership of the Association shall be open to public service television organisations and to other entities and individuals who are committed to its aims and objectives and are recognised by the European Board.

Contact

E-mail: circum@francetv.fr ; circum@circum-regional.eu
<http://circum-regional.eu/>

3.1. Civil Society Contact Group

Objectives

It aims to represent the views and interests of rights and value based civil society organisations across the European Union on major issues, which affect us across our sectors of activity. The members of these sectoral platforms are European NGO networks. They bring together the voices of hundreds of thousands of associations across the Union, linking the national with the European level, representing a large range of organised interests.

Jointly we aim to represent the views and interests of rights and value based civil society organisations across the European Union on major issues, which affect us across our sectors of activity. Our objective is to encourage and promote a transparent and structured civil dialogue that is accessible, properly facilitated, inclusive, fair and respectful of the autonomy of NGOs.

Activities

Types of activities carried out by the EU Civil Society Contact Group include

- Discussing the issues of relevance in regular steering and working group meetings
- Developing and advocating for common positions
- Monitoring the relevant policies
- Disseminating information through a weekly mailing
- Developing and disseminating briefings
- Organising public civil society events (lunch debates, conferences)
- Facilitating and supporting cross-sector campaigns

Membership

The EU Civil Society Contact Group is an alliance bringing together eight large rights and value based NGO sectors acting in the public interest.

- CONCORD, the European NGO confederation for Relief and Development
- Culture Action Europe, the Forum for the Arts and Heritage
- EPHA, the European Public Health Alliance
- EUCIS-LLL, the European Civil Society Platform on Lifelong Learning
- EWL, the European Women's Lobby
- Green10, a group of leading environmental NGOs active at EU level
- HRDN, the Human Rights and Democracy Network
- Social Platform, the Platform of European Social NGOs

The EU Civil Society Contact Group may invite other sectors of civil society to become members of the Civil Society Contact Group if they:

- Are non-governmental and not for profit.
- Are in full support of the mission set out in this document
- Represent a qualitatively and/or quantitatively representative part of civil society and have a sufficiently wide scope/range of issues they work on in order to be able to give meaningful input to a cross-sector dialogue and joint actions.
- Are active in areas that are cumulative in a field (bringing together the specific interests of its members), sufficiently different to those of other sectors, and able to provide expertise in their area of activity with recognized credibility.
- Have a permanent European network structure with membership criteria, are participatory in their structure, consultative with their members, and transparent about their funding, vision/aims, and affiliations.
- Are able to commit time to the common work of the EU Civil Society Contact Group

New members are expected to have built a relationship with the EU Civil Society Contact Group through engaging in common campaigns/activities as partners.

Interested civil society organisations can join working groups, activities and campaigns if they commit time, people and/or money to the joint campaign work. The EU Civil Society Contact Group may invite organisations with a specific knowledge or interest to cooperate over a certain period of time on a specific topic or for a one-off activity.

Contact

E-mail: coordinator@act4europe.org
www.act4europe.org

32. COFACE - Confederation of Family Organisation in the European Union

Objectives

COFACE is a **pluralistic** organisation, at the heart of civil society, which aims at **promoting family policy, solidarity between generations** and the **interests of children** within the European Union. COFACE advocates a policy of non-discrimination and of equal opportunities between persons and between family forms, and specifically supports policies aiming at equality between women and men.

Activities

With a view to promoting such a policy, COFACE works in three complementary directions:

- As **spokesperson for family organisations**, it liaises with the European authorities in all sectors relating to the rights and interests of families.
- It informs national organisations of developments in the European Union, and encourages greater awareness of the Community dimension.
- It organises **exchanges of ideas and experiences** as well as mutual aid between family organisations in different countries.

Membership

Membership of COFACE is open to all national organisations that represent families and children. It currently has more than 50 member organizations across 20 Member States of the European Union. As such, it gives a voice to many millions of parents and children.

Contact

E-mail: secretariat@coface-eu.org
<http://www.coface-eu.org/>

33. Committee of the Regions

Objectives

The Committee of the Regions (CoR) is the political assembly that provides the regional and local levels with a voice in EU policy development and EU legislation. The mission of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) is to involve regional and local authorities in the European decision-making process at the earliest stage through:

- mandatory consultation by the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers on key policy areas of regional concern
- Own-initiative opinions enabling the CoR to put issues on the EU agenda.

The 344 members of the CoR carry out this work through six thematic commissions and five plenary sessions, consultations with national and European associations as well as networks and platforms of regions and cities set up to exchange information on EU priority issues.

Activities

The Committee of the Regions (CoR) is very active with internal and external meetings, seminars, conferences, and special events. Important events include plenary sessions, where the members vote on and adopt opinions; bureau meetings, where the executive decisions are taken, commission meetings where draft opinions are adopted, and the Open Days, an annual week-long event that brings together regional and local actors from all over Europe to exchange ideas and best practices. These are only a few examples of the many diverse activities and events organised by the CoR.

Membership

The CoR has 344 members from the 27 EU countries, and its work is organised in 6 different commissions.

Contact

<http://www.cor.europa.eu>

34. CONCORD - European NGOs Confederation for Relief and Development

Objectives

CONCORD is the European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development. The main objective of the Confederation is to enhance the impact of European development NGOs vis-à-vis the European Institutions by combining expertise and accountability. **CONCORD aims** to:

- Influence the EU's policies and practices so that the Union and its member states enhance social justice, equality and human rights throughout the world.
- Promote the rights and responsibilities of citizens, development NGOs and, where relevant to CONCORD's influencing agenda, civil society as a whole to act in solidarity with those living in poverty and to influence their representatives in governments and EU institutions.

Activities

CONCORD Approaches:

1. Human rights and gender equality will underpin all the advocacy work.
2. The strengthening of CONCORD political engagement with the institutions.
3. Developing strategic alliances with southern, European and global coalitions.
4. Supporting the organisational development of CONCORD's members.
5. Ensuring CONCORD collective decision making combines efficiency with confederation ownership, and supports active participation of all members in CONCORD activities.
6. Basing CONCORD work on members' energies, supported by a secretariat; balance CONCORD income sources to ensure its independence and sustainability, and manage finances prudently.

Membership

CONCORD members are national associations, networks or families of NGOs. There are no individual NGOs. Its 18 international networks and 25 national associations from the European Member States represent more than 1600 European NGOs vis-à-vis the European Institutions. Membership can be

granted through an application procedure as set out in the Internal Rules. Acceptance of new members will be granted by the General Assembly by a simple majority.

Contact

E-mail: secretariat@concordeurope.org

<http://www.concordeurope.org>

35. Culture Action Europe

Objectives

Culture Action Europe is an advocacy and lobby organisation promoting arts and culture as a building block of the European project. Our aim is to influence European policies for more and better access to culture across the continent and beyond. Our mission is to keep on providing EU cultural operators with a common arena in which they can reflect on the European project, identify their interests and organise their political representation with a long-term objective to strengthen the role of arts and culture in the development of Europe. Behind our mission is the belief that public investment in culture and the arts contributes to the development of a sustainable and more cohesive Europe. We are convinced that access to the arts and participation in cultural life is a fundamental right of every citizen.

Activities

We have immediate access to EU decision makers and we are widely recognised as a unique resource of information and expertise on the EU and its cultural policy. The EU institutions see Culture Action Europe as the first port of call for informed opinion and debate about arts and cultural policy in Europe. We are the biggest umbrella organisation representing the cultural sector at European level.

We have been working on European cultural policy issues since 1992. We have published numerous studies and reports, participated in key Parliamentary hearings and discussion groups, influenced the design of the early cultural funding programmes Kaleidoscope and Raphaël, as well as the two generations of Culture programmes. We had an active role in the debates, which led to the development of 'A European Agenda on Culture', co-initiated the creation of the Platform for Intercultural Europe and take an active part in the newly established structured dialogue with civil society. We are a leading platform for reflection and advocacy when it comes to European cultural policy.

One of our most high profile successes was the 70 Cents for Culture Campaign targeted at European parliamentarians, Commission officials and Ministers of Culture to increase the EU's culture budget from roughly 7 cents per citizen per year to 70 in the 2007-2013 Culture Programme. The campaign struck a chord, receiving the support of more than 1,300 persons and organisations. Given the envisaged cuts in the budget and that the campaign target of 70 cents had always been symbolic, the campaign was recognized as making a significant contribution to the final result - 13 cents. It is an example of what we can do if we collaborate in the right way.

Membership

Culture Action Europe is a network of rich diverse cultural organizations, associations and networks. We currently have over 90 members, representing in turn over 8000 organizations spread across the EU countries and beyond at the local, regional, national or European dimensions in more than 14 artistic disciplines. Our members are from all domains of cultural activity, ranging from orchestras to writers' associations, research institutions to cultural contact points, national theatres to international cultural networks, conservatoires to choirs and festivals.

Contact

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www.cultureactioneurope.org

36. Dynamo International

Objectives

The network sets itself the following objectives:

- Exchange of practices, training and reflection.
- Increasing of awareness both of opinion and public authorities; promotion of street social work in its specifications and with respect to the recommendations given at the Forum of November 2002.
- Solidarity and partnership between the participants of the network.
- Encouragement of creating a network at local level.

Activities

In each country:

- One or several street social workers workshops will mobilise in support of their needs and specifics.
- A co-ordinator will be appointed.
- He will convey the results and propositions among the members of the pilot group which meets twice a year.
- In case he is prevented, the workshop coordinator can arrange to be represented.
- The pilot group indicates the courses and priorities of the project.

More precisely, it will be a matter of meeting the fundamental needs of the street social workers, namely the necessity:

- to pursue the Forum of November 2002 by means of local activities (seminars, conferences,...), made to measure and adapted to situations and demands at hand;
- to set up projects "in clusters" (a few partners work in association in order to carry out an action they share);
- to study cross-section themes, about which there is an interest and the need to carry out a global action (the starting factors leading to chose the street as a place to live; the part played by the media; children's rights; general and professional ethics, etc.);
- to make up for a deficit in terms of training, either basic or continued, of the actors led to work in the street.

Membership

In each member country a local coordination and consultation platform of social street workers (street educators), concerned about their needs, their projects and their specificities, is being constituted. It is within these local workshops that a coordinator is elected. The network is guided by the pilot group consisting of all the coordinators. The pilot group meets once or twice a year.

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<http://www.street-work.net/en>

37. EAA - European Anglers Alliance

Objectives

To safeguard the fish stocks and fisheries of Europe and to protect the interests of all those who fish with rod and line for recreational purposes.

The objectives of the Alliance with particular references to European standards, are:

1. to promote and administer a National and International alliance to improve the aquatic environment as it affects, or may affect, the well being of fisheries and angling within EU Member States and other European States,
2. to promote and defend fisheries and angling on the basis of ecological sustainability and sensible use of natural resources, in particular by the conservation of all species of fish and their habitat, including the promotion and definition of proper methods of maintaining and controlling stock levels;
3. to establish and maintain a permanent liaison with, and to support angling organisations throughout Europe;
4. to defend the interests of members and member organisations, to take joint decisions on matters of common interest and to implement those decisions;

5. to promote all forms of angling activities, methods and equipment, which comply with acceptable conditions of capture and retention of fish prior to release (where applicable) and to promote scientific research for the purpose of achieving this objective;
6. to promote the education of anglers and the general public as to the principles and ethics of angling, its socio-economic importance, the importance of fish and their habitat in the management of the aquatic environment; to defend angling activities of associated organisations and their affiliated members, subject to the laws applicable in each member nations.
7. to promote research in relation to fish and their environment and to co-operate with national and international organisations with similar interests which might assist the Alliance to achieve its objectives.
8. to promote the economic, social and environmental benefits of angling to children and young people and to encourage member nations to develop programmes to encourage their participation.

Activities

The EAA concentrated its initial work in five key areas: Acid rain, Migrating Species, Cormorants, Overfishing at Sea and Socio-Economic Importance of angling. Activities also include: Producing informative videos; a European Atlas, lobbying, campaigning for better regulation of fish farming, reviews, carrying out study to demonstrate to European Institutions the huge economic value and social importance of recreational angling to all European countries.

Membership

The European Anglers Alliance (EAA) is a pan-European organisation. There are more than 3 million affiliated members to the 14 EAA member organisations. The EAA is recognised as a non-governmental organisation. EAA is the only European angling organisation of its kind defending recreational angler's interests at the European level and beyond

Contact

E-mail: email@eaa-europe.org
<http://www.eaa-europe.org>

38. EAAE - European Association for Architectural Education

Objectives

The EAAE is an international non-profit association committed to the exchange of ideas and people within the field of architectural education and research. The EAAE aims at improving the knowledge base and the quality of architectural and urban design education. It is a bi-lingual English/French association.

Activities

The EAAE provides the framework whereby its members can find information on other schools and addresses a variety of important issues in conferences, workshops and summer schools for young teachers. The Association publishes and distributes proceedings. It also grants awards and prizes. It provides its Data Bank information to its members.

Membership

The EAAE counts more than 140 Active Member Schools in Europe from the Canary Islands to the Urals, representing almost 5.000 tenured faculty members and more than 120.000 students of architecture from the undergraduate to the doctoral level. The association is building up associate membership worldwide.

Contact

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Objectives

EADI - the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes – is the leading professional network for development and regional studies in Europe. Our **membership** includes a wide range of development research and training organisations, think tanks, national bodies and researchers throughout Europe.

Activities

- to promote quality in research and education in development studies,
- to promote contacts among affiliated members, inter alia, by disseminating information on research in progress or on studies and experiments in training and on new training schemes.
- to establish or facilitate exchanges, working relations and useful cooperation between the affiliates on the one hand and the regional associations, institutions of research and/or training and individual researchers in African, Asian and Latin American countries on the other.
- to cooperate with governments, development agencies, and international organisations, in development training and research activities.
- to communicate and disseminate research and training results on development to government and private development agencies, international organisations, as well as to policy-makers and the mass media.

Membership

Who can become a member?

Institutes, universities, research departments, think tanks, development agencies and organisations as well as individuals and students **based or established in Europe** can become EADI members.

Which membership package meets my needs?

If you are a research institute, a think tank, an NGO, an association, or a university /university department based in Europe, you can become an **EADI member**, or opt for the more comprehensive **premium membership package**.

Government agencies and international organisations based in Europe can also join by becoming **associate members**. Individuals and students based in Europe can become **individual and student members**.

Contact

E-mail: postmaster@eadi.org
<http://www.eadi.org>

Objectives

The EADL is the European association of schools, institutions and individuals working in correspondence and distance education. The Association is a representative forum for the exchange of information and ideas on current practice and developments in the expanding field of distance learning

Activities

- EADL conferences - Every year the EADL organises a Conference where members meet and where views on new developments are discussed and exchanged.
- Quality guide - EADL has developed quality guidelines in order to safeguard standards, maintain and improve the quality of courses and services to ensure the credibility of distance learning. This project was supported by EU funding.

Membership

There are four categories of members of EADL:

(1) Ordinary members and Institutional Associates members,

- (2) National association members,
- (3) Associate members and
- (4) Honorary members

Membership Application available at: <http://www.eadl.org/membership/becomemember.php>

Contact

E-mail: kveen@eadl.org
<http://www.eadl.org>

41. EADTU - European Association of Distance Teaching Universities

Objectives

EADTU aims to promote the progress of open and distance education and e-learning and its position in Europe and in the world, through active support to the institutional development of its members and to the European co-operation between them in strategic areas.

Activities

EADTU is active in a wide field of LOF-learning issues. Activities include EADTU conference, developing and implementing joint projects; assisting with finding partners for joint projects; information on cooperation with the European Commission, the Central and Eastern European Countries and businesses

Membership

EADTU's membership is of diverse nature, but could be roughly divided into two categories: there are the autonomous degree granting universities, teaching solely at a distance on one hand. On the other hand there are organizations which are consortia, joint ventures or other groupings of institutions or departments of institutions.

Contact

E-mail: secretariat@eadtu.eu
<http://www.eadtu.nl>

42. EAEA - European Association for Education of Adults

Objectives

- Policy advocacy for lifelong learning at a European level
- Development of practice through projects, publications and training
- Provision of information and services for our members
- International co-operation

Activities

EAEA is working on many levels and in many ways to achieve the aims set out in the yearly work plan. We are active in projects, committees, public debate, in cooperation with others, in consultation with various bodies, through training seminars, by producing statements and recommendations, etc. Areas where we are currently active include:

- Ageing population
- Active Citizenship
- Consumer education
- Cooperation of adult education journals
- Equal Opportunities for All
- Gender
- Intercultural learning
- International cooperation
- Learning arenas
- Migration and integration

- Prison education
- Project management training
- Teacher training
- Valuing learning

Membership

EAEA is a European NGO with 127 member organisations in 43 countries working in the fields of adult learning. EAEA members are:

- national co-ordinating organisations in European countries (as defined by the Council of Europe)
- national organisations in European countries where there is more than one co-ordinating organisation, or where there is no national co-ordinating organisation
- local, regional, national or trans-national organisations (associate members)

Contact

E-mail: eaea-info@eaea.org

<http://www.eaea.org/>

43. EAICY - European Association for Leisure Time Institutions of Children and Youth

Objectives

Among children and youth:

- it shall assist in a healthy and all-round development of children and youth mainly by creating, promoting and coordinating programmes of leisure time activities in key and crisis areas of their life and upbringing,
- it shall stimulate, develop, consolidate and organise by itself direct bilateral and multilateral contacts among children and youth, their exchanges during summer and other vacations, and other forms of cooperation.

Among adults, professional and voluntary leaders and organisers in the field of leisure time of children and youth:

- it shall stimulate, promote and organise by itself their bilateral and multilateral meetings, exchanges of experience, seminars, conferences, training courses, study stays etc.
- it shall stimulate and develop informative and study research and theoretical activities, and generalize the experience of the pedagogics of leisure time. It shall publish the results of these activities in analytical and comparative studies, reports on the different experience, informative and other publications.

Activities

EAICY organises every year **many activities**: conferences, trainings, exchanges, competitions for children, young people and professionals, publications, study tours, do a work placement for professionals, we set up special projects, we support innovation by competitions and prize contest, sometimes we try to help members when they are in trouble, et cetera

Membership

EAICY is - as an independent NGO - the European association, which unites organisations in Europe in the field of **non-formal education**. It is open to all organizations, institutions and natural persons working with children and youth, striving for equal aims, regardless of their political, social, religious and other orientation.

Contact

E-mail: info@eaicy.org

<http://www.eaicy.org/>

44. EAIE - European Association for International Education

Objectives

The EAIE is a non-profit organisation whose main aim is the stimulation and facilitation of the

internationalisation of higher education in Europe and around the world, and to meet the professional needs of individuals active in international education.

Activities

- * Promotion (sponsoring, advertising).
- * Annual conference on international education.
- * Training courses for professionals.
- * Publications (comments, articles).
- * Worldwide networking of professionals and partners search

Membership

Any individual interested in the aims of the EAIE may apply for membership. We accept applications for membership from individuals.

Contact

E-mail: eaie@eaie.nl

<http://www.eaie.nl>

45. EAMDA – European Alliance of Neuromuscular Disorders Associations

Objectives

- (a) To represent, protect and enforce rights and interests of persons with neuromuscular disorders;
- (b) to relieve persons with neuromuscular disorders with the object of improving the quality of life of such persons as equal treatment, technical aids, personal assistance, accessibility, independent living and full participation in the society.
- (c) to advance education of the public through the provision of a network of neuromuscular disorders associations across Europe with the primary purpose of giving support, assistance, advice and facilitating an exchange of information in areas of healthcare, social services, social inclusion, social skills, education and training, employment, sports and recreation, culture, living and full participation.
- (d) to prevent and ease consequences of the neuromuscular disorders' disability, to train persons with neuromuscular disorders for self-help and to train family members and volunteers for life and work with disabled.

Activities

- Organization of meetings and workshops,
- developing and improving research in the disciplines connected with neuromuscular disorders and with early diagnosis, treatments and rehabilitation services;
- encouraging high education, self employment, and creating special living conditions (smart home)
- Dissemination of knowledge and information on neuromuscular disorders generally.
- promoting and encouraging the formation and development of associations working in the field of neuromuscular disorders
- supporting and aiding the development of an EAMDA Youth Organization (EYO)
- supporting the promotion of legislation, which may directly or indirectly benefit the EAMDA or persons affected by neuromuscular disorders

Membership

The members of EAMDA are national neuromuscular disorders associations

Contact

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<http://www.eamda.eu>

46. EAPC - European Association for Palliative Care

Objectives

The aim of the EAPC is to promote palliative care in Europe and to act as a focus for all of those who work, or have an interest, in the field of palliative care at the scientific, clinical and social levels.

Activities

- Increase the awareness and promote the development and dissemination of palliative care at scientific, clinical and social levels
- Promote the implementation of existing knowledge, train those who at any level are involved with the care of patients with incurable and advanced disease and promote study and research
- Support and give patronage to scientific and educational events promoting the dissemination and development of palliative care
- Promote and sponsor publications or periodicals concerning palliative care
- Bring together those who study and practise the disciplines involved in the care of patients with advanced disease (doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, volunteers and others)
- Unify national palliative care organisations and establish an international network for the exchange of information and expertise
- Address the ethical problems associated with the care of terminally ill patients

Membership

Members are divided into: Founding members, Full members and Honorary members.

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<http://www.eapcnet.eu>

47. EAPN - European Anti Poverty Network

Objectives

To promote and **enhance the effectiveness of actions to eradicate poverty** and prevent social exclusion;

- To **raise awareness** around poverty and social exclusion
- To **empower the people living in poverty** and social exclusion
- To **lobby** for and with people and groups facing poverty and social exclusion. EAPN includes the objectives of gender equality and non-discrimination in all its areas of work.

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Activities

Advocacy and campaigning

EAPN is one of the main partners of the European Institutions on the European strategy to combat social exclusion.

It lobbies for the **integration of the fight against poverty and social exclusion into all Community policies**, ranging from Structural Funds and employment policies through to economic and monetary policies (See "[What we do](#)").

EAPN builds alliances with relevant actors to create a stronger voice in favour of social inclusion.

Analysis

EAPN keeps under close review Community policies and **programmes likely to impact on groups facing poverty** and social exclusion. We also develop links with the research sector in order to enhance knowledge of poverty and social exclusion within the EU. EAPN develops proposals to influence the Community institutions.

Information

The web site www.eapn.org is the reference portal on poverty and social exclusion in Europe.

A magazine "[Network News](#)" and a bimonthly newsletter "[EAPN Flash](#)" provide information on EAPN and EU policy/events and on Community programmes and initiatives of interest to EAPN members. We also produce a [range of materials](#) on poverty, social inclusion, employment, social protection, the Structural Funds, the future of Europe, etc.

Exchange

EAPN sets up task forces and hosts trans-national seminars. It is also a **forum for exchange of information on national policies for social inclusion**. It facilitates partnership building among its members and beyond, and liaises with NGOs in the candidate countries.

Training

EAPN provides **training for its members** on networking and European policies.

Membership

Since 1990, the European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN) has been an independent network of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and groups involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion in the Member States of the European Union. At present, EAPN is a network of: 25 national networks of voluntary organisations and grassroots groups and European organisations.

Contact

E-mail: team@eapn.skynet.be

Web Site: <http://www.eapn.org>

48. EASPD – European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities

Objectives

The main objective of EASPD, based on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006), is to promote the equalisation of opportunities for people with disabilities through effective and high quality service systems. EASPD plays a key role on a European level as a representative of disability service providers, working for an inclusive Europe. Knowing that 50% of national legislation comes from the EU, EASPD wants to significantly influence European disability & socio-economic policy by having a permanent presence in Brussels and by working with other European and international networks.

Activities

- A voice for member organizations in Europe, monitor and influence European developments in the social sector,
- Provides up-to-date news and participation in innovative projects
- Enables representativeness and a professional team for lobbying on the European level.
- Provides newsflashes with latest news, comments and explanations about relevant European developments.
- Information sharing about European Commission budget lines and funding possibilities.
- Informs about conferences, seminars and forums about key topics in the disability field organised by EASPD and its partners.
- EASPD provides a broad basis of knowledge, experience and a view across countries and access to a European platform for exchange.
- Assistance to apply for EU funded projects.

Membership

EASPD has 3 types of members: Umbrella Member Organisations, Single Agency Member Organisations and Observers, concerned with disability. All applicants should be legally established in their respective country.

Contact

E-mail: info@easpd.eu

<http://www.easpd.eu/>

49. EBEN - European Business Ethics network

Objectives

The European Business Ethics Network EBEN, founded in 1987 as a non-profit association, is a cross-national network dedicated to the promotion of business ethics, broadly defined, in academia, business, public sector and civil society. Our mission is to promote ethics and excellence in businesses, to increase awareness about ethical challenges in the global marketplace and to enable dialogue on the role of business in society.

Activities

- Dialogue and Information exchange via the EBEN webpage.
- The EBEN newsletter, published three times per year.
- The Electronic EBEN Interactive discussion list.
- Research conferences advancing the State of the Art in European business ethics.
- Representing Europe on the International Business Ethics stage.
- Publications
- Doctoral Workshops for those undertaking PhDs in business ethics.
- An arena for exchanging information on business initiatives taken and best practice.
- International connections with business ethics researchers and consultancies
- Links and joint projects with associated networks around the world
- Access to business ethics tools such as Dilemma Training
- An International network of academically informed competencies in the field of business ethics and related fields such as corporate social responsibility, Accountability and Corporate Citizenship.
- Assessing Values in Organization and the potential for taking part in developing standards.

Membership

EBEN membership can either be as a member of a national chapter (National networks) or as a private member. Procedures on How to start a National EBEN Network are available at <http://www.eben-net.org/page.php?LAN=0&ID=11&FILE=subject&PAGE=1>

Contact

E-mail: secretariat@eben-net.org
<http://www.eben-net.org/>

50. EBLIDA - European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations

Objectives

Independent umbrella association of library, information, documentation and archive associations and institutions in Europe. Subjects on which EBLIDA concentrates are European information society issues, including copyright & licensing, culture & education and EU enlargement.

Activities

- lobbying at the European level
- providing relevant and up-to-date information about EBLIDA and European library issues
- by seeking involvement in European projects and by organizing seminars and workshops of interest to the library and information community

Membership

Categories are: full member, associate member and basic or patron sponsorship for commercial organizations. For the registration form, please contact the Secretariat: E-mail: eblida@debibliotheken.nl

Contact

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<http://www.eblida.org>

Objectives

The aim of EBN is to promote the growth of Business and Innovation Centres (BICs) both within and outside of the EU. The aim of BICs is to support the emergence of new small or medium sized businesses and develop activities in existing businesses based on new ideas with growth potential.

Activities

With headquarters in Brussels, EBN organises various activities designed to be of genuine help to its members, and through them to SMEs. These activities include:

Policy

EBN represents the voice and interests of the BICs and its Associate members, their stakeholders and customers to all EU organisations and EC institutions. EBN acts as an interface between EU Policy makers and its members, and maximizes the reputation of the members both in the private and public sector (local, regional, national, European).

Quality

EBN undertakes feasibility studies and technical support for the setting up of new BICs, Incubation and Innovation centres, through on-site visits, audits, and assistance in quality assurance. EBN ensures that members comply to a professional, serious and specific quality system, using both process and result indicators, delivering advice, benchmarking, and assistance to BICs, candidate BICs and similar organisations.

Networking

EBN creates the appropriate environment for networking and exchange to take place between members, especially at the international level, through projects, events, thematic actions, sector-specific approaches, etc. EBN also facilitates benchmarking and the sharing/transfer of expertise, tools, and specific know-how, enabling members to continuously evolve and adapt to competitive environments.

Projects

EBN facilitates the network "idea-lab" and drives the "project factory" of its community, inventing, testing and deploying pilot-schemes, EC-funded projects and thematic working groups. EBN monitors calls for tender within the EU, and alert members of forthcoming projects, which may be of strategic interest. EBN builds and coordinates consortium, involving members in order to respond accurately to the relevant project opportunities.

Promotion

EBN is a recognized quality brand, and communicates members' technical assets via newsletters and publications. EBN promotes the network through participation in international and national events, and takes all initiatives to increase its members' exposure in media, publications and events.

Membership

EBN is now the leading non-governmental pan-European network bringing together 200+ Business & Innovation Centres (BICs), and similar organisations such as incubators, innovation and entrepreneurship centres across the enlarged Europe.

Contact

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Web Site: <http://www.ebn.be/>

52. EBRA – European Biomedical Research Association

Objectives

EBRA is an association of individuals and organisations in the scientific, medical and veterinary professions in the countries of the Council of Europe. EBRA was established to promote understanding of the importance of animals in medical and veterinary research and to represent the scientific community within Europe on this issue.

Activities

Producing an email Bulletin about the use of animals in medical research and testing, the activities of campaigning groups and relevant legislative matters in individual countries and throughout the European Union.

- Assisting individual and corporate members across Europe to promote a balanced and accurate representation of animal research in their national press.
- Ensuring that accurate and relevant information about animal research is available to European politicians and officials.
- Ensuring that the views of animal researchers are properly represented to European politicians and officials.

Membership

EBRA Membership is open to any person in the medical, scientific, veterinary or associated profession, living or working in a member or special guest country of the Council of Europe, who agrees with its objectives and agrees to abide by the Constitution of the Association, subject to approval.

Contact

<http://www.ebra.org>

53. ECAS - European Citizens Action Service

Objectives

ECAS was created in 1990 as an international non-profit organization, independent of political parties, commercial interests and the EU Institutions. Our mission is to enable NGOs and individuals to make their voice heard with the EU by providing advice on how to lobby, fundraise, and defend European citizenship rights. ECAS works on empowering citizens and civil society with the European Union. An association about action as much as information, creating balance between public interest and corporate lobbying.

ECAS concentrates on 3 «C's»:

- **Civil society**
- **Citizen's rights**
- **Citizenship and governance**

Activities

- * Publication of documents, for example a practical funding guide for NGOs
- * Organization of conferences and seminars
- * Creation of European Citizen's Panels
- * Propositions to the European Institutions
- * Training activities

Membership

NGOs, associations, individuals – ECAS is a large cross-sectoral European association bringing together members from different areas of activity: civil liberties, culture, development, health and social welfare, as well as general civil society development agencies.

Contact

<http://www.ecas-citizens.eu>

54. ECCL - The European Coalition for Community Living

Objectives

The European Coalition for Community Living is a Europe-wide initiative working towards the social inclusion of people with disabilities by promoting the provision of comprehensive, quality community-based services as an alternative to institutionalization. ECCL's vision is of a society in which people with disabilities live as equal citizens, with full respect for their human rights. They must have real choices regarding where and with whom to live, choices in their daily lives and real opportunities to be independent and to actively participate in their communities.

ECCL advocates for and monitors progress towards de-institutionalization in Europe, campaigns for, and provides information on, the development of comprehensive, quality community-based services and de-institutionalization.

Activities

The European Coalition for Community Living advocates for and monitors progress towards de-institutionalization in Europe, campaigns for, and provides information on, the development of comprehensive, quality community-based services and de-institutionalization. Activities include:

- Development of ECCL policy positions/papers and activity plans.
- Monitoring and lobbying activities.
- Organize Working Groups, meetings and conferences.
- Printing Newsletter and other ECCL publications.

Membership

Organization or institution committed to the promotion, development or provision of community-based services as an alternative to the institutionalization of people with disabilities is eligible to become a member. Membership application form could be downloaded from http://www.community-living.info/documents/Application_form_ECCL_2009.pdf

Contact

E-mail: coordinator@community-living.info
<http://www.community-living.info>

55. ECEEE - European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy

Objectives

The European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, ECEEE, is a non-profit, independent organization.

- ECEEE offers governments, industry, research institutes and citizen organizations a unique resource of evidence-based knowledge and reliable information.
- ECEEE promotes the understanding and application of energy efficiency in society and assists its target groups – from policy makers to programme designers to practitioners – with making energy efficiency happen.
- ECEEE is registered as a Swedish organization and has its secretariat in Stockholm.

Activities

Contributions to EU policy making.

The organisation participates in a number of EU policy making and advisory fora, and frequently comments on European energy policy through position papers and responses to public consultations. ECEEE has also held expert workshops and briefings for policy makers. It has co-operated with the European Commission, the Parliament and the EU presidency, to hold expert seminars. These institutions appreciate the competence and integrity offered by ECEEE's network of members.

The information resource

ECEEE maintains an ambitious website with targeted information on energy efficiency. The website offers a news service as well as in-depth information on a number of European energy-related Directives. ECEEE also produces policy briefs on European Directives and other key energy topics. These briefs explain complex issues in a condensed and simple way and provides analysis and viewpoints.

The ECEEE summer study: networking at its best

The strength of ECEEE as an organisation is partly due to the success of the major Summer Study it holds every two years. Since 1993, the Summer Study has been a meeting place for researchers, public policy makers, representatives of the energy utility industry, non-profit organisations and commercial organisations interested in promoting energy efficiency. The heart of the summer study is the presentation and discussion of refereed papers in panel sessions. Keynote speakers address plenary sessions. Plenty of time is set aside for informal sessions in the afternoons and evenings.

Membership

ECEEE welcomes both individuals and organisations as members. Member organisations include government agencies, industry, research institutions and other NGOs

Contact

http://www.eceee.org/contact_us/

56. ECF - European Construction Forum

Objectives

ECF is a platform for cooperation on issues of common interest between independent organizations representing key players in the construction sector and participating on a voluntary basis. The principal aim of ECF is the establishment and recognition of a single comprehensive policy approach for the European construction sector through raising the awareness of the decision makers at a European level to the specific issues affecting the sector as a whole. To this end, the participating organisations strive to arrive at consensual views on issues of common interest.

Activities

Cooperation in ECF shall concentrate on

- general exchange of information on issues of common interest
- specific work on a limited number of key issues of strategic importance for the construction sector as a whole.
- common actions to promote the sector's interests.

Key Issues

The participating organisations, in addition to exchanging views on topical matters going through the legislative process in the EU institutions have identified the following key issues:

- the competitiveness of the construction sector
- public procurement
- benchmarking (countries' infrastructure/ administration and the sector)
- TEN s (Pan-European transport networks)
- image of the sector
- spatial and urban development (regional development, social, environmental and transport policies)
- Energy efficiency in buildings and carbon emission reduction in the built environment.

All issues are addressed from various perspectives such as employment, training and education, sustainable development, quality etc.

Membership

Considering the characteristics of the current participants in the ECF, candidates for participation in the ECF must be European federations, adequately representing a significant field of activity in the

construction sector and accepting the ECF Policy Paper. Any such federation wishing to become a new participant in the ECF, must be proposed by at least one of the current participants and be accepted by the others.

Contact

E-mail: info@fiec.eu
www.ecf.be

57. ECF - European Cyclists' Federation

Objectives

The European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) is pledged to ensure that bicycle use achieves its fullest potential so as to bring about sustainable mobility and public well-being. To achieve these aims, the ECF seeks to change attitudes, policies and budget allocations at the European level. The ECF will stimulate and organise the exchange of information and expertise on bicycle related transport policies and strategies as well as the work of the cyclists movement.

Activities

- Provides information, suggestions, advice to authorities, organisations, international institutions, industry, transport companies and tourism industry, whether on initiative or on request; disseminate information to members and the media.
- Has expertise in planning, cycling facilities and inter-modality.
- Lobbies for the interests of cyclists in international and European Institutions. ECF maintains close contact with the European Conference of Ministers of Transport, with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, with the EU parliament, the EU Commission.
- Works on key subjects like bicycles & trains, bicycle thefts, law & cycling, technical standards, European Cycle Route Network.

Membership

The European Cyclists' Federation was founded in 1983 by 12 bicycle user associations. It has now 65 member organizations in 39 countries. Membership of the ECF is open to organizations which have an interest in the bicycle as an everyday form of transport or a means of recreation. Membership is subject to agreement by the majority of the existing members.

Contact

E-mail: office@ecf.com
<http://www.ecf.com>

58. ECICW - European Centre of the International Council of Women

Objectives

ECICW's aim is to empower women and to promote their participation in decision-making at national and European levels; to support human rights and to eliminate all kinds of discrimination; to encourage sustainable development and peace.

Activities

- ECICW studies and monitors questions relating to the situation of women in Europe.
- It presents motions and statements, and responds to initiatives from various authorities at the European level.
- Activities of ECICW include information, education, seminars, training and discussion sessions.

Membership

Twenty-three National Councils of Women, sixteen of these in countries within the European Union now form the ECICW. Together they represent 10 million women through their 850 member organisations.

Contact

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<http://finne-elonen.net/ecicw001.html>

59. ECL – Association of European Cancer Leagues

Objectives

The role of the Association of European Cancer Leagues is to facilitate the collaboration between cancer leagues throughout Europe and to influence EU and pan-European policies. The central purpose of ECL is to identify and promote common strategies in cancer control toward achieving health equity in cancer prevention, treatment and services.

Activities

The major fields of activity for the member cancer leagues include cancer prevention, public information, professional education and assistance, as well as information services and rehabilitation for patients and their families and relatives, participation in, and support for, cancer research.

Membership

Membership is open to any cancer league, which fulfils the following requirements:

- a cancer league which has objectives and carries out activities in common with the purpose and activities of ECL
- which is located in countries within the European Region as defined by the World Health Organization
- which is legally constituted according to the laws and customs of its country of origin
- which is independent of governments , political parties and commercial interests

Contact

Email: info@europeanleague.org

<http://www.europeanleague.org>

60. ECM – European Cities Marketing

Objectives

European Cities Marketing provides a platform on a pan-European basis for cities to perform better in their convention and tourism activities through the exchange of knowledge and best practice within a city marketing framework.

Activities

- Training and education
- Exchange knowledge and expertise: Knowledge Groups
- Projects and Business opportunities

Membership

City Tourism Organisations (CTOs), Convention and Visitor Bureaus (CVBs) represented by their CEOs, senior directors and their best experts.

Contact

E-mail: headoffice@europeanmarketing.com

<http://www.europeanmarketing.com>

61. ECOC - Europe's Children Our Concern

Objectives

To promote opportunities in order that young people and children with any form of learning challenge are included, respected and supported by the teaching process in mainstream education.

Activities

Our role is to ensure that information, resources, useful links, and a place for discussion is available to everyone that needs it, internationally.

Membership

ECOC was established in 1993 and whilst we are primarily active in Brussels we have an extensive network of connections with like-minded organisations across Europe, particularly in France, Luxembourg, Germany and the Netherlands. If you can offer a skill, time or resource to ECOC we would be delighted to hear from you. Please send an email to ecoc@ecoc.be telling us a little about what you are able to offer.

Contact

E-mail: ecoc@ecoc.be

<http://www.ecoc.be>

62. ECOVAST - European Council for the Village and Small Town

Objectives

ECOVAST is a campaigning organisation, for the well-being of the people and the heritage of rural Europe; and a networking organisation, which seeks to support, and to encourage cooperation between, its members as they pursue their activities in rural areas

Activities

Campaigning

As a campaigning organisation, ECOVAST seeks to express the concerns of its members throughout Europe to policy-makers, official bodies and others; and to make their views felt in the debates, which affect the future of rural Europe. To this end, we keep our members informed and consulted about the evolution of rural policy. ECOVAST has consultative status with the Council of Europe and with the European Commission.

Services at international level

We offer the following services to our members at European level: **Annual General Assemblies, with accompanying events** (Symposia, Tours etc); **Conferences, Symposia and other events**. Each year, ECOVAST organises at least one major event, sometimes in association with other organizations; **International Working Groups; ECOVAST News**, published regularly in English, French and German; **News from ECOVAST**, available on the Website. This contains extracts from the ECOVASTNews, plus regular updates of items of interest; **The "Strategy for Rural Europe"**, now available in English, French, German, Croatian and other languages. This is the main statement of ECOVAST's policies, and has been widely circulated to decision-makers and interested groups throughout Europe; **ECOVAST Publications; Technical missions**. At the request of our members, or of governments and other organisations in different countries, we have been able to send experts from within the ECOVAST network to a number of countries to advise on aspects of rural development, rural tourism, heritage protection and other issues.

Services at national level

The national sections organise activities according to the needs and priorities of the countries and the interests of the members there. Such activities may include: translations, campaigns on issues related to the well-being of the rural people and the rural heritage; organisation of seminars, conferences, training events etc; publication of reports, handbooks, tourist guides and other material; organising of technical missions to, or exchanges with, other countries, often using the ECOVAST international network; and practical initiatives, for example related to the restoration of traditional buildings and the creation of facilities for rural tourism.

Membership

Membership is open to NGOs, governmental organizations and individuals. ECOVAST has national sections in Austria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, and the United Kingdom, and planned in other countries.

Contact

E-mail pam.moore59@ntlworld.com

http://www.ecovast.org/english/contact_us_e.htm

63. ECRE - European Council of Refugees and Exiles

Objectives

ECRE promotes the protection and integration of asylum-seekers, refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) based on values of human dignity, human rights and an ethic of solidarity.

Activities

- * Advocates for a human and generous European asylum policy and by promoting the development of a comprehensive and coherent response by the international community to refugee movements.
- * Strengthens networking between refugee-assisting non-governmental organisations in Europe.
- * Develops the institutional capacity of refugee-assisting non-governmental organisations in Europe
- * Policy development and research analysis.
- * Advocacy
- * Information services to members
- * Networking and capacity building.
- * Seminars and conferences

Membership :

ECRE is a pan-European network of 69 refugee-assisting non-governmental organisations that promotes a humane and generous European asylum policy.

Contact

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Web Site: <http://www.ecre.org/>

64. ECSITE - European Network of Science Centres and Museums

Objectives

Ecsite is the European network for science centres and museums, linking science communication professionals in more than 400 institutions in 50 countries. Founded 20 years ago, Ecsite connects member institutions through projects and activities and facilitates the exchange of ideas and best practice on current issues

Activities

- The Ecsite Annual Conference is the main science communication event in Europe, welcoming 1000 professionals from Europe and the world.
- Ecsite participates with members in collaborative projects and facilitates relations between members and EU institutions.
- Thematic groups bring together professionals to exchange ideas and best practices on specific topics. - THE Group (Thematic Human interface and Explainers): explores and enhances the professional role of explainers. - T- Nature: The thematic group for citizens' engagement on contemporary issues about the natural world.
- Ecsite provides professional development and training opportunities on science communication, EU funded programmes and public engagement.
- Ecsite represents European science centres and museums and raises awareness on relevant issues with EU institutions and international associations.
- Extra is the European online database for scientific travelling exhibitions, allowing institutions to rent, hire, sell, or lend science exhibitions, collections, hands-on and science shows. www.extrascience.eu

Membership

Members include science centres and museums, science festivals, natural history museums, zoos,

aquariums, universities, research organisations and companies communicating and engaging the public in science through accessible, interactive exhibits and programmes.

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<http://www.ecsite.eu>

65. EDA - EUROPEAN DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

Objectives

- to assist and develop support for dyslexic people in their educational social and cultural integration into society.
- to promote co-operation between parents, teachers and other professionals
- to publish news of its activities and to encourage research into cause(s), diagnosis, intervention and prevention.

Activities

With its wide angle of activities, it facilitates the exchange of information and good practice through international networking and lobbying. In partnership with its member organisations, the EDA will challenge prejudice and ignorance to ensure that people with dyslexia and DYS are empowered to reach their full potential. Other activities include organization of conferences and meetings, developing and implementing joint projects...

Membership

Effective membership is restricted to non-profit making dyslexia associations only. Other organisations with a scientific or social interest in dyslexia can apply for adherent membership. However, before acquiring Effective membership, non-profit making dyslexia associations applying for membership are accepted as adherent members only, but after two years, they can apply for effective membership.

Contact

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www.dyslexia.eu.com

66. E.D.E. - European Association for Directors of Residential Care Homes for the Elders

Objectives

The aim of the associations is the promotion of co-operation of national association and corresponding national institutions of care for elder people as well as their representation on a European level.

Activities

- Improvement of the social situation of the profession of Care-Manager of a Home for the Elderly.
- Promotion of the exchange of information about national developments in the field of social and medical provision for older people.
- Co-operation concerning advice for organisations in the field of social and medical provision for older people institutions at a European level.
- Advice for national Associations of Directors of Homes concerning the provision for old people, partly or totally disabled, residing in homes.
- Initiation of international research projects in the field of the provision for old people dependent on help and care.
- Development of uniform standards for professional training to become a Director and raising the standard of quality for directors.
- Co-ordination of aims and work of the national associations.
- Holding of international meetings, training courses and study tours,
- Public relations work.

Membership

Members in E.D.E. are organizations of home directors coming from 18 European countries and altogether there are 23 national associations.

Contact

E-mail: info@ede-eu.org

<http://www.ede-eu.org/>

67. EDEN - European Distance and E Learning Networks

Objectives

EDEN - the European Distance and E-Learning Network - exists to share knowledge and improve understanding for professionals in distance and e-learning across the whole of Europe and beyond, and to promote policy and practice for this field of endeavour.

Activities

EDEN is fostering developments and collaboration in the constantly evolving field of e-learning and distance education by shaping European policy and offering services in a non-hierarchical manner. As a meeting place, EDEN assists a wide range of institutions, networks and individuals in becoming involved in **professional information and networking activities**, the organisation of highly acknowledged **European conferences**, by its **publications** and **information services**, and also by taking active role in a wide range of important **EU projects**. It has also proved successful with thematic activities like the **Open Classroom Working Group** (school level distance education) and the field of **research**.

In a proactive way, EDEN has been instrumental in **developing European policy** in distance and e-learning, in the promotion of networking and co-operation, in the support of East-West collaboration and professional development in the open, distance, flexible and e-learning sector.

Membership

The EDEN Membership consists now of **205 institutional members**, including universities, national associations, professional bodies, international networks, research institutions and companies. There are **near 1100 members** in the Network of Academics and Professionals, representing 55 countries from Europe, complemented by members from 17 countries from other continents. There are two sections of the membership: the **Institutions** Section and the **Network of Academics and Professionals - NAP** (individual section).

Contact

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Web Site: <http://www.eden-online.org>

68. EDF - European Disability Forum

Objectives

The European Disability Forum (EDF) was created in 1996 as an independent European non-governmental organization (ENGO) that represents the interests of 65 million disabled people in the European Union and stands for their rights. EDF is the only European platform of disabled people, which is run by disabled people or the families of disabled people unable to represent themselves. EDF's **mission** is to promote equal opportunities for disabled people and to protect their Human Rights, making sure that **no decisions concerning disabled people are taken without disabled people**. It is a democratic European platform that believes that **a society in which disabled people are fully included, is a better society for all**.

Activities

The work of EDF is strongly committed to:

- the **implementation of EU legislative instruments** on equalization of opportunities and non-discrimination for people with disabilities, and in particular the Treaty on the European Union;
- the implementation of the **United Nations Standard Rules**;
- the promotion of **a rights-based approach to disability**;
- the **solidarity** principle across the disability movement at EU and world-wide level;
- the promotion of **equal opportunities** in relation to disability, gender, race, age, religion or belief, and sexual orientation;
- political independence;
- the establishment of **partnerships** with other organizations defending the rights of people facing discrimination and at risk of social exclusion.

Activities include: Publications (annual reports, studies, information bulletin); Awareness campaigns and setting up of working groups concerning sensitive issues.

Membership

EDF members are divided in 4 categories (Full members with full voting rights and can be elected to the management structures of EDF; **Ordinary members**: European non-governmental organizations working for disabled persons with members in the majority of the EU/EEA countries. They have full voting rights and can be elected to the management structures; **Observer members**: National federations of disabled people (one per European country), which are not part of the EU or of the EEA, but comply with the same criteria as the full members. They are representative of all main impairment groups, include the main organizations of disabled people in their country and are independent NGOs. They do not have voting rights, nor the right to stand for elections, but are invited to the Board meetings; **Associate members**: Organisations of all kinds (equality bodies, not for profit organisations, universities, public authorities, companies...) at European, national, regional or local level, as well as individuals, committed to promoting the aims of EDF. Associate members are regularly informed about EDF work and can participate in meetings and seminars, but have no voting rights, nor the right to stand for elections.

Contact

E-mail: info@edf-feph.org
<http://www.edf-feph.org/>

69. EEB - European Environmental Bureau

Objectives

The EEB is the environmental voice of its members and European citizens. It focuses on influencing EU policymaking and implementation and assessment of its agreed policies. It aims to be effective by combining knowledge with representativeness, active involvement of its members and coalition building.

Activities

We meet our members regularly in working groups, which focus on important environmental issues, and we then work to promote their demands at European level. Our policy officers are in almost constant dialogue with the European Institutions (Commission, Parliament and Council) and strive to improve or protect environment laws in Europe.

The EEB also supplies quality information to the public, its members and the European Institutions through articles, reports and papers. We offer expert comment, analysis and recommendations on most of the latest environmental issues.

- Biodiversity & nature
- Climate & energy
- Governance & Tools
- Industry & health

- Sustainability

Membership

The EEB, set up in 1974, is Europe's largest coalition of grass-roots environmental organisations.

Contact

E-mail: info@eeb.org

Web Site: <http://www.eeb.org>

70. EFC – European Foundation Centre

Objectives

Established in 1989, the Centre is an independent international not-for-profit association under Belgian law. EFC Vision is a resilient infrastructure from which European philanthropy – with its unique embrace of innovation, dynamism and cooperation – can advance the public good in Europe and beyond. EFC Mission is to strengthen the independent funding element of European philanthropy through robust cooperation with an array of partners.

Activities

The EFC is an international association of foundations and corporate funders dedicated to:

- Creating an enabling legal and fiscal environment for foundations
- Documenting the foundation landscape
- Strengthening the infrastructure of the sector
- Promoting collaboration, both among foundations and between foundations and other actors

Membership

Membership of the EFC is open to individual grant making and operational funders, i.e. European foundations and corporate funders and global funders with European funding programmes and initiatives. All members subscribe to the [EFC Principles of Good Practice](#). Organisations who do not qualify for EFC Membership, including associations, cooperatives, research institutes, universities and other interested parties (except individuals), can get involved by applying for the [EFC Associate status](#).

Contact

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<http://www.efc.be>

71. EFIL - European Federation for Intercultural Learning

Objectives

- to promote peace by stimulating an awareness of mankind's common humanity, both between and within nations, and by encouraging a wider understanding of the diverse social, cultural and physical environment which make up world society (...);
- to contribute to the education of young people;
- to support national and international organizations with similar purposes.

Activities

EFIL's activities revolve around our four main service areas: networking and lobbying, training and sharing, managing pan-European projects and programmes and new partner development. All of EFIL's activities are led and implemented through a combination of volunteer and staff resources and are carried out jointly by EFIL and its Member Organizations.

Membership

All Members of European Federation for Intercultural Learning are voluntary, non-governmental, non-profit organizations providing intercultural learning opportunities to help people develop the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to create a more just and peaceful world. EFIL Member Organizations participate in a network of 51 partner organizations with operations covering 80 countries worldwide.

Contact

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<http://efil.afs.org>

72. EFLA - European Foundation for Landscape Architecture

Objectives

Establish the importance of all matters relating to landscape and landscape architecture as the physical, socio-economic, cultural, visual, conceptual and spatial context of our European communities. Our holistic vision demands we establish, support, and promote the landscape architectural profession across Europe, contributing to international discourse, shaping and disseminating European initiatives, facilitating the exchange of information, whilst promoting excellence in professional practice, education and research culminating in a culturally rich, diverse and sustainable Europe.

Activities

- Support national associations when they have launched particular initiatives.
- Compile annual comparative data, which allows an overview of the state of the development of the profession across Europe.
- To consult with the E.U. in the preparation of all directives relating to the natural and man-made environment.
- To represent the interests of member associations to European Union institutions.
- Organise training sessions.
- Seminars and conferences.

Membership

EFLA is the professional organisation for landscape architecture in Europe, membership is open to national associations in countries, which are members of the Council of Europe. EFLA constitutes the European Region of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA). Members can be Professional Association of Landscape Architects.

Contact

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<http://europe.iflaonline.org>

73. EFODL - European Federation for Open and Distance Learning

Objectives

EFODL is dedicated to the promotion of eLearning for vocational training and education, focussing as well on training institutions as on small and middle enterprises.

Activities

- Promoting the use of technology-based ODL for employees and job seekers.
- Facilitating the exchange of information between the professional actors and good practice between the network members.
- Facilitating the development, demonstration, purchasing and selling of ODL products.
- Providing co-ordination facilities at European level and establishing co-operation with other related networks or sector organizations.
- Providing valuable information and services to public authorities at regional, national and European level with regards to the transition of vocational training towards the Information society.
- Organising and support conferences, seminars and exhibitions.
- Representing the network members on European and worldwide forums.
- Encouraging and assisting network in the elaboration of projects.

Membership

According to the rules of EFODL the association offers two types of membership:

- *full membership* : The co-ordinating organisation of the ODL network, that already exists or is under development, in the respective European country. Each participating European nation will be represented by one organisation only.
- *associated membership* : Other relevant European or international bodies or individuals that will be invited to join EFODL. All European companies and organisations involved in the development, distribution and use of technology based ODL will be able to join the European Federation by participation in the network for ODL at the level of their country, this on the condition that this network as such is full member of EFODL.

Contact

E-mail: hvheysbr@vdab.be

<http://www.efodl.net/>

74. EFSC - European Foundation for Street Children

Objectives

The objective of the Network is to create, maintain and assist a platform of social actors involved in the realisation of the fundamental rights of excluded children with particular focus on street children.

Activities

EFSC's activities are as following: inform partners of existing rights and EU policies and activities in favour of children; improve the networking quality and synergy between our partners by supplying information on their mutual activities and promoting the exchange of best practice among them; assist members to build up know-how and expertise, so that the EU assistance programmes concerning child policies can be exploited in a professional and effective way; try to influence the EU legislation and decision-making process with position papers, expertise and advocacy campaigning in favour of a better consideration of excluded children; encourage, facilitate and participate in joint actions such as public information campaigns in order to raise public awareness and to mobilise public opinion on the issue of street children; advise and brief politicians, officials and other key decision-makers; organise workshops, seminars and conferences for our partners, professionals, experts, researchers and politicians; encourage networking at international, European, national and local level; facilitate and support the implementation of projects that improve life conditions of children at risk and street children.

Membership

There are 2 ways of becoming a member at EFSC: Full Membership and Associate Membership. Full membership is open to those organisations whose main activities and projects are focused mainly in Europe. **Associate membership** is open to those organisations whose main activities and projects are focused mainly outside Europe.

Contact

E-mail: info@efsc-eu.org

Website: <http://www.efsc-eu.org>

75. EFUS - European Forum for Urban Safety

Objectives

A European network of 300 local authorities established in 1987 in Barcelona, on the initiative of Gilbert Bonnemaïson, former Mayor of Epinay-sur-Seine, and supported by the Council of Europe. Our network aims to strengthen crime reduction policies and to promote the role of local authorities in national and European policies.

Activities

Working on all major issues in urban safety and security and we build up links between European local authorities through practices, information exchanges, cooperation and training.

Building up links between local authorities and the national, European and international levels.

Promoting the role of local authorities through making the most of the results of our programmes, projects and research.

Membership

Local, regional, and national Authorities, NGOs involved in crime prevention and universities. Members are expected to pay a fee. Only elected local and regional authorities have full membership.

Contact

<http://www.fesu.org>

76. EHF - European Humanist Federation

Objectives

Our principal objective is to promote a humanist vision of cultural, social and ethical values in Europe and to work for social and cultural progress.

Subsidiary objectives include:

- to carry out educational, scientific and cultural action
- to promote, primarily in Europe, the place of voluntary organisations with the same objectives;
- to represent its member organisations to the European Institutions;
- to promote exchanges among members and the circulation of information and experience that can contribute to the development of humanist values in Europe.

Activities

- [EHF and the European Institutions](#) - Our main activity is to represent humanist and secularist interests at a European level - especially in the European Union, the European Parliament's Working Party on Separation of Religion and Politics, and the OSCE - see the links below for details. To this end we inform and consult our member organisations about relevant topics and have agreed policy positions based on a humanist point of view on matters such as the human rights, ethics, development co-operation, liberties, democratic principles, citizenship or separation between Church and State - for these see [EHF Policy](#).
- [Other EHF interventions](#) - The EHF makes representations to governments and other institutions as necessary, both within Europe and further abroad.
- [Conferences](#) - We have held many conferences on topics of interest - reports and some papers from past conferences are available [here](#).
- We also [collaborate](#) with other organisations to run joint campaigns or conferences
- We run a [lunch club](#) in Brussels for 'Eurocrats'.

Membership

There are three categories of member: (a) Full Members, (b) Consultative Members and (c) Supporting (individual) Members. Full and consultative membership are for humanist organisations; supporting members are individuals. Members are required to accept the [IHEU Minimum Definition of Humanism](#): "Humanism is a democratic and ethical life stance, which affirms that human beings have the right and responsibility to give meaning and shape to their own lives. It stands for the building of a more humane society through an ethic based on human and other natural values in the spirit of reason and free inquiry through human capabilities. It is not theistic, and it does not accept supernatural views of reality."

Contact

<http://www.humanism.be>

77. EHN - European Heart Network

Objectives

The EHN plays a leading role in the prevention and reduction of cardiovascular diseases, in particular heart disease and stroke, through advocacy, networking, education and patient support, so that they are no longer a major cause of premature death and disability throughout Europe.

Activities

To achieve its aim, EHN dedicates itself to:

- influencing European policy makers in favour of a heart-healthy lifestyle;
- creating and nurturing ties between organisations concerned with heart health promotion and cardiovascular disease prevention;
- gathering and disseminating information relevant to heart health promotion and cardiovascular disease prevention;
- strengthening our membership capacity.

Membership

The European Heart Network (EHN) is a Brussels-based alliance of heart foundations and likeminded non-governmental organisations throughout Europe, with member organisations in 26 countries.

Contact

E-mail: info@ehnheart.org

<http://www.ehnheart.org>

78. EMHRN - Euro Mediterranean Human Rights Network

Objectives

To promote and strengthen human rights and democratic reform within the framework of the Barcelona process and EU- Arab cooperation frameworks. The Network seeks to develop and strengthen partnerships between NGOs in the EuroMed region and facilitate development of human rights mechanisms, disseminate the values of human rights and generating capacity in this regard.

Activities

1. pro-actively support and publicise the universal principles and standards of human rights in the Partner States and the whole of the Middle Eastern region and actively highlight the abuse of rights from whatever source.
2. critically engage with all dimensions of the Barcelona Process and to maintain a critical stance on the EU's own performance in this regard.
3. to strengthen, assist and co-ordinate the efforts of its members, especially in contexts where rights are systematically abused or denied.
4. to support the development of democratic institutions alongside the promotion of the rule of law, the equality of men and women, public education and awareness as well as human rights education.
5. set up and support all necessary structures and procedures to achieve the above.

Membership

A network of more than 60 human rights organisations, institutions and individuals based in 30 countries in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Contact

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<http://en.euromedrights.org>

79. EMN – European Microfinance Network

Objectives

EMN was launched with the aim of bringing together microfinance practitioners and people involved in microfinance activities all over Europe. The purpose was to promote microfinance, self-employment, and micro-enterprises development based on good practices, and to improve the regulatory framework at European Union and Member State levels.

Activities

The **EMN Strategic Plan 2009-2011** will follow on three areas of strategy against which a plan of activities will be prepared by the secretariat and the board:

1. **Internal Strategy: To improve the governance, sustainability and impact** of EMN;

2. **Membership Strategy: To empower more members to become active participants** in the network and build sustainability in the sector;
3. **External Strategy: To change and improve the regulatory and local environment for microfinance** by influencing policy and building partnerships across a range of sectors to support the membership.

Membership

The network has **87 members** and **partners** located in **21 European countries**. These members and partners come from different horizons and represent all the aspects of a growing sector: practitioners, researchers, financial institutions. Amongst its members, **EMN** has practitioners as well as financial institutions or organisations specialised in research on microfinance. With this membership base, **EMN** has become a major actor in the microfinance field in Western Europe.

Contact

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<http://www.european-microfinance.org>

*80. EMSP – European **Multiple Sclerosis Platform***

Objectives

- to exchange and disseminate information relating to multiple sclerosis considering all issues relevant to people affected by MS;
- to encourage research of all kinds that is appropriate to multiple sclerosis through recognised medical and other organisations;
- to promote the development of joint action programmes with the participation of national MS societies in Europe, aimed at improving the quality of their activities and services;
- to act as focal point for liaison with the institutions of the European Union (EU), the Council of Europe and other European organisations, in order to study and propose measures to improve the autonomy of handicapped persons and promote their full participation in society.

Activities

The main activities of the EMSP are to organize seminars, workshops, meetings, research and related publications to further the above. These include:

- Lobbying and Awareness Raising
- Facilitating Pan-European Projects (both funded and non-funded)
- Providing information both from internal and external sources

Membership

The membership of the EMSP consists of one national MS society from any European country, legally incorporated in accordance with the laws of its country of origin.

Contact

E-mail: secretariat@emsp.org
<http://www.ms-in-europe.com>

81. eNACSO - The European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online

Objectives

To promote and support actions at national, European and international level to protect children and promote their rights in relation to the Internet and new technologies.

The overriding goal for eNACSO is to create a safer online environment for children through fulfilling the following objectives:

- To create a solid basis for ongoing, sustainable cooperation between children's rights NGOs from across the EU with expertise on child internet safety
- To develop a shared basis of knowledge and expertise in Europe about how to protect children online and develop common approaches and strategies in relation to this

- To ensure that child protection and children's rights are better taken into account in national, European and international discussions and approaches around internet governance, cyber-crime and online safety

Activities

- eNACSO provides opportunities for and lead on the exchange of information, strategies, and approaches between the network members and partners through meetings, conferences, email and internet.
- eNACSO develops and adopt policy positions, recommendations and briefings based on the results of this exchange.
- eNACSO supports members to identify ways to influence national governments.
- The network members attend national and international meetings, conferences and events to present and promote eNACSO policies and recommendations.
- The network members are able to provide speaking engagement and arrange workshops on our thematic areas at national and international events.

Membership

The European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online is a network consisting of 17 children's rights NGOs from across the EU working for a safer online environment for children.

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<http://www.enacso.eu>

82. ENAR - European Network Against Racism

Objectives

ENAR is determined to fight racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, to promote equality of treatment between European Union citizens and third country nationals, and to link local/regional/national initiatives with European Union initiatives.

At European level, ENAR aims to:

- Act as the voice of the anti-racist movement and formulate positions on EU policies related to anti-racism and anti-discrimination
- Develop policy papers and recommendations in relation to EU legislation or initiatives
- Undertake collective lobbying actions
- Establish advocacy coalitions and partnerships with other European networks and organisations

At national level, ENAR aim to:

- Bring our member organisations together to share and exchange ideas, experience and best practice
- Inform our member organisations about EU policy developments
- Encourage dialogue between civil society and the EU member states concerning the European political agenda related to anti-racism and anti-discrimination and its effects at national level
- Reinforce the capacity of ENAR members to deliver national policy objectives

Activities

- Publications, meeting, conferences
- Campaign against racism
- Monitoring and lobbying for the adoption of the decision on Racism and Xenophobia
- Establishing contacts between NGOs and associations in Europe.

Membership

The European Network Against Racism (ENAR) is a network of European NGOs working to combat racism in all EU member states and represents more than 700 NGOs throughout the European Union. ENAR members are very diverse organisations, ranging from grassroots organisations to advocacy

organisations, from information centres to faith-based organisations and to trade unions. What unites these organisations is that they are all involved in the fight against racism, and as such are able to collectively represent the voice of the organised human rights and anti-racist civil society.

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83. ENCOD - European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies

Objectives

ENCOD is a platform founded in 1993 by European citizens affected and/or concerned by the current international war on drugs. Drug prohibition should be replaced by a rational and balanced approach as the only sensible way of reducing drug related problems. Ending the war on drugs will improve the living standards of hundreds of millions of people, while significantly diminishing one of the major income sources of organized crime.

More specifically, ENCOD objectives are:

- * To improve understanding of the causes and effects of the drugs trade.
- * To contribute to the elaboration of just and effective drugs control policies.
- * To bring about greater consistency between drugs control efforts and economic and social policies.

Activities

- We facilitate the exchange of information and experiences among our members. We publish news on the state of drug policy in Europe, and make action appeals.
- We build alliances with parliament members, local and regional authorities, in order to produce pressure on national and European authorities to reform drug policy.
- We promote peaceful activism aimed at the media and the public opinion, in order to create public debate on the need to end prohibition.

Membership

A pan-European network of currently 140 NGO's and individual experts involved in the drug issue on a daily base. Members include organisations of cannabis and other drug users, of health workers, researchers, grassroots activists as well as companies.

Contact

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Web Site: <http://www.encod.org/>

84. ENERGIES - CITIES - Association of European Local Authorities Promoting Local Sustainable Policy

Objectives

- To strengthen the role and powers of municipalities in the energy sphere, and naturally in the sphere of energy efficiency, renewable energy and protection of the environment.
- To promote debate on the EU's policy in the field of energy, environment and urban policy and to present the municipal point of view.
- To develop municipal initiatives through the exchange of experience, the transfer of know-how.

Activities

- Publications of reports and case studies.
- Resource and information centre.
- Working groups, Seminars and annual conference
- "Good practices" database.
- European projects and campaigns
- Lobbying
- study tours for our members.

Membership :

You can become a member if you are: local authority, inter-municipal structure or a group of municipalities, local energy management agency and/or municipal company. The association now represents about 1,000 members from 30 countries.

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<http://www.energy-cities.eu/>

85. ENGSO - European Non Governmental Sports Organisation

Objectives

- to promote and to defend the independence and autonomy of sports on Europe;
- to meet the political and economical impact of EU on sport in Europe;
- to assist in improving sports development - from children and youth sport, over "sport for all" activities to elite sports – in the member countries.
- to take active part in development of the East-West and North-South co-operation;
- to raise the status and credibility of sports in the member countries, as well as actively combat the negative tendencies in sports;
- to support voluntarism as an important factor for development in society;
- to develop democracy in sports;
- to promote equality between men and women in sports;
- to build bridges between different organisations dealing with "sport for all" activities.

Activities

- * Monitors, discusses and exchanges information about EU policies impacting sport.
- * Holds contacts with European Institutions and formulates propositions in the decision process (lobbying).
- * Raise awareness for EU-matters in sports organisations.
- * Supports the efforts of the European sporting movements demanding for a legal base for sport in the EU-treaty.
- * Takes active part in development of the East-West and North-South co-operation.
- * Takes part to different European projects.
- * Meetings, seminars and events

Membership

ENGSO presently has 40 national umbrella sports organisations as members

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86. ENICPA - European Network of Information Centres for the Performing Arts

Objectives

The European Network of Information Centres for the Performing Arts (ENICPA) aims to function as a meeting place for information and documentation organisations. The main goal of the network is to distribute and to make available a broad range of information about the professional performing arts to arts professionals world wide. On our website, you can find information about European festivals, venues, publications, training opportunities and information centres.

Activities

- * Gather and make available information about the professional performing arts.
- * Co-ordinate a network of actual information and documentation centres.
- * Online database for professional artists and arts activists.
- * Meetings, seminars and conferences.

Membership

Organisations which: are information and/or documentation centres, resource and service centres and/or are recognized in their country/regions as information resources

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87. ENIL - European Network on Independent Living

Objectives

The European Network on Independent Living (ENIL) is a European wide network of disabled people. It represents a forum intended for all disabled people, independent living organisations and their non-disabled allies on the issues of independent living and the independent living movement.

ENIL and its member organisations believe that full citizenship and human rights for disabled people will only be achieved through increasing awareness, challenging traditional services and positive debate throughout Europe and internationally.

ENIL represents the disability movement for human rights and social inclusion based on solidarity, peer support, de-institutionalization, democracy, self-representation, cross disability and self-determination.

Activities

- Promote the Independent Living philosophy among disabled people, general public, national policy makers, government administrations as well as among regional bodies such as the European Union, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).
- Develop the concept, principles and definition of Independent Living. Promote the development of Centres of Independent Living throughout Europe and enhance solidarity and networking among them.
- Carry out training and awareness raising activities at the European level
- Represent Independent Living Organizations and IL movement at the European level and in different European bodies and organizations (EDF, DPI, etc.)
- Combat social exclusion and discrimination through disability policies, which allow for Independent Living of disabled people. Make Independent Living framework instrumental to end discrimination against disabled people in Europe.
- Embrace the social model of disability in acquiring independence and self-determination by overcoming the barriers of the medical and attitudinal models.

Membership

ENIL is an NGO made up by individuals and organisations, who promote equal opportunities for disabled people, accordingly fight against disability discrimination in Europe. All its members follow the Independent Living values, principles and practices.

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88. ENOC - European Network of Ombudspersons for Children

Objectives

ENOC links independent offices, which have been established in European countries to promote children's fundamental rights. Cooperation among these offices is intended to facilitate the sharing of strategies and collective approaches to promoting children's rights.

ENOC objectives are:

- to encourage the fullest possible implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the child,
- to support collective lobbying for children's rights,
- to share information, approaches and strategies,

and to promote the development of effective independent offices for children.

Activities

Providing a channel for children's views, and encouraging governments and the public to give proper respect to children's views; collecting and publishing data on the situation of children and/or encouraging governments to collect and publish adequate data; promotion awareness of the human rights of children among children and adults; conducting investigations and undertaking or encouraging researches; review children's access to, and the effectiveness of, all forms of advocacy and complaints systems, for example in institutions and schools, and including children's access to the courts; respond to individual complaints from children or those representing children, and where appropriate to initiate or support legal action on behalf of children.

Membership

Established in 1997, ENOC links independent human rights institutions for children from 23 countries in Europe. There are two categories of membership of ENOC – full and associate. Full membership of ENOC is open to independent children's rights institutions within Council of Europe member-states which meet all of the proposed criteria.

Contact

<http://www.crin.org/enoc/contact/contact.asp>

89. EnoP – European Network of Political Foundations

Objectives

The **European Network of Political Foundations – independent actors in democracy promotion, development cooperation and political dialogue** was established in 2006 and is a cooperation structure, helping provide communication and dialogue between European political foundations and the Institutions of the European Union, as well as civil society actors in the fields of democracy promotion and development cooperation. Additionally it provides services to its members to promote their integration into the respective programmes of the European Union.

The ENoP Statute defines the Network's objectives as follows:

- To support the participation of European political foundations in the European Union's programmes and projects on democracy promotion, development cooperation and political dialogue;
- To promote the regular transfer of experience, gained from the international work of European political foundations, into the policies and programmes of the European Union.

Activities

The activities of political foundations in the fields of democracy promotion and development include public campaigning and awareness building, advocacy, and lobbying political institutions and decision makers in their respective home countries. The main focus, however, is on the implementation of democracy promotion and development projects with local partners in more than 100 developing and transition countries throughout the world.

Membership

The network presently includes more than 60 member foundations from more than 20 countries (within the EU and candidate countries) and is open to new members provided they meet the membership criteria as laid down in its working regulations. The members are close to party families represented in the European Parliament, belonging to the democratic spectrum but independent in

their decision making and financing of international projects. For more information on the members and their party families visit this page:

<http://www.european-network-of-political-foundations.eu/cms/index.php/eng/About-ENoP/Working-regulation>

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90. EnR - European Energy Network

Objectives

EnR is a voluntary network currently numbering twenty-three European energy agencies, with responsibility for the planning, management or review of national research, development, demonstration or dissemination programmes in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy and climate change abatement. It aims to increase energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources by enhancing the role of its members through communication, co-ordination and collaboration and by acting as a bridge between national activities and those of the European Community and other relevant international bodies.

Activities

- * Acts as an informal communication network of energy authorities and associations providing a first point of contact in Member countries.
- * Dedicates its efforts towards joint activities, where its unique character provides added value.
- * Provides a channel for pan-European technical support to European organisations, e.g. the Commission, on matters of energy policy, strategy and programmes.
- * Encourages and facilitates exchange of information and expertise amongst its member organisation.
- * Workshops, seminars, reports.

Membership:

National energy agencies.

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91. ENSIE - European Network for Social Integration Enterprises

Objectives

The European Network for Social Integration Enterprises (ENSIE) was officially established in Bruges (Belgium) on May 11, 2001. ENSIE takes for its objective the representation, maintenance, and development within the European Union of networks and federations for economic social integration in Europe

Activities

- to reinforce the power of the actors in economic social integration enterprises through the interchange between the member organisations,
- to stimulate co-operation and partnerships by promoting proper practices, research results, new applications,
- to organise the exchange of information on the legislative national and local policy levels between member organizations,
- to represent the network and to promote all of its activities on all pertinent European levels
- to elaborate on the contributions and propositions in order to participate the definition of a European policy against social exclusion,
- to develop a close and solid collaboration with other European networks active in the social economy with the objective of obtaining synergetic results.

ENSIE has an institutional representation at EU level.

Membership

At the moment, ENSIE gathers 19 national and regional networks, representing 16 countries of the European Union.

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92. ENSP – European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention

Objectives

ENSP is an independent, international non-profit association, which aims to reduce tobacco consumption and to develop a common strategy, amongst organisations active in smoking prevention and tobacco control in Europe, by sharing information and experience and through co-ordinated activities and projects. ENSP is the largest network active in the field of tobacco control and currently gathers over 500 member organizations in 28 national coalitions.

Activities

To facilitate the creation and operation of national alliances for smoking prevention and tobacco control in Europe.

- To promote collaboration amongst Member organisations
- To stimulate and participate in joint projects at European level
- To facilitate networks active in tobacco control and smoking prevention in Europe
- To undertake the collection and distribution of information relevant for tobacco control to the members of the Network, non governmental organisations, intergovernmental organisations, national governments and the institutions of the European Union.

Membership

The Association consists of two categories of members: the Full Members and the Associate Members. The Full Members are: 1) National Coalitions against tobacco in Europe from each of the Member States of the European Union and associated countries. 2) Specialized Networks active in tobacco control in Europe.

Associate Members are: 1) Individual organizations - legitimate organisations from countries where there are no national coalitions active in tobacco control; 2) Sponsors - are organisations, which do not fall into the other membership categories but wish to support ENSP.

Contact

<http://www.ensp.org/>

93. ENSR - European Network for Social and Economic Research

Objectives

The *European Network for Social and Economic Research (ENSR)* is a network of institutes specialised in applied policy research with a special focus on small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) and entrepreneurship. EIM Business & Policy Research in The Netherlands founded the Network in 1991.

Activities

For many years, the ENSR focused mainly on SME research and this was expressed in the original name: European Network for SME Research. The ENSR is now able to cover all kind of issues that are related to the business sector: entrepreneurship, labour, production, innovation, internationalisation, CSR, impact assessments, social affairs, etc.

University graduates form the main work force of each member. In total more than 600 highly qualified researchers specialised in applied economic and social research are brought together in the

Network. Professors, holding a chair in SME economics or in business economics, manage some of the member-institutes.

The overall competence of the Network is strengthened by the specialisation of each member. The Network has a broad spectrum of qualitative and quantitative research consisting of macro oriented, meso and sector studies, as well as micro economic and small business management research. Each member has international experience in carrying out economic and social research. Many members have a wide network of international relations and have carried out research in many Member States, Eastern European countries and countries in the developing world.

Membership

ENSR is a network of member-organisations in 33 countries specialized in applied social and economic research. It covers the EU and EEA countries as well as the Candidate Countries Croatia and Turkey. All members are independent and follow a scientific approach to research. In total, more than 600 highly qualified researchers co-operate in the network. Main clients include the European Commission, national governments, business associations, and the like.

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94. ENSSEE - European Network of Sport, Science, Education & Employment

Objectives

The objectives of the network are, firstly, to encourage greater European co-operation in relation to research, education and employment in sport and to increase the mobility and the exchange of students, teaching staff and professionals. Secondly, ENSSEE supports to work towards the convergence of education and training systems for sport related professions in the European Union. In general, the network is working towards developing better quality sporting opportunities for all.

Activities

Due to its network character the activities of ENSSEE are various. Mostly, the network concentrates on projects trying to develop and promote the sector of sports and sport sciences on a European (political) level. Areas include Physical Education, Sport Coaching, Health & Fitness, Sport Management, Sport Employment and e-learning in sport.

Membership

Potential members are: Higher Education Institutes, Further & Continuous Education Institutes, Vocational Training Providers, Employer Networks, Sport Bodies & Federations, National Olympic Committees, Governmental Agencies and Non-Governmental Agencies.

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95. ENTO - European Network of Training Organisations for Local and Regional Authorities

Objectives

To promote democratic and effective governance by ensuring that the staff and elected representatives of local and regional authorities are well trained and qualified to carry out their responsibilities in a rapidly changing world.

Activities

ENTO seeks to fulfil its mission by initiating professional debates and exchanges of information and experiences on a wide array of the most important concerns facing local governments and training institutions working for them. In pursuing this mission ENTO also seeks to support the Council of Europe's and the European Union's work for better standards of public administration all over Europe.

Special emphasis is made on ENTO's involvement in the assistance programmes carried out by these institutions for the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Co-operation with training centres in these regions has been an important objective of ENTO's activities over the last decade.

Membership

ENTO is a European Network of Training Organisations for Local and Regional Authorities from almost all of the 46 Council of Europe member States.

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96. ENTP - European New Towns Platform

Objectives

- For its members: to work as a platform to exchange information, share good practices and implement common projects
- At the European level: to work as an advocacy body to represent the New Towns, promote them and strengthen their role on a regional and trans-national level

Activities

- To promote exchange of information and experience through workshops and conferences (General Assembly, Study Visit in Shanghai...)
- To inform New Towns about the activities of the European Union and relevant programs, especially Structural Funds (Training Days, Newsletter...)
- To encourage development of common concrete projects on urban regeneration, social cohesion and sustainable development
- To participate in the dialogue with the European Institutions
- To guarantee more visibility for New Towns
- To act as an expert and coordinator of European projects (INTERREG, URBACT...)

Membership

Founded in 2001, the organization is now a strong network of 32 members and 10 partners from 11 European countries. The members are local governments from European New Towns whereas our partners are research centres.

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97. ENWHP - European Networks for Workplace Health Promotion

Objectives

To promote good practice in workplace health promotion and advocates the adoption of such practice in all European workplaces. We are a network of national occupational health and safety institutes and public health institutions committed to developing and promoting good workplace health practice, which in turn contributes to sustainable economic and social development in Europe.

ENWHP has set out to achieve these targets:

- Creating supportive national infrastructures in all the ENWHP member countries to involve the relevant institutional and non-institutional stakeholders in identifying and disseminating good WHP practice according to national priorities and to take an active role in sharing experience and knowledge at European level.
- To significantly increase the number of European employees who work in enterprises that are committed to practices and policies for promoting health.

Activities

- * Actions to gain the commitment of Member States to incorporate WHP policies and activities into their programmes of activity (Lobbying).
- * Provides models of good practice to decision makers in companies and other organisations.
- * Establish national forums and networks involving all relevant interest groups, with a view to creating supportive WHP infrastructures for the exchange of information, experiences and concerted action.
- * Publication of a Newsletter and Reports.
- * Meetings, conferences, seminars.

Membership

The European Network for Workplace Health Promotion is an informal network of national occupational health and safety institutes, public health, health promotion and statutory social insurance institutions.

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98. EPA – European Parents Association

Objectives

To work in partnership both to represent and give to parents a powerful voice in the development of education policies and decisions at European level. EPA's aim is the promotion of collaboration between schools, parents' associations and other educational communities throughout Europe, regardless of their political, philosophical or religious convictions.

Activities

EPA supports the participation and collaboration of parents in many educational respects by:

- Gathering and disseminating information by means of EPA publications including, newsletters, seminar reports, EPA website, discussion forums ...
- Highlighting innovation in educational partnership and spreading information about interesting and innovative educational practices.
- Promoting parents' ongoing support and training.
- Supporting research in all fields relating to the participation of the parents in the educational environment.

Membership

EPA consists of:

- **full members** who shall be national parents' associations with aims and objects consistent with those of EPA and who shall have voting status and be represented for this purpose by one of their members;
- **associate members** who shall be persons, associations or institutions who contribute through their own activities to the aims of EPA, and who shall have consultative status.
- **affiliate members** who shall be emerging local, regional or national parents' associations with aims and objects potentially consistent with those of EPA and who shall have consultative status and be represented for this purpose by one of their members.

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99. EPC – European Policy Center

Objectives

The European Policy Centre (EPC) is an independent, not-for-profit think tank, committed to making European integration work. The EPC works at the "cutting edge" of European and global policy-making providing its members and the wider public with rapid, high-quality information and analysis

on the EU and global policy agenda. It aims to promote a balanced dialogue between the different constituencies of its membership, spanning all aspects of economic and social life

Activities

The EPC's work is organised under three flagship programmes addressing the key challenges facing the EU:

- EU Integration and Citizenship;
- Europe's Political Economy;
- Europe in the World.

EPC stimulates **public debate** through its policy dialogues, briefings, seminars and conferences. The EPC has more than 400 members, coming from all the different stakeholder groups, and these events bring them together with key policy-makers and experts to discuss issues of crucial importance to the EU. The EPC provides **rapid expert analysis** and reflection, on the website and in print, through in-depth Working Papers and Issue Papers, shorter Policy Briefs and Commentaries and our multi-author journal Challenge Europe.

Membership

Members of the EPC comprise companies, professional and business federations, trade unions, diplomatic missions, regional and local bodies, as well as NGOs representing a broad range of civil society interests, foundations, international and religious organisations. The EPC has more than 400 members, coming from all the different stakeholder groups

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100. EPDA - European Parkinson's Disease Association

Objectives

The key objectives of the EPDA are to achieve the best possible quality of life for those with Parkinson's and their carers by providing and continually updating medical and caring best practice and making this information readily available to people with Parkinson's their carers and families, and healthcare professionals

Activities

- Facilitating dialogue and sharing of successful activities across member organisations (MOs) by:
 - o acting as facilitator for frequent, quality dialogue and support across the MO network
 - o acting as a central contact and conduit for MOs so that they can access specific resources that already exist within other MOs to maximise the impact of the MOs' pooled resources across Europe
- Provide targeted information and support to MOs to assist them in achieving:
 - o their core aims and objectives (for example, education tools and training support for lobbying national political stakeholders)
 - o information and resources to allow MOs to strengthen the impact of their projects and initiatives within their own country
- Act as a voice for Parkinson's in Europe with key European decision makers raising awareness of important and emergent European agendas with MOs, that may impact MOs' ability to achieve their core aims and objectives in future

Membership

The EPDA offers 2 types of membership: Full (voting) and Associate (non-voting) memberships aimed at organisations involved in the management and care of Parkinson's disease and associated disorders. Full or Active Members will be Parkinson's disease Associations, originating from European countries or from countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea, legally constituted according to the laws and practices of their countries of origin. Associate members may be physical persons or legal entities from any country, legally constituted according to the laws and practices of their countries of origin.

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101. EPE - European Partners for the Environment

Objectives

To improve cross-sectoral collaboration and joint initiatives to align business, capital, markets and society more closely with the sustainability agenda.

Activities

1. **SCOPING:** We monitor regulatory developments of EU policies (possibly before the legislative process started), Business, Trade Unions and Civil Society agendas and present targeted research and issue tracking
2. **ADVISING:** We advice on the most intelligent communication approach and develop the tools necessary to implement this approach
3. **WORKSHOP:** We organise topical workshops where we pioneer new forms of dialogue and showcase bottom-up best practices in order to identify and share approaches and innovative solution
4. **PARTNERSHIP:** We identify key stakeholders within European organisations (institutions, national governments, companies, civil society, local authorities) and establish strategic multi-stakeholder partnerships
5. **ACTION PLAN:** We prepare and implement strategic action plans and follow up activities to maximise the effectiveness of the workshops outcomes and the partnership creation
6. **PILOT PROJECT:** Once the action plan and multi-stakeholder partnership is in place we explore the feasibility of a pilot project to practically implement the results
7. **DISSEMINATION:** We establish and maintain relationships with traditional and online media to disseminate the outcome of these result

Membership

EPE is a multi-stakeholder think-tank bringing together Public Authorities, Companies large and small, Trade Unions, Research Institutes, Environmental Organisations, Consumer and Ethical NGOs and Civil Society Groups.

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102. EPHA - European Public Health Alliance

Objectives

EPHA aims to promote and protect the health interests of all people living in Europe and to strengthen the dialogue between the EU institutions, citizens and NGOs in support of healthy public policies.

Activities

- **monitoring the policy making process** within the EU institutions and **maximising the flow of information** concerning health promotion and public health policy developments amongst all interested players including : Commission officials, MEPs, member state and candidate country ministries, NGOs and citizens ;
- promoting **greater awareness amongst European citizens and non-governmental organisations** about policy developments and programme initiatives that effect the health of EU

citizens so that they can contribute to the policy making process and take practical action to take part in appropriate programmes ;

- supporting **collaboration and partnerships between non-governmental organisations and other not for profit organisations** active at European, national and local level on health promotion and public health.

In the European Parliament, EPHA provides secretarial assistance to the Intergroup on Health. This is a fruitful forum for discussion between health NGOs and MEPs with a special interest in health issues.

Membership

EPHA is an international non-profit association registered in Belgium. Around 100 local, national, regional and European non-governmental (NGOs) and not-for-profit organisations are members of the European Public Health Alliance (EPHA).

Contact

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103. EPLO - The European Peacebuilding Liaison Office

Objectives

EPLO is the platform of European NGOs, networks of NGOs and think tanks active in the field of peacebuilding, who share an interest in promoting sustainable peacebuilding policies among decision-makers in the European Union. EPLO aims to influence the EU so it promotes and implements measures that lead to sustainable peace between states and within states and peoples, and that transform and resolve conflicts non-violently. EPLO wants the EU to recognise the crucial connection between peacebuilding, the eradication of poverty, and sustainable development worldwide and the crucial role NGOs have to play in sustainable EU efforts for peacebuilding, conflict prevention, and crisis management.

Activities

EPLO advances the interests of its member organisations through common policy positions and consequently advocating for those common positions. EPLO disseminates information and promotes understanding of EU policies of concern to its member organisations. The Office also builds solidarity and co-operation amongst its member organisations and with other relevant NGO networks. Finally, EPLO raises awareness about the contribution the EU should make to peacebuilding and the need to hold the EU accountable to its own political commitments of helping secure peace within and outside its borders.

Membership

EPLO has 28 member organisations from 13 European countries (10 EU Member States plus Norway, Serbia and Switzerland). EPLO's members are individual NGOs, networks of NGOs, and think tanks. EPLO welcomes membership applications from peacebuilding organisations. The next deadline for membership applications is Friday 8 October 2010.

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104. EQUINET - European Network of Equality Bodies

Objectives

Equinet supports equality bodies in fulfilling their unique mandate at national level by creating a sustainable European network for exchange and cooperation relating to the implementation and promotion of non-discrimination and equal treatment. Equinet facilitates:

- Exchange and sharing of practical experience, expertise and good practices in the implementation of EU anti-discrimination law

- Peer support among national equality bodies
 - Capacity-building and training
 - A platform for dialogue with European Institutions and stakeholders
 - Studies on selected themes relating to the work of national equality bodies.
- Equinet is an international not-for-profit association (Aisbl) with an operational secretariat based in Brussels since end 2007.

Activities

Equinet seeks to engage in advancing equality in practice by facilitating the contributions and a stronger voice of national equality bodies to the wider European debate, by promoting and organizing:

- Ongoing information exchange and sharing of data and expertise from and among national equality bodies
- Regular training seminars for staff members and experts within national equality bodies
- Ongoing collaboration, exchange and research within Working Groups structured around thematic work areas of relevance to national equality bodies, namely:
 1. Dynamic Interpretation of anti-discrimination legislation
 2. Strategic Enforcement
 3. Policy Formation
 4. Promotion of Equality
- Publications and opinions on relevant themes and policy developments relating to equality and non-discrimination at European level.
- Studies on selected themes relating to the work of national equality bodies

Membership

Equinet brings together 33 organisations from 28 European countries, empowered to counteract discrimination as a national equality body across the range of grounds including age, disability, gender, race or ethnic origin, religion or belief, and sexual orientation.

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105. EREC - European Renewable Energy Council

Objectives

- To act as a forum for exchange of information and discussion on issues related to renewables as well as to represent the European RES industry & research community
- To provide information and consultancy on renewable energies for the political decision makers on local, regional, national and international levels
- To launch policy initiatives for the creation of positive frameworks for renewable energy sources
- To promote European technologies, products and services on global markets

Activities

In order to reach these objectives, EREC works on a series of international projects and organises regular conferences, workshops and events. In addition, EREC also produces a series of position papers and publications on renewable energy related topics.

Membership

Created on 13 April 2000, the European Renewable Energy Council (EREC) is the umbrella organisation of the European renewable energy industry, trade and research associations active in the sectors of photovoltaics, small hydropower, solar thermal, bioenergy, geothermal, ocean, concentrated solar power and wind energy.

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<http://www.erec.org/>

Objectives

The European Roma Information Office (ERIO) is an international advocacy organisation that promotes political and public discussion on Roma issues by providing factual and in-depth information on a range of policy issues to European Union institutions, Roma civil organisations, governmental authorities and intergovernmental bodies. ERIO aims to combat racist discrimination against Roma and to contribute to an improved public awareness of the problems faced by Roma communities.

Activities

ERIO cooperates with a large network of organisations and acts to combat racial discrimination and social exclusion by raising awareness, lobbying and developing policy.

It advocates for the rights of Roma people by designing and promoting policies which are oriented towards the improvement of the socio-economic situation and social inclusion of Roma in Europe. Moreover, ERIO promotes the participation of Roma communities in decision-making processes at European, national and local levels. ERIO works to sensitise EU institutions to the importance of developing and ensuring the accessibility of equal opportunities for Roma in EU Member States as well as in Candidate Countries.

ERIO is currently focused on anti-discrimination policies in the fields of education, employment, health care and housing.

Membership

European Roma Information Office (ERIO) has created a large, informal network comprised of Roma and non-Roma organizations spread throughout Europe. To become a Member of ERIO download the Application form and the Memorandum of Understanding and send them to us to this address: ivan.ivanov@erionet.org

Contact

E-mail: office@erionet.org
<http://erionet.org/site/>

Objectives

The European Social Action Network – ESAN was created in 1991 and works at the level of the European Union institutions to achieve a greater balance between a developed economy and a high-level social policy. For this purpose, it encourages the exchange of experience at the grass-root level in Europe and co-operation between all the actors. The achievement of these objectives implies the participation of everyone.

More specifically, EASN objectives are:

- To bring to the attention of European policy makers (at the Parliament and the Commission) contributions based on the expertise of our members
- To develop co-operation between social organisations for peoples' benefit
- To give information concerning community policies and programmes
- To act as a logistical base to look for trans-national partners
- To assist in the drafting of European grant applications

Activities

To meet its objectives, ESAN runs different kinds of activities mainly either lobbying and/or exchange and co-operation activities between its members. These include:

- * Organisation of events (conferences, meetings)
- * Publication of documents (communications, reports)
- * Participation to European programmes financed by the European Union

* Networking of national associations to exchange know-how

Membership

Non-governmental, non-profit organisations established according to law or practise in one of the member states of the European Community whether they be confederations, voluntary organisations or foundations, national, regional or local. The following may also become members under the same conditions:

- European organisations with similar aims and similar constitution provided that at least half their members come from the European Community.
- Finally, any organisation or individual wishing to contribute to the objectives of ESAN in accordance with this constitution and paying the appropriate membership fee may become an associate member of ESAN.

Contact

<http://www.esan.eu>

108. ESBA - European Small Business Alliance

Objectives

ESBA's aim is to focus the activities of independent small business representative organisations throughout Europe and beyond to ensure that small enterprises are at the forefront of the EU's economic policy.

Activities

To achieve this ambitious goal, our actions are guided by few but precise principles:

- Encouraging and assisting the expansion of entrepreneurship.
- Working with European Institutions and other appropriate bodies to create a more harmonious environment for SMEs, an environment that will generate sustainable growth, greater employment opportunities and economic freedom for all our peoples.
- Promoting and protecting the interests of SMEs throughout Europe in an unselfish manner, always mindful of the needs of others.
- Encouraging trading activities beyond the borders of Europe and expanding our influence on a global basis.- Inviting and attracting selected professional bodies with the aim of bringing together 'all the players' in the field of enterprise to advance the creative, entrepreneurial culture in Europe.

Membership

ESBA gathers national small business associations from across Europe and represents almost 1 million small business entrepreneurs and self-employed. ESBA also welcomes service companies, academic associations, and other private stakeholders, which support entrepreneurship and the SME activities.

Contact

E-mail: secretariat@esba-europe.org

<http://www.esba-europe.org/>

109. ESCU - European Senior Citizens' Union

Objectives

An ACTIVE CITIZENS' SOCIETY as a concept of forward-looking action:

- The family must be acknowledged, protected and encouraged as the natural and fundamental element of society.
- Active citizens' society means a new distribution of work and duties between the state, citizens and free social groups through mutual and complementary cooperation in tasks.
- The active citizens' society replaces centralistic, authoritarian super-structures of the state and thus recognises only a subsidiary welfare policy that finds its continuity in voluntary solidarity and ends in the state organised solidarity for those **evidently** in need of help.
- Voluntary activities must be supported.

- Free enterprise is a prerequisite for the creation of employment for all.

Activities

- * Takes stands on all questions of social policy through report, speeches and statements.
- * Conferences, forum, meetings, seminars.

Membership

Senior citizens' organizations. Currently there are 37 organisations in 24 countries

Contact

E-mail: e-mail: esu@cdu.de
<http://www.eu-seniorunion.info/>

110. ESHA - European School Heads Association

Objectives

ESHA, the European School Heads Association, is a professional organisation for European School Heads. ESHA is an international community in which experiences, visions and views between the members are exchanged and in which new ideas are born.

Aims for ESHA are:

- discussing and developing views within the ESHA-membership on innovative education and on school leadership
- promoting these views on the European level
- influencing the policy of the European Institutions (Commission, Parliament)
- promoting international exchange and cooperation
- supporting the member organisations to play their role on the national level
- emphasizing the particular role of the school head and promoting conditions that improve the quality of school leadership

Activities

ESHA will involve all possible means to attain the goals that are mentioned above. Each year the intended actions will be stated in a working plan. In general however the means are:

- **Vision papers** - ESHA publishes vision papers on important issues in international education
- **Conferences** - ESHA organizes various meetings and one big conference every two years
- **International Projects** - ESHA participates in European projects on issues like school leadership, staff training, multimedia and ICT and so on
- **External Contacts** - ESHA is in permanent contact with other relevant actors like European Commission, European Parliament, and other international organisations
- **Communication** - ESHA promotes communication and exchange between its members

Membership

Members of ESHA are national organisations for school heads and deputy school heads within primary and secondary education. Nearly all European countries (both EU and non-EU) are represented within ESHA by one or more organisations.

Contact

E-mail: office@esha.org
<http://www.esha.org>

111. ESU – European Students' Union

Objectives

The aim of ESU is to represent and promote the educational, social, economic and cultural interests of students at a European level towards all relevant bodies and in particular the European Union, Bologna Follow-Up Group, Council of Europe and UNESCO.

Activities

We work to bring together, resource, train and inform national student representatives on policy developments in higher education at the European level. Since decisions concerning higher education are increasingly taken at the European level, ESU's role as the only European-wide student platform is similarly growing. Our work centres around supporting our members through organising seminars, training, campaigns and conferences relevant to students, conducting European-wide research, partnership projects and campaigns, providing information services and producing a variety of publications for both students, policy-makers and higher education professionals.

Membership

SU has 45 members from 37 countries in Europe. Membership is open to National Unions of Students:

- That are democratic, representative and independent
- Who are open to all students in the country regardless of their political conviction, religion, ethnic or cultural origin, sexual orientation, social standing
- That are run and controlled by students
- That run democratic elections

Contact

<http://www.esib.org/>

112. ETAG - European Travel & Tourism Action Group

Objectives

- to encourage effective technical liaison and co-operation between governments, national tourism agencies and the tourism operating interests in the public and private sectors.
- to promote the development of Europe's Tourism.
- to help remove constraints on the growth of travel.

Activities

- Represents the common interest of its members at intergovernmental and other appropriate international bodies with a tourism programme.
- Participates in promotion, research and other programmes devoted to Europe's tourism development.
- Organizes workshops, seminars and meetings.

Members

National tourism associations, federations and agencies

Contact

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<http://www.etag-euro.org/>

113. ETUC - European Trade Union Confederation

Objectives

The ETUC's prime objective is to promote the European Social Model and to work for the development of a united Europe of peace and stability where working people and their families can enjoy full human and civil rights and high living standards. The **European Social Model** embodies a society combining sustainable economic growth with ever-improving living and working standards, including full employment, social protection, equal opportunities, good quality jobs, social inclusion, and an open and democratic policy-making process that involves citizens fully in the decisions that affect them.

Activities

- * Influence European legislation and policies by making direct representations to the various institutions (Commission, Parliament, Council).

- * Establish industrial relations with the employers at European level through the European social dialogue.
- * To support its claims, the ETUC can call upon its affiliates to take action.
- * Organizing events, information distribution, printing publications

Membership

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) currently comprises 82 member organisations, from a total of 36 countries in Western, Central and Eastern Europe, and 12 industry federations. All in all, the ETUC represents the interests of trade unionists at European level.

Contact

E-mail: etuc@etuc.org

<http://www.etuc.org>

114. EUA - European University Association

Objectives

The European University Association (EUA) represents and supports higher education institutions in 46 countries, providing them with a unique forum to cooperate and keep abreast of the latest trends in higher education and research policies. EUA plays an essential role in shaping tomorrow's European higher education and research landscape thanks to its unique knowledge of the sector and the diversity of its members. The Association's mandate in the Bologna process, contribution to EU research policy-making and relations with intergovernmental organisations, European Institutions and international associations, ensure its capacity to debate issues, which are crucial for universities in relation to higher education, research and innovation.

Activities

Representing universities

EUA is the official representative of the university sector in the Bologna process and as such, participates in numerous working groups or consultative bodies within that framework. The Association also represents universities' views and advises the European Commission in multiple research policy fora as well as working closely with OECD, the Council of Europe and UNESCO and other European and national organisations.

Providing expertise on European Higher Education and Research

Through its project work and studies, EUA identifies and analyses emerging trends and issues facing universities as well as best practices for the benefit of all. Focus groups, thematic networks, questionnaires to institutions, and site visits are among the tools used by the Association to ensure continuous feedback from members.

Strengthening the governance, leadership and management of institutions

EUA considers that it is of the utmost importance to support members in tackling societal challenges: from reforming the structure of degrees, defining development strategies, supporting an increasingly diversified student population, responding to labour market needs for increased knowledge transfer, reinforcing leadership and strengthening professional management practice. For this purpose, EUA offers a range of activities based on mutual learning and exchange of experience. These include the Institutional Evaluation Programme, workshops and seminars as well as working groups focused on current themes of interest to EUA's members.

Membership

Members of the Association are European universities involved in teaching and research, national associations of rectors and other organisations active in higher education and research.

Contact

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<http://www.eua.be>

115. EUCEN - European Association for University Lifelong Learning

Objectives

EUCEN is the largest European multidisciplinary Association in University Lifelong Learning. It's objectives are:

1. to contribute to the economic and cultural life of Europe through the promotion and advancement of lifelong learning within higher education institutions in Europe and elsewhere;
2. to foster universities' influence in the development of lifelong learning knowledge and policies throughout Europe.

Activities

The main benefits of EUCEN membership are **access to people, access to information and representation in the policy making process**.. Activities include:

- Assist ULLL policy makers in selecting the most appropriate and effective policies for their own institutions.
- Provide a forum in which ideas about ULLL can be discussed.
- Provide an accurate and rapid source of information to members on ULLL in European countries.
- Help members to strengthen their contacts with employers and the professions in European countries.
- Encourage the exchange of information between universities and employers to identify their changing LLL needs.
- Provide academic and administrative support with members working together to expand their LLL provision.
- Support members wishing to develop European LLL research.
- Provide opportunities for LLL staff development through staff exchange.
- Seek opportunities for student exchange.

Membership

EUCEN was founded in 1991. It is registered in Belgium as an international non-governmental non-profit making organisation and has 212 members from 40 different countries. Membership is institutional, not individual, so the benefits are available to **all members of staff** in the university, not just the named representative. Application form available at <http://www.eucen.eu/joinEUCENapplicationform>

Contact

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<http://www.eucen.eu>

116. EUCLID NETWORK

Objectives

Euclid Network is the European network of third sector/social economy leaders: a growing and diverse community of social change makers connecting across borders for a more innovative, sustainable and professional European civil society. It's mission is to connect leaders to facilitate peer-learning, pan-European partnerships, influence processes, and make the sector as a whole stronger and more innovative, at the core of civil society in Europe and worldwide.

Activities

Peer-learning

Where strong leaders are required to build a strong European civil society, EN develops leaders through connecting them; allowing its members from across the sector and from all corners of Europe to engage in knowledge sharing and peer-learning.

Learn more about our Erasmus-inspired programme for our members to promote cross-border peer-learning in partnership with the European Commission, discounted training courses and how we help support the establishment of national groups of third sector leaders.

Sustainable funding

For many of our members, the recession has highlighted and reinforced the importance for organisations to develop a culture of sustainable financial management. On the other hand, donors and grant makers need to increase the scale and effectiveness of funding available. Learn how we promote a better usage of existing resources and the development of new sources of income through, the reform of European funding, the establishment of a European Bank for social investments and supporting our members in innovative fundraising and developing the social enterprise business model.

Good governance

Good governance is crucial for all third sector organisations and is varied across Europe. But with the European Union funding civil society projects across Europe, is it possible for organisations to adopt a shared framework for governance?

Learn about our research project looking for shared principles of good governance across Europe with a view to establishing a common European code as well as our good governance workshops and resources.

Soft power (lobbying and advocacy)

Civil society across Europe is no longer just an 'add on' but is central to providing solutions to some of Europe's most pressing social problems including an ageing society, the environment and the delivery of public services.

We promote the reputation of the sector, communicating its contribution to the European project and the ways in which the EU matters to the sector. We spread the message through articles, speeches, events, consultations, videos, and social networks.

Membership

Civil Society Leaders. Civil society refers to third sector, social economy and the not-for-profit sector including non-governmental organisations (NGOs), social enterprises, grant makers, foundations and cooperatives. A 'Leader' is the senior executive, heads of department and/or senior managers who are able to implement change in their organisations. We connect 300 members from 25 countries.

Contact

E-mail: info@euclidnetwork.eu

<http://www.euclidnetwork.eu>

117. EUD – European Union of the Deaf

Objectives

Established in 1985, EUD is the only organisation representing the interests of Deaf Europeans at European Union level. EUD aims to establish and maintain EU level dialogues, making sure deaf issues are raised. We do this in consultation with National Deaf Associations' members. EUD promotes, advances and protects the rights of and opportunities for Deaf people in the European Union.

There are three specific aims:

- Recognition of the right to use an indigenous sign language;
- Empowerment through communication and information;
- Equality in education and employment.

Activities

- We support members through the dissemination of information, offering advice and drawing on our broad network of contacts in the field of deafness and beyond.
- We monitor developments in domains relevant to Deaf citizens and respond where appropriate.
- We have developed strong partnerships with other key organisations and actively participate in events where the interests of our membership are likely to be affected.
- We recognise that much work remains to be done before our goals are adequately achieved.

Membership

The European Union of the Deaf (EUD) is a European non-profit making organisation whose membership comprises National Associations of Deaf people in Europe.

Contact

<http://www.eud.eu/>

118. EUFAMI – European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness

Objectives

- To achieve a continuous improvement throughout Europe in mental health, the quality of care and welfare for people with a mental illness, and the level of support for their family and friends.
- To enable our member associations to combine their efforts, and act jointly at European level.
- To strengthen and assist the member associations in their efforts to improve health conditions in their own areas.

Activities

Representing families - developing papers, which clearly state EUFAMI position and the policies to be adopted throughout Europe; representing the views of our members to European and international governmental bodies; working with European and international organisations to campaign for improvements to achieve objectives. **Developing best practice** - review of existing research and commission new research about issues, which particularly concern our members, in particular related to support child carers. Developing training programs; **Anti-stigma activities** and **Strengthening member associations**

Membership

EUFAMI Members are national and regional organisations that support family carers and people with mental illness throughout Europe.

Contact

E-mail: info@eufami.org

Website: www.eufami.org

119. EUFED - European Union Federation of Young Hostel Associations

Objectives

EUFED is a European non-governmental organisation set up in Strasbourg in 1987 to represent the views of Youth Hostels at the European political level:

- To promote and develop the interests of Youth Hostels and to increase understanding and support for them within the European Union Institutions
- To increase the level of co-operation between the Member Associations
- To encourage all opportunities of relations between the European Union and the rest of the world with regard to Youth Hostels and youth tourism.

Activities

- To promote the youth hostelling movement at the EU level, and thereby to gain financial and political support for the cause;
- To assist national Youth Hostel Associations to access EU funding, to help them in the development of their work;
- To facilitate on-going performance improvement within Youth Hostels. Staff training and environmental sustainability at Youth Hostels are two key areas in this respect. EUFED, with the support of the IYHF and national Youth Hostel Associations, was awarded funding from the EU to develop new training modules;
- Running European-wide volunteer exchange programmes for young people aged between 18 and 25, based at Youth Hostels, and with the financial support of the European Union;

- Assisting the national Youth Hostel Associations of the EU accession countries to make the most of the new opportunities arising from EU enlargement.

Membership

EUFED represents 19 Youth Hostel Associations across 15 European countries, operating 1.727 youth hostels, serving more than 2,7 million members

Contact

E-mail: info@eufed.org

Web Site: <http://www.eufed.org/>

120. EURADA - European Association of Development Agencies

Objectives

Eurada was created in December 1991 in the form of a non-profit organisation under the Belgian law, the purpose being to:

- Encourage exchanges of experience between members and promote "best practice" in the field of local and regional economic development;
- Promote the recognition of the development agencies as specific mechanisms and economic development entities;
- Participate in the development and delivery of territorial development programmes and/or support programmes for companies and in particular small and medium sized enterprises;
- Reinforce and better organise technical cooperation both with the European Commission and other Community institutions;
- Assist the development agencies newly set up in the non European Union countries;
- Promote the emergence of cooperation projects between development agencies of several countries.

Activities

EURADA runs conferences and seminars and has an extensive publications programme. It keeps its members up to date with EU policy developments and provides briefing on critical issues such as state aid rules. It alerts members to funding and contract opportunities and helps with forming and running partnerships.

EURADA lobbies and briefs the European Commission on behalf of members and maintains a highly effective communications network there. Through round tables and reflection groups individual EURADA members can play a direct role in the development of policy at the Commission, and form their own links with officials.

EURADA brings together and disseminates good practice in economic development for the benefit of its members. From 2009 it will run an annual university-based summer school to help members enhance the competence of their management teams.

Membership

The European Association of Development Agencies (EURADA) has a membership of about 150 regional development agencies from across the European Union.

Contact

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121. EURAG - European Federation of Older Persons

Objectives

EURAG works on the improving of the quality of the social and political standards of living of older people.

Activities

Main activities are: representation of older people's interests at European level, exchange of experiences, co-ordination of activities and projects, network initiatives. EURAG especially promotes co-ordination, collaboration and exchange of opinions with expert and service organisations, self-help groups as well as individuals. EURAG sets up working groups and committees on topical issues concerning the older generation and launches proposals and motions to all international institutions. It is also a member of the Platform of European Social NGOs in Brussels.

Membership

Created in 1962, Eurag is a non profit independent organisation. Through its 148 member organisations, in 33 European countries, EURAG represents millions of older people in Europe. Member organisations are: senior citizens associations; self-aid groups, public institutions, social and educational institutions, individuals.

Contact

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<http://eurageurope.org/eurag/intro/>

122. EUROCARE - European Alcohol Policy Alliance

Objectives

- To raise awareness among European, national and regional decision makers of the harms caused by alcohol (social, health and economic burden) ensuring that these are taken into consideration in all relevant EU policy discussions
- To promote the development and implementation of evidence-based policies aimed at effectively preventing and reducing this burden

Activities

Eurocare:

- Fosters cooperation among member organisations
- Monitors all EU policy developments that have an impact on national alcohol policies
- Engages in dialogue with decision makers
- Seeks collaboration with non- governmental organisations sharing Eurocare's concerns
- Carries out advocacy campaigns
- Responds to consultations and developments through letters and position papers
- Facilitates the collection, collation, analysis, dissemination and utilization of data on alcohol consumption and related harm within the EU and other Member States
- Publishes reports on selected topics
- Organizes meetings and conferences to promote and facilitate exchange of information, experience and good practice
- Provides information and analysis through a website and a regular newsletter

Membership

EUROCARE (The European Alcohol Policy Alliance) is an alliance of some 50 voluntary and non-governmental organizations across 20 European countries working on the prevention of alcohol related harm in Europe. Eurocare is the only major European network that focuses on alcohol policy issues

Contact

E-mail: info@eurocare.org

<http://www.eurocare.org>

123. EUROCHILD

Objectives

Our mission is to promote the welfare and rights of children and young people in Europe through building a network of active organisations and individuals who are working in and across Europe to improve the quality of life of children and young people.

Activities

Eurochild's activities include:

- Sharing information on policy and practice
- Monitoring and influencing policy development at national and European level
- Creating interest groups and partnerships between member organizations
- Representing the interests of its members to international institutions
- Strengthening the capacity of its members through training, individual advice and support

Membership

Eurochild is **open to all organisations and individuals** with an interest in the rights and welfare of children in Europe. Full members include non-governmental organisations, statutory bodies, academic and research institutions and professional associations. Individuals may join as associate members. Eurochild has members in 35 countries all over Europe (both within and outside of the EU).

Contact

E-mail: info@eurochild.org
<http://www.eurochild.org/>

124. EUROCIITIES

Objectives

EUROCITIES is committed to work towards a common vision of a sustainable future in which all citizens can enjoy a good quality of life. In this framework, EUROCIITIES aims at achieving a European context where cities can be inclusive, prosperous, creative, and sustainable, with democratic and effective governance, and where all citizens can be provided with opportunities for participation in all aspects of urban life - including political, cultural, social and economic aspects.

Activities:

EUROCITIES works along 3 complementary strands of activities:

- **NETWORKING** - EUROCIITIES members benefit from taking part in trans-national projects, research activities, policy seminars and workshops with regard to a wide range of urban issues and challenges. Through networking cities can learn from each other by sharing knowledge, exchanging experiences, comparing different approaches, testing innovative solutions and analysing best practices. Alongside the advantages for the participating cities, these thematic activities also provide a sound and solid basis for the development of EUROCIITIES policy positions and proposals.
- **INFLUENCING** - EUROCIITIES provides a strong voice for cities in the European Union, and actively contributes to the development and implementation of European policies, legislation and programmes which are relevant for cities. EUROCIITIES is an important partner for dialogue with the European Commission, both on the political level and on the technical level. EUROCIITIES also maintains close contacts with the Committee of the Regions, the European Parliament and the Member States.
- **VISIBILITY** - EUROCIITIES brings forward its policy priorities by developing Europe-wide campaigns on issues of common concern, such as sustainable mobility and responsible consumption. These campaigns are aimed at raising awareness and changing behaviour both within municipal authorities and also among citizens, whose active support and cooperation is often essential for achieving policy objectives, especially at the local level.

Membership

EUROCITIES is the network of major European cities. We bring together the local governments of more than 140 large cities in over 30 European countries.

Contact

E-mail: info@eurocities.eu

<http://www.eurocities.eu/main.php>

125. EURO COOP – European Community of Consumer Cooperatives

Objectives

- Euro Coop promotes and represents the economic and social objectives of Europe's consumer co-operatives to the European Institutions.
- Euro Coop defends a responsible and ethical approach to food, sustainability and consumer issues at European level.

Activities

- informing its member organisations about European policies and initiatives which are relevant to their activities.
- providing a forum for the exchange of information and co-ordination of the common interests of member organisations.

Membership

Euro Coop comprises 17 members, national organisations of consumer co-operatives in 17 European countries. The organisations of consumer co-operatives in European countries can be full members, while the organisations in non European countries are observer members.

Contact

E-mail: info@eurocoop.coop

<http://www.eurocoop.org/>

126. EURO COP – European Confederation of Police

Objectives

- Representation of police officers' interests in Europe
- Political influence in Europe
- Commitment to Equality
- Subsidiarity, meaning that matters ought to be handled by the smallest, lowest or least centralized competent authority. For EuroCOP this means:
 - In the matter of an issue dealt with a European counterpart and the action provides added value
 - If the matter is of national interest (such as pay, pension) EuroCOP should only take action if a European institution or European Union constitutional body initiates the matter or if the EuroCOP Committee decides to do so.
- Transparency meaning that EuroCOP is an open organisation and forum for communication on police related issues, in the public and within politics.

Activities

* Enjoys consultative status at the Council of Europe and takes an active role in the EU policies making process.

* Support the interest of Police staff at a European level.

* Develops standards on qualification of Police personnel.

Promotes actively: the development of standards for the qualification of the police ; civil status of police officers; Efficiency of police service under democratic control; No privatisation of police tasks

* Publishes reports.

* Organizes conferences, seminars and workshops.

Membership

EuroCOP, is an umbrella organisation for 35 police unions and staff organisations in Europe based in Luxembourg. EuroCOP is open to any organisation representing police officers in member countries of the European Union or the Council of Europe.

Contact

E-mail: contact@eurocop-police.org

<http://www.eurocop.org>

127. EURODAD - European Network on Debt and Development

Objectives

- to push for development policies that support pro-poor and democratically-defined sustainable development strategies.
- to support the empowerment of Southern people to chart their own path towards development and ending poverty.
- to seek a lasting and sustainable solution to the debt crisis, appropriate development financing, and a stable international financial system conducive to development.

Activities

Communication is at the heart of Eurodad's activities. Obtaining and circulating information from members, other NGOs, official bodies, the media and academia is a key task. As is identifying who is doing what so that relevant people can be put in touch with each other, be invited to relevant meetings, etc. Some information is available to members and key Southern contacts only, but most information is available through this site and through our three regular electronic newsletters on aid and on debt.

Throughout the year, Eurodad organises strategy meetings, public meetings and advocacy meetings. Once a year, in collaboration with one of its members, Eurodad holds its annual conference. This is a key moment for relevant policy analysts and campaigners to discuss ideas and plans for the coming period.

While Eurodad's members do the majority of campaigning and advocacy, Eurodad staff also undertake direct advocacy towards European governments and relevant institutions such as the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Membership

Eurodad is a strong and dynamic network of 58 European NGOs in 19 countries. Organisations working on debt or aid finance issues which wish to actively promote the goals and objectives of Eurodad may apply to join the network. Full membership is open to European organisations.

Contact

E-mail: nmolina@eurodad.org

<http://www.eurodad.org>

128. EURODIACONIA

Objectives

Eurodiaconia's aim is to link its members to serve for solidarity and justice. Our common vision as a leading network for diaconal work in Europe is to develop dialogue and partnership between members and influence and engage with the wider society. We do this to enable inclusion, care and empowerment of the most vulnerable and excluded and ensure dignity for all. Our common mission is to represent a dynamic, Europe wide community of organizations founded in the Christian faith and working in the tradition of Diaconia, who are committed to a Europe of solidarity, equality and justice.

Activities

Eurodiaconia seeks to achieve change through the following strategic goals:

Praxis - Develop and enable membership engagement and partnerships, both internally and externally, that develop praxis and extend resources

Advocacy - Create a network of competence to impact relevant social policies at national and European level

Identity and values - Support the development of approaches and thinking on Diaconia in Europe today

Membership

Eurodiaconia is a federation of 33 members – churches, non-statutory welfare organisations and NGOs in Europe rooted in the Christian faith within the traditions of the Reformation as well as in the Anglican and Orthodox traditions.

Contact

E-mail: office@eurodiaconia.org

<http://www.eurodiaconia.org/>

129. EuroGeoSurveys – Geological Surveys of Europe

Objectives

To address the European issues, to promote contribution of geosciences to EU affairs, to assist EU to obtain technical advice and to provide a network between the geological surveys.

Activities

EuroGeoSurveys aims at providing the European Institutions with expert, neutral, balanced and practical pan-European advice and information as an aid to problem-solving, policy, regulatory and programme formulation in areas such as:

- the use and the management of on- and off-shore natural resources related to the subsurface of the Earth, (energy, including the renewable geothermal energy; minerals and water, soils, underground space and land);
- the identification of natural hazards of geological origin, their monitoring and the mitigation of their impacts (deficit or excess of trace elements in soils and waters, earthquakes, natural emissions of hazardous gases, landslides and rockfalls, land heave and subsidence, shrinking and swelling clays;
- environmental management, waste management and disposal; land-use planning;
- sustainable urban development and safe construction;
- e- government and the access to geoscientific metadata and data;
- the development of interoperable and harmonised geoscientific data at the European scale

The portal of EuroGeoSurveys provides an access to geoscientific metadata, information and knowledge at European and national scales, following the links in the thematic pages. It also presents information on EuroGeoSurveys its activities and the Member Organizations.

Membership

EuroGeoSurveys (EGS), The Geological Surveys of Europe, represents 32 Member Organizations, thus over 20.000 specialists working in numerous applications of geosciences to the EU society and economy. EuroGeoSurveys is a not-for-profit association working solely for the public interest.

Contact

E-mail: info@eurogeosurveys.org

<http://www.eurogeosurveys.org>

Objectives

Eurogroup for Animals represents a united voice for animal welfare organisations in Europe. We speak for animals and for the millions of European citizen who are concerned about the way animals are treated.

Since our founding in 1980 we have achieved great things for animals by contributing to the development and adoption of some of the highest legal standards of animal protection in the world.

Activities

- We provide advice and expertise on animal welfare to the European Institutions – the Council of Ministers, the European Parliament and the European Commission.
- We participate in advisory groups and other groups set up by various directorates of the European Commission
- We cooperate with Eu and international organisations
- We work hard to ensure that animal welfare is taken into account in all relevant European policy areas and that European laws designed to protect animals are adopted and enforced.
- We use our scientific and technical expertise to bring about effective and sustainable change which benefits both animals and people.
- We work to protect:
 - **farm animals** by working with producers, retailers, consumers and governments
 - **animals used in research** by working with industry and governments to replace animal tests with alternative methods
 - **wild animals** by campaigning for better lives for those kept in captivity and by working to eliminate the threats from humans they face in the wild and through trade.

Membership

Eurogroup for Animals has represented the leading animal welfare organisations of the EU for more than 25 years. We speak for them and for the millions of European people who are concerned about the way animals are treated.

Contact

E-mail: info@eurogroupforanimals.org

<http://www.eurogroupforanimals.org>

Objectives

To improve the health of European citizens by striving for a healthier Europe with greater health equity between and within countries. We do that by supporting projects and policy development together with our members and the EU institutions; by exchanging information and by communication in and beyond our network.

Activities

In particular, EuroHealthNet works to:

- Monitor relevant policy developments at EU level and in member countries
- Disseminate, share and transfer information and expertise
- Coordinate projects between members and with the European Commission
- Maintain an effective dialogue with EU institutions and other international organisations

Membership

A not for profit organization, private companies publicly responsible and accountable for health promotion, public health and disease prevention in a demonstrable way.

Contact

E-mail: info@eurohealthnet.eu

<http://www.eurohealthnet.eu>

132. *EUROMETREX - Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas*

Objectives

METREX, the Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas, provides a platform for the exchange of knowledge, expertise and experience on metropolitan affairs, and joint action on issues of common interest.

Activities

- * Organizes workshops on spatial planning and development issues
- * Support project at European level
- * Organise studies visits
- * Holds conferences and seminars
- * Publishes documents, collects and made available information to promote the implementation of cooperative action

Members

All political, territorial, public or private organisations which undertake spatial planning and development at the metropolitan region and area level in Europe; currently 50 active members.

Contact

E-mail: enquiries@eurometrex.org
<http://www.eurometrex.org/>

133. *Euromontana - European Association for Co-operation between **Mountain Territories***

Objectives

Euromontana's mission is to promote living mountains, integrated and sustainable development and quality of life in mountain areas.

Activities

In order to achieve this, Euromontana facilitates the exchange of information and experience among these areas by organising seminars and major conferences, by conducting and collaborating in studies, by developing, managing and participating in European projects and by working with the European Institutions on mountain issues.

Membership

Euromontana brings together regional and national organisations of mountain people: socio-professional organisations - in particular agricultural - rural development centres, environmental and development agencies, territorial authorities, research institutes, etc. It includes organisations from Western Europe as well as from Central and Eastern European countries in an effort to develop international co-operation. 72 organisations from 18 European Countries are members of Euromontana, and include international, national, regional organisations as well as territorial communities.

Contact

E-mail: info@euromontana.org
<http://www.euromontana.org>

134. *EURONATUR - European Nature Heritage Fund*

Objectives

The European Nature Heritage Fund – EuroNatur is a non-profit foundation which stands up for the conservation of the European nature heritage on many different levels, e.g. via special species

protection projects, renaturation measures, and site protection as well as political lobbying activities or environmental education

Activities

Endangered wildlife and its habitats

- EuroNatur protects the most important wildlife habitats and corridors
- ashore: protection projects for bears, wolves, and lynx
- aquatically: protection projects e.g. for Mediterranean monk seals or Eurasian otters
- in the air: protection projects for migratory birds and bats

Nature – People – Economy

- in Brussels, EuroNatur is one of the most important advocates for the European nature
- with concrete projects, EuroNatur shows how sustainable rural development protects nature, creates new jobs, and improves the quality of life

Ecological Networking

- EuroNatur interconnects and supports local nature protection organisations
- EuroNatur creates an international network of scientists, environmentalists, farmers, politicians and businessmen for the benefit of the environment and the humans
- EuroNatur supports young environmentalists and the spreading of knowledge about nature
- EuroNatur supports and provides environmental education

Membership

EuroNatur has developed an international network of more than 300 scientists, nature conservationists and environmental experts. EuroNatur maintains a constant dialogue with other organisations and especially with the business world.

Contact

E-Mail: info@euronatur.org

<http://www.euronatur.org>

135. EURONET – European Children's Network

Objectives

The purpose of the Association is to promote and support at European level the children's rights and the principles and standards of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child of 20 November 1989.

Activities

To that effect, the Association shall have the right to develop, alone or in collaboration with third parties, directly or indirectly, all activities related, directly or indirectly, to its purpose. The Association shall in particular develop the following activities:

- campaigning for the interests and rights of the child in Europe and the wider world; and
- putting children's rights and interests on the agenda of the European Union and other European regional institutions, via policy development, research, and children and youth projects at European level.

Membership

The Association shall always consist of at least three Full Members and shall have two membership categories:

- (i) Full Members; and
- (ii) Associate Members.

Members shall be legally constituted persons in accordance with the laws and practices of their countries of origin. The category of full membership is aimed at national or trans-national NGOs or networks of NGOs with children as their principal focus. The category of associate membership is aimed at national or trans-national NGOs or networks of NGOs who do not have children as their

principal focus or at national or trans-national organizations or networks of organizations who are not NGOs (e.g. semi-governmental agencies).

Contact

Email: europeanchildrenetwork@skynet.be OR info@europeanchildrensnetwork.org

<http://www.crin.org/euronet/about/index.asp>

136. EuroNGOs - The European NGOs for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development

Objectives

EuroNGOs is a European NGO forum for discussion and co-operation in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights, population and development.

Activities

In the context of sexual and reproductive rights and the ICPD Programme of Action, EuroNGOs aims to advance:

1. The provision of an informal forum for the exchange of ideas, information and experience in the fields of sexual and reproductive health and rights, population and development, in accordance with an agreed workplan;
2. The provision of opportunities for participants to explore possibilities for multi-lateral and bi-lateral collaboration and co-operation, particularly advocacy initiatives, on a prioritised basis;
3. The development of joint projects and/or consortia by individual groupings of EuroNGOs members to develop and deliver relevant projects;
4. The provision of opportunities for dialogue between NGOs and donors/potential donors;
5. The production of an agreed statement, as appropriate, at the conclusion of membership meetings,
6. The dissemination of relevant advocacy letters and statements to be signed/endorsed by EuroNGOs members; these should be submitted to the 'Europolist' and signed only on behalf of those members who positively affirm their acceptance of such letters and statements (using the statement: "Signed by the following members of EuroNGOs");

Membership

EuroNGOs is a European network of non-governmental organisations that cooperate in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights, population and development.

Contact

<http://www.eurongos.org>

137. EUROPA NOSTRA

Objectives

Europa Nostra is the Voice of Cultural Heritage in Europe, representing individuals and organisations active in the field of cultural heritage:

- * To encourage the protection and enhancement of heritage in all its elements.
- * To promote high standards of quality in the fields of architecture, urban and rural planning.
- * To stimulate the use of the socio-economic potential of heritage in order to develop a sense of civic responsibility and to create new job opportunities.
- * To advocate a balanced and sustainable development of our urban and rural environment.

Activities

- * Stimulates a large network of members and external partners.
- * Lobbying European, international, national and local authorities.
- * Organises periodical public meetings on important topical themes on the subject of heritage.
- * Organises an annual Awards Scheme (Europa Nostra Awards).

* Develops and establishes position papers on the main initiatives from the European Institutions concerning heritage, as well as reports on the results of the Forums and other important topical heritage themes.

* Produces in two languages (English and French) an annual, widely circulated review (Europa Nostra - The Cultural Heritage Review/La revue du patrimoine culturel), an annual scientific review (Bulletin Europa Nostra), a newsletter.

* Organises study tours for its members (Study Tours/Voyages d'étude), exhibitions, etc..

Membership

Non-profit-making, non-governmental organizations, private or public organization like, for instance, an educational institution, a corporate business, a government agency or a city council, individuals that support the aims and activities of Europa Nostra.

Contact

E-mail: info@europanostra.org

<http://www.europanostra.org/>

138. EuroPACE

Objectives

EuroPACE is a European non-profit association of universities, educational organisations and their networks. Our main objective is to foster networked e-learning,

- for virtual mobility,
- for internationalization of higher education,
- for knowledge creation and sharing, and
- for lifelong learning.

Activities

- develops, prepares and manages networked e-learning projects in the framework of international, national and regional programmes, in close collaboration with its members
- provides assistance for networked e-learning project applications of its members
- participates in international, national and regional networked e-learning projects of its members, and other partners
- prepares positions and perform (lobbying) actions in co-operation with other networks and committees in the area of networked e-learning
- disseminates information through portals, regular letters, seminars, etc.
- provides administrative, technical and logistic support, and daily management of e-learning networks, (virtual) exchange programs, e-courses, e-programs, etc.

Membership

EuroPACE membership is open for universities, organisations & companies, interested in European networking in the field of ICT for education and training.

Contact

email: info@europace.be

Web Site: <http://www.europace.org>

139. European Blind Union

Objectives

The European Blind Union is a non-governmental, non profit-making European organization founded in 1984. One of the six regional bodies of the World Blind Union, it is the only organization representing the interests of blind and partially-sighted people in Europe. EBU aims to protect and promote the interests of all blind and partially-sighted people in Europe.

Activities

The detailed work of EBU is carried out by Commissions whose areas of activity reflect the major interests of EBU and Steering Groups, whose remit is to help EBU to adequately address the needs of specific segments of the visually impaired population (Elderly, Youth, Women, Partially Sighted, Deafblind, Blind or Partially Sighted with Additional Disabilities).

Activities include:

- Developing position papers for EU consultations
- Developing and implementing projects
- Printing publications and newsletter
- Distributing information on different resources (Libraries, Vocational training centers, Schools, Hotels and holiday centers, Rehabilitation centers, Guide dog schools, Producers of assistive technology and Online Braille printing and talking letter service
- Organize training events

Membership

EBU currently has 45 member countries, each represented by a national delegation. Members include organizations representing blind and/or partially sighted people in any country situated wholly or partly in Europe. Other types of members also include Honorary Life Members (any individual proposed by a national member or by the Board) who has rendered outstanding service either to EBU or to blind people in Europe); Associate Members and Sponsoring Members.

Contact

E-mail : ebu@euroblind.org

<http://www.euroblind.org/>

140. European Movement

Objectives

The European Movement is a network of member organizations who have come together to contribute to the establishment of a united, federal Europe founded on the principles of peace, democracy, liberty, solidarity, and respect for basic human rights. It seeks to provide a structure to encourage and facilitate the active participation of citizens and civil society organisations in the development of a united Europe.

Activities

The EUROPEAN MOVEMENT works as a study and information group, and also as a pressure group. It operates as a study and information group through the many projects and activities undertaken, and has been at the forefront in helping large segments of the public take part in the dissemination of information on European affairs and activities. It operates as a pressure group through the influence exerted by its members at all levels in each sector of activity. Activities include organization of events, conferences, seminars, training, publication printing and other.

Membership

All the member organisations of the European Movement are legal entities, lawfully appointed in accordance with the law and customs of their country of origin. There are following types of members:

- member organisations (with full voting rights),
- Associate members and corresponding members (without voting rights).

Contact

E-mail: secretariat@europeanmovement.eu

www.europeanmovement.eu

141. European Professional Women's Network

Objectives

European Professional Women's Network is a vibrant growing pan-European federation of more than 17 women's network. Our common objective is to provide women with the tools, networks and

support they need to assume leadership. We aim to share knowledge across Europe, and are participating in several Europe-wide initiatives. We combine a sophisticated online networking platform, linking several thousand business women across Europe, with regular, offline events in many cities across Europe.

Activities

Online

- The European network provides an on-line networking platform linking several thousand business women across Europe. Members can search the member directory, post messages, participate in a mentoring forum, consult network event postings across Europe, reserve on-line and much more.
- The European web-site is also home to our "Think Tank", a unique information resource including corporate best practice, political policy by country, career advice for women and proprietary research and commentary. Our Think Tank is listed among the most powerful in France.
- a monthly European Think Tank Newsletter.

Off-line

National networks provide many opportunities for off-line networking, training and personal development for women in their cities and countries. Events include speaker lunches, training workshops, specialist clubs and more. Consult each local network's website for details.

Membership

Women's networks, individuals and associations

Contact

E-mail: contact@europeanpwn.net

<http://www.europeanpwn.net>

142. *European Social Network*

Objectives

The European Social Network (ESN) brings together people who are key to the design and delivery of local public social services across Europe to learn from each other and contribute their experience and expertise to building effective social policy and practice. ESN's mission is to **support** our members to change the lives of the **most vulnerable** in our societies through the delivery of **quality** social services.

Activities

Europe-wide learning among social directors and care professionals is at the heart of what we do. We bring together these senior managers who believe good practice exchange inspires improvements in the services which are vital to helping vulnerable people.

We facilitate good practice exchange among directors of social services, senior care professionals and other stakeholders.

We bridge the gap between European policy-making and local social care practice and management.

We deliver social policy and social work and care practice knowledge to our Members and other stakeholders.

We advocate empowerment of service users, joint working across service boundaries and quality assurance in service management.

The European Social Services Conference, Policy & Practice working group seminars, provide opportunities for ESN Members to engage with the major challenges facing social services and to learn about innovative responses in social care practice in different countries.

Membership

Member organisations are national or regional **associations** of directors of social services, individual regions, provinces, counties and cities and research, development and regulatory bodies working alongside directors of social services in **shaping services** for the local community.

Contact

E-mail: info@esn-eu.org
<http://www.esn-eu.org>

143. *EUROSIF - European Social Investment Forum*

Objectives

Eurosif is a pan-European group whose mission is to **address sustainability through financial markets**

Activities

The activities where Eurosif focuses resources revolve around helping the affiliate membership with **Promoting** and **Networking** (both **SRI** and their own services). Eurosif has four main activities:

- **EU Lobbying:** Eurosif picks 1 to 2 topics to follow at the EU level and ensures that the affiliate membership's views are represented. Member affiliates are invited to attend meetings with EU actors.
- **Research:** Eurosif provides member affiliates with privileged access to current research on legislation, policies and practices for the integration of social, environmental, ethical and governance issues into European financial services.
- **Initiatives:** Eurosif participates in a number of pan European initiatives with member affiliates such as Pension Fund collaboration, Trustee education and Guideline development.
- **Events/Communications:** Eurosif organises or participates in about 6 events per year on the state of SRI across Europe and invitations to international events.

Membership

Current member affiliates of Eurosif include pension funds, financial service providers, academic institutes, research associations and NGO's. The association is a not-for-profit entity that represents assets totalling over €1 trillion through its membership.

Contact

E-mail: contact@eurosif.org
<http://www.eurosif.org/>

144. *EUROSTEP - European Solidarity towards Equal Participation of People*

Objectives

Eurostep is a network of autonomous European non-governmental development organisations working towards peace, justice and equality in a world free of poverty.

Activities

There are four principal kinds of action that are pursued and where the secretariat plays a pivotal role:

1. To engage in dialogue and advocacy on key issues relevant to the members of *Eurostep* that impact and affect European Development policy and its implementation. This will include:
 - Providing overall co-ordination of *Eurostep's* campaigns, to facilitate their implementation, and to provide support to key affiliates that are leading elements of *Eurostep's* campaigning.
 - Providing members and partners with analysis of the European role in development for the priority areas set for *Eurostep*.
 - Develop dynamic lobby and campaign strategies on *Eurostep* priorities, involving members, targeted at EU policy-makers, politicians, the media and the European public.
2. To be a "strategic broker" between members who have common shared issue they wish to work on.

3. To be an information source for the members of *Eurostep* with regards to pertinent and relevant political and policy developments in the area of development cooperation.
4. To have a "prospective" role in identifying and developing thinking around issues and developments that are relevant and pertinent to *Eurostep* members agendas but which may not be immediately obvious.

Membership

The membership of *Eurostep* comprises European development NGOs that are actively involved with partner organisations in developing countries, and who are committed to engaging in policy debate and advocacy on development policy and practice. Current membership is drawn from 14 European countries.

Contact

E-mail: admin@eurostep.org

<http://www.eurostep.org>

145. EUTA – European Union of Telecottage Associations

Objectives

The goal of the alliance is to form one organisation for the telecottage alliances of different countries which are providing access to the tools of the information society on a community access basis, and to facilitate the exchange of experience, to encourage information flow, to assist the development of communities (including equal opportunity of disadvantaged regions) as well as to represent the interests of telecottage-alliances more effectively on the national and the international level. A further objective of the alliance is to support small communities in reviving their scientific, educational and cultural activities as well as to contribute to a wider dissemination of information on the various aspects of Euro-Atlantic integration through the provision of access to the tools of information society on a community basis.

Activities

The organization is a specialist in:

- organizing trainings on telecottage creation, services, management and sustainability,
- collecting and disseminating good solutions,
- creating training materials in community access topics,
- advisory work for organizing community access point based associations.

Membership

EUTA is an NGO founded by telecottage associations of 7 European countries, located in Budaors, Hungary. The organization is open for other countrywide associations as well. Any organisation can join the alliance as a member, which provides access to or operates a local community IT network (telecottage), and any association of telecottages on condition that its activities cover the entire territory of their country of operation. The alliance can only accept one member from each country. Only civil society organisations can join as members.

Contact

E-mail: bernat.eva@mailbox.hu

<http://www.euta.hu/>

146. EWEA - European Wind Energy Association

Objectives

The European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) is the voice of the wind industry, actively promoting the utilisation of wind power in Europe and worldwide.

Activities

EWEA coordinates international policy, communications, research and analysis and provides various

services to support members' requirements. EWEA also organizes high-profile industry events that members can attend at attractive rates.

EWEA analyses, formulates and establishes policy positions for the wind industry on key issues, cooperating with industry and research institutions on a number of market development and technology research projects. In addition, the lobbying activities undertaken by EWEA help create a suitable legal framework within which members can successfully develop their businesses.

Due to a growing need to raise the wind industry's profile, EWEA produces a large variety of information tools and manages campaigns aimed at raising awareness about the benefits of wind, dispelling the myths about wind energy and providing easy access to credible information.

EWEA organises numerous conferences, exhibitions, seminars and working groups for the benefit of its members and the industry. The main events are the:

- annual European Wind Energy Conference and Exhibition (EWEC), attracting up to 7,500 participants and 300 exhibiting companies;
- bi-annual European Offshore Conference, attracting 3,000 participants and more than 200 exhibiting companies.

Membership

It now has over 600 members from nearly 60 countries including manufacturers with a 90% share of the global wind power market, plus component suppliers, research institutes, national wind and renewables associations, developers, contractors, electricity providers, finance and insurance companies and consultants. This combined strength makes EWEA the world's largest and most powerful wind energy network.

Contact

E-mail: ewea@ewea.org

<http://www.ewea.org/>

147. EWL - European Women's Lobby

Objectives

The European Women's Lobby aims at promoting women's rights and equality between women and men in the European Union. EWL is active in different areas such as women's economic and social position, women in decision-making, violence against women, women's diversity, etc. EWL works mainly with the institutions of the European Union: the European Parliament, the European Commission and the EU Council of Ministers.

Activities

- To support the active involvement of women in working to achieve equality between women and men, while ensuring the representation of women from different parts of the European region
- To support national members through information, lobbying resources and training to actively engage with EU policy shaping and implementation of legislation at national level
- Through analysis, evaluation and monitoring, to provide regular input on all areas of EU policy development and implementation that have an impact on women's lives and on the promotion of equality between women and men, with specific reference to the Roadmap for equality between women and men, the United Nation Beijing Platform for Action on Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
- To monitor and raise awareness about the development and implementation of gender mainstreaming in order to ensure the full integration of women's rights, interests and perspective in all areas of EU policy
- To take into account the needs and perspective of different groups of women, and the diverse experiences of women at all stages of their life cycle

Membership

The European Women's Lobby (EWL) is the largest umbrella organisations of women's associations in the European Union (EU). EWL has member organisations in all 27 Member States of the EU and in 3 candidate countries. Members include: National member organisations, European member organisations **and** Individuals who accept the association's purpose and aims.

Contact

Email: ewl@womenlobby.org

<http://www.womenlobby.org>

148. EZA - European Centre for Workers' Questions

Objectives

EZA has two central aims:

- the promotion of social dialogue and the discussion concerning social challenges on the European level.
- the promotion of the social, economical and cultural development of society.

In this context, EZA feels obliged to contribute to solving social questions and those concerning employees.

Activities

Activities include: organization of seminars with especially important issues, research projects in central issues of societal, social, economical and cultural development, advising the member centres and partners about the development of projects so that they can conduct educational measures autonomously or in co-operation with others; Realization of courses for officials and employees of employees' organisations for the consolidation and amplification of competencies and knowledge in the European context; Promotion of the founding of theme networks and platforms among the member centres of EZA and other befriended organisations; printing publications.

Membership

EZA is a network consisting of more than 60 workers' organisations from 20 different countries that are committed to Christian social values.

Contact

E-mail: eza@eza.org

Web site: www.eza.org

149. FACE - Federation of associations for hunting and conservation of the EU

Objectives

PROMOTE hunting in accordance with the principles of sustainable use of natural resources and biodiversity conservation. Hunting is an important component in the conservation and management of wildlife, as well as the management, creation and restoration of habitats. Hunting is also an important socio-economic countryside activity which adds value to biodiversity and helps ensure its continued conservation;

ADVOCATE the collective interests of its Members at the level of European and international institutions in relation to sustainable hunting, wildlife management, nature conservation, firearms, animal health, game meat, among others, and;

CONTRIBUTE towards informing decision-makers, the media and the public on issues by raising awareness on initiatives that aim to promote its principles.

Activities

- FACE has regular contacts with the 785 Members of the European Parliament and works in particular close collaboration with MEPs taking part in the Sustainable Hunting, Biodiversity & Countryside Activities Intergroup.

- Since its foundation, FACE has had decisive input into all EU initiatives (Directives, Amendments and Regulations) and EU legislation relating directly or indirectly to hunting and wildlife management.
- FACE is recognised by the European Commission as the main discussion partner, representing Europe's 7 million hunters, and is consulted by the relevant Directorate-General during the elaboration and monitoring of EU legislation dealing with hunting, wildlife management, nature conservation, firearms, wild animal health, game meat hygiene, etc.
- FACE is in regular contact with the Council of Ministers, directly as well as through its national delegations. The Council of Europe has granted FACE observer status at the meetings of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention (T-PVS). FACE also takes active part at its Expert Groups (e.g. Threatened species, Large Carnivores, etc.) and has already organised several wildlife expert meetings for the Council of Europe. It also works closely with its NATUROPA Centre, to gather and distribute information

Membership

FACE membership is open to representative national hunters' associations from all Council of Europe Member States. FACE currently counts Member Associations in 36 countries.

Contact

E-mail: info@face.eu

<http://www.face.eu>

150. FEANTSA - European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless

Objectives

FEANTSA, the European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless was established in 1989 as a European non-governmental organisation to prevent and alleviate the poverty and social exclusion of people threatened by or living in homelessness.

Activities

FEANTSA is committed to:

- Engage in constant dialogue with the European Institutions and national and regional governments to promote the development and implementation of effective measures to fight homelessness.
- Conduct and promote research and data collection to better understand the nature, extent, causes of, and solutions to, homelessness.
- Promote and facilitate the exchange of information, experience and good practice between FEANTSA's member organisations and relevant stakeholders with a view to improve policies and practices addressing homelessness.
- Raise public awareness about the complexity of homelessness and the multidimensional nature of the problems faced by homeless people.

FEANTSA works closely with the EU institutions, and has consultative status at the Council of Europe and the United Nations. It receives financial support from the European Commission. To this end FEANTSA lobbies decision makers, commissions research, writes tools and toolkits, prepares regular policy documents and organises European seminars and conferences, and transnational exchange initiatives. In addition, FEANTSA runs a number of working groups, in which members discuss and analyse issues such as housing, housing rights, employment, health and social protection, data collection (statistics and indicators) and participation.

Membership

FEANTSA currently has more than 100 member organisations, working in close to 30 European countries, including 25 EU Member States. Most of FEANTSA's members are national or regional umbrella organisations of service providers that support homeless people with a wide range of services, including housing, health, employment and social support. They often work in close co-operation with public authorities, social housing providers and other relevant actors.

Contact

Email: information@feantsa.org

<http://www.feantsa.org>

151. FEBA - European Federation of Food Banks

Objectives

- It contributes to the implementation of the right to food.
- It supports the creation and development of Food Banks in European countries.

Activities

- It organizes the sharing of experiences between countries through training and with the organization of the "European Food Banks Annual Meeting" which brings together representatives of all countries for two and a half days each year.
- It represents Food Banks and national Federations to get contributions from governments and private organizations.
- It brings together all the people who take an active part in the fight against hunger and waste in order to guide collective decisions towards a better use of surplus food and make this fight more effective in Europe.

Membership

The European Federation of Food Banks (FEBA) brings together 232 food banks in Europe which fight daily against hunger and food waste.

Contact

E-mail: feba@eurofoodbank.org

<http://www.eurofoodbank.org/>

152. FEE - Foundation for Environmental Education

Objectives

Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) is a non-governmental and non-profit organisation aiming to promote sustainable development through environmental education (formal school education, training of staff and general awareness rising).

Activities

FEE is mainly active through five environmental education programmes:

Blue Flag - The Blue Flag is a voluntary and exclusive eco-label awarded in 2009 to more than 3450 beaches and marinas in 41 countries worldwide.

Eco-Schools - Eco-Schools is a programme for environmental management, certification, and sustainable development education for schools. The Eco-Schools programme involves seven steps that any school can adopt. Based on the elements of an environmental management programme, the process involves a wide range of stakeholders, but it is the pupils who play the most important role.

Young Reporters for the Environment - Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE) is an international network of secondary school teachers and pupils, represented in 17 countries. Each group involved defines its own investigation project about an environmental issue, with the goal being to communicate relevant information to the public.

Learning about Forests - The Programme aims to increase the knowledge of forests and all its values with products and activities, and deepen the understanding among the youth. The Programme will stimulate activities that will help students to reach a higher degree of environmental maturity, irrespective of age, stage and previous experiences.

Green Key – The Green Key is an eco-label for tourism facilities that aims to contribute to prevention of climate change and sustainable tourism by awarding and promoting good initiatives. The Green Key aims to change the practices and behaviours of tourism actors including enterprises, authorities, guests, local communities, and to involve them in increasing their responsibility towards their own environment.

Membership

FEE is an international umbrella organisation with one national member organisation per country representing FEE on the national level and in charge of implementing FEE programmes nationally. FEE has member organisations in 60 countries worldwide. Individual person may also be honorary members.

Contact

E-mail: secretariat@fee-international.org

<http://www.fee-international.org/en>

153. F.E.F.A.F - European Federation of Unpaid Parents and Carers at Home

Objectives

International non-profit association under Belgian law holding Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC – UNO. F.E.F.A.F. requests from National Governments, Decision-making Bodies of the European Union, and the UN:

1. The recognition of the human, social and economic value of unremunerated “family-based work” - of attention, care and education - carried out at home toward a dependent relative: “CARE
2. for those who carry out this unremunerated CARE: a social statute of their own
 - to confer on them dignity and citizenship based on human and economic values;
 - to ensure them of social rights (not linked to a statute of remunerated work) whilst upholding established rights
 - to reduce the risk of poverty and precariousness to which they are exposed.
3. a family policy guaranteeing the rights of families and children, taking into account the needs and lifecycles of parents and children
4. collecting data in national and European statistics on At Home Women/Men, “carers”, and the needs of families and of each of their members
5. the possibility of a true civil dialogue by giving European NGOs adequate legal and financial means

Activities

- represents European at-home Parents and Carers at European Union level and at the UN
- informs them of their economic, social, juridical and political rights
- contributes to an exchange of information between its members
- is pluralist, non-party political and non-sectarian
- works with European, African, Asian, North and South American NGOs
- is a member of the European Platform of European Social NGOs and the European Women’s Lobby

Membership

N/A

Contact

E-mail: info@fefaf.be

Web: www.fefaf.be

154. FIDH – International Federation for Human Rights

Objectives

The aim of the FIDH is to obtain effective improvements in the protection of victims, the prevention of Human Rights abuse and the prosecution of those responsible.

Activities

FIDH's forms of action are, in particular: investigation and trial observation missions, interventions before public and legal authorities, raising public awareness, judicial co-operation programmes and other activities geared towards training and increasing awareness, appealing to intergovernmental organisations.

Membership

FIDH includes all organisations, excluding individuals that adhere to this Constitution, pay their subscription and have been approved by the Congress upon proposal by the International Bureau. FIDH is composed of Affiliate, Correspondent and Associate Members.

Contact

<http://www.fidh.org>

155. FIMITIC - International Federation of Persons with Physical Disability

Objectives

The purpose of FIMITIC is to improve social, occupational and societal conditions of persons with physical disability. FIMITIC promotes the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons and fights against their discrimination.

Activities

Mutual exchange of experience and opinions by means of meetings, conferences and other gatherings as well as through advisory services provided for the national member associations and co-ordination of their activities.

Membership

Members are representatives, national, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) of physically disabled persons, parents' organizations or organizations of physically disabled who are unable to speak for themselves. The admission as member shall be decided by the Executive Board on submission of an application in writing. Members should be associations with legal capacity according to the legal system of the respective country.

Contact

E-mail: FIMITIC@invitel.hu

<http://www.fimitic.org>

156. Friends of Europe

Objectives

Friends of Europe is an independent, not-for-profit think-tank dedicated to fostering open discussion and stimulating new thinking on the issues facing Europe and its citizens. Based in Brussels, Friends of Europe works throughout Europe. It strives to reach out beyond the Brussels elite, using innovative technologies and pan-European communications campaigns.

Activities

Friends of Europe provides an **open forum for debate** among EU and national policymakers, NGOs, business leaders, the media and civil society. More than a traditional think-tank, *Friends of Europe* aims to stimulate debate **beyond the Brussels elite** by linking up with major think-tanks and media from across Europe's national capitals. *Friends of Europe* organises a range of different events in varying formats, according to the issues under discussion. However, all our debates and conferences have in common a **lively, informal and often adversarial style**; printing publications.

Membership

Partnership with FoE, regular membership and VIP package. Application form available on FoE website.

Contact

E-mail: info@friendsofeurope.org

<http://www.friendsofeurope.org>

157. Friends of the Earth Europe

Objectives

- promotes environmentally sustainable societies on the local, national, regional and global levels
- protects the earth against further deterioration and repair damage inflicted upon the environment by human activities and negligence
- preserves the earth's ecological, cultural and ethnic diversity
- increases public participation and democratic decision making. Greater democracy is both an end in itself and is vital to the protection of the environment and the sound management of natural resources
- achieves environmental, social, economic and political justice and equal access to resources and opportunities for men and women on the local, national, regional and international levels

Activities

- influence European and EU policy and raises public awareness on environmental issues by providing institutions, media and the public with regular information via a wide range of campaigns, publications and events
- support the network with representation, advice and coordination in European and EU policy making, and sharing of knowledge, skills, tools and resources
- enable people to participate in its international campaigns through local activist groups and national organisations in more than 30 European countries

Membership

Friends of the Earth Europe campaigns for sustainable and just societies and for the protection of the environment, unites more than 30 national organisations with thousands of local group and is part of the world's largest grassroots environmental network, Friends of the Earth International

Contact

Email: info@foeeurope.org

<http://www.foeeurope.org/>

158. FUEN - Federal Union of European Nationalities

Objectives

Federal Union of European Nationalities serves the ethnic groups in Europe and pursues the goal of preserving their national identity, their language, culture and the history of national minorities.

Activities

FUEN organises conferences, seminars, discussion rounds, fact-finding missions, elaboration of studies, statements and consultations. FUEN informs and communicates and it represents the minorities and brings people together.

Membership

Ordinary membership of the FUEN can only be granted to organizations, which represent the interests of their ethnic group, are democratically constituted, and fulfil the requirements from the Statute. Other organizations which further and/or represent the interests of ethnic groups may be admitted as associate members. The Board is authorised to admit individual persons who are interested in the work of the FUEN as correspondent members

Contact

E-mail: info@fuen.org

<http://www.fuen.org>

159. *GENET – European NGO Network on Genetic Engineering*

Objectives

GENET is an European network of non-governmental non-profit organisations engaged in the critical debate of genetic engineering, founded in 1995. GENET's main work is to provide information on genetic engineering for the member organisations and the interested public via mailing-lists and to coordinate activities and campaigns.

Activities

By informing interested organisations and individuals, it facilitates the citizens' involvement in decision-making processes which have to guide the development of this technology. GENET supports activities that aim to avoid the introduction of products of gene technology that are not in the interest of consumers or farmers, harm the environment or animals, and conflict with human rights and ethics.

Membership

At the moment, GENET has 41 member organisations in 21 European countries. Membership can be given to European non-governmental organisations that share the goals of GENET.

Contact

E-mail: coordination@genet-info.org
<http://www.genet-info.org>

160. *Greenpeace European Unit*

Objectives

The Greenpeace European Unit is based in Brussels, where we monitor and analyse the work of the institutions of the European Union (EU), expose deficient EU policies and laws, and challenge decision-makers to implement progressive solutions.

Activities

The issues European Unit works on:

- Stop climate change
- Choose clean energy
- Sustainable agriculture and GMOs
- Protect ancient forests
- Defending our oceans
- Eliminate toxic chemicals

Activities include campaigning, preparing reports, policy papers & briefings, press releases.

Membership

For membership queries or questions relating to the regional or global environment, please contact the Greenpeace office in your country or Greenpeace International, E-mail: supporter.services.int@greenpeace.org

Contact

E-mail: Stef.Van.den.Eynde@greenpeace.org
<http://www.greenpeace.eu>

161. *Health and Environment Alliance*

Objectives

The Health and Environment Alliance aims to raise awareness of how environmental protection improves health. It achieves this by creating opportunities for better representation of citizens' and health experts' perspectives in the environment and health-related European policy-making.

What we aim to do:

- Make European citizens and NGOs more aware of policy changes that can help or hinder progress towards sustainable development
- Support the participation of citizens in policy making at the European level and represent their concerns
- Strengthen EU policies in favour of better protection of health and the environment
- Link significant research findings to recommendations on policy action

Activities

What we can do for you:

- Ensure your organisation is part of the independent voice on health and environmental issues in Europe
- Keep you informed about what's going on in environment and health
- Create opportunities to build networks and coalitions
- Showcase the work of your organisation

Priority issues for 2009-10 include:

- Environment and Health Strategy (EU Environment and Health Action Plan)
- Children's Environment and Health (CEHAPE implementation)
- Chemicals (REACH)
- Mercury
- Pesticides
- Climate change
- Public Participation

Membership

Our membership includes a diverse network of 65 citizens', patients', women's, health professionals' and environmental organisations across Europe and has a strong track record in increasing public and expert engagement in both EU debates and the decision-making process. 13 members are international or European organisations and 52 works at national or local in 26 different countries.

Contact

e-mail: info@env-health.org

<http://www.env-health.org/>

162. HELPAGE International

Objectives

The HelpAge network was established in 1983 to share ideas and resources, and build joint platforms to press for change. HelpAge International helps older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty, so that they can lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives.

Activities

In our approach to our work, we emphasise:

Social justice and empowerment:

- We put older men and women at the heart of our work, involving them in programme design, implementation and review
- We work with the most disadvantaged and vulnerable older people, speaking out on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.

Partnerships:

- We work in partnership with like-minded organisations, especially those working with children and families.

Service delivery:

- We provide services where governments are failing to reach older men and women
- We respond to emergencies quickly and effectively and help older people build their resilience to natural disasters and political crises.

Evidence and policy change:

- We develop ways of improving older people's lives by monitoring our programmes and recording their effectiveness
- We use robust evidence to persuade policy makers to address ageing issues.

Membership

Affiliation is open to any established and legally registered organisation working at international, regional, national or local level on issues of individual or population ageing. Organisations should be able to demonstrate capacity in research, advocacy, capacity building or programming with, and for, older people. HelpAge currently has a global alliance of 80 affiliates.

Contact

<http://www.helpage.org/Aboutus/Contactus>

163. HOPE – Standing Committee of the Hospitals of the European Union

Objectives

The European Hospital and Healthcare Federation is a non-governmental European association, which was created in 1966 and is since 1995 an international not-for-profit association. Its acronym is **HOPE** (**H**ospitals for **EurOPE**). HOPE seeks to promote improvements in the health of citizens throughout the countries of the European Union, and a uniformly high standard of hospital care throughout the European Union and to foster efficiency, effectiveness and humanity in the organisation and operation of hospital services and of the health systems within which they function.

Activities

HOPE may develop on its own or as a partner with others all kinds of activities which may contribute to the realisation of its aims, such as launching projects, establishing technical working parties, setting up educational, twinning, health assistance and retraining programmes, issuing publications and organizing workshops and congresses.

Membership

HOPE is an association, which consists of **full** members, **observer** members and **consultant** members gathering national hospital associations or, where these do not exist, national institutions which are responsible for the hospital sector in the Member States of the European Union; countries that are awarded candidate status; or those countries which do not meet the conditions to become full or observer member, but have been accepted by the Board of Governors.

Contact

E-mail: sg@hope.be

<http://www.hope.be>

164. HRDN - Human Rights and Democracy Network

Objectives

The Human Rights and Democracy Network (HRDN) is an informal grouping of NGOs operating at EU level in the broader areas of human rights, democracy and conflict prevention.

Activities

The network aims to influence EU and member state human rights policies and the programming of their funding instruments to promote democracy, human rights and sustainable peace.

Membership

Participation in the network is open to non-governmental organizations, which engage at EU level in the promotion of human rights, democracy and conflict prevention in and outside the EU. Applicants will be admitted to the network if none of the current members object.

Contact

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<http://dev.act4europe.org>

165. IEEP – Institute for European Environmental Policy

Objectives

IEEP is an independent not for profit institute dedicated to advancing an environmentally sustainable Europe through policy analysis, development and dissemination.

Activities

- We undertake research studies, including international comparisons of environmental policy, contributions to policy development, and implementation and evaluation studies.
- We provide advice to national government departments and agencies, parliamentary committees, the European Commission and Parliament, other public bodies and non-governmental organisations.
- We disseminate information and research findings for the public and private sectors on environment and related policies within the EU and European countries.
- We maintain a comprehensive database of EU environmental law and policy, producing regular updates for our Manual of Environmental Policy: the EU and Britain.
- We produce newsletters on a range of environment-related topics.
- We organise international conferences and seminars, bringing together key European policy-makers and practitioners to progress current policy issues.

Membership

Partnerships are an essential part of our ethos and working style and we collaborate regularly with counterparts and like-minded organisations in a wide range of countries. As a not for profit, independent organisation, our work is predominantly based on programme and project funding. The Institute undertakes both independent research work funded by research bodies and foundations and commissioned projects for a range of clients and sponsors, including the EU institutions, government ministries, environmental agencies and non-governmental organisations in a range of countries

Contact

E-mail: central@ieep.eu
<http://www.ieep.eu>

166. IFsbh - The International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus

Objectives

IF aims to disseminate information and expertise throughout the world to families, individuals, professionals and volunteers involved in the Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida field. The mission of IF is to improve the quality of life of people with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus throughout the world and to decrease the prevalence of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus by primary prevention.

Activities

IF's activities are focused on the dissemination of information and expertise throughout the world to families, individuals, professionals and volunteers involved in the field of Hydrocephalus and Spina Bifida. Other activities include:

Support of national associations for SB and/or Hydrocephalus - IF has contacts with national associations for spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus in more than 40 countries. IF stimulates and supports the creation of new groups and national associations. IF developed a basic manual on how to set up a self-help group. IF has compiled a set of guidelines for national associations, to assist national associations in their development.

Research - IF contributes to research projects by contributing in kind, in knowledge and in experience.

Ethics - IF started an internal discussion on society's attitudes to unborn children with a disability and decided to bring this discussion to an international level.

Projects in developing countries - 6 years ago, IF started a project for early intervention, treatment, rehabilitation and follow-up of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus patients in developing countries.

Influencing international policy and debate - IF is increasing their influence in international issues, which are likely to affect people with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus and their families. IF is especially focusing on:

- Human rights and inclusion of people with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus
- The rights of children with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus in developing countries
- Prevention and issues related to bio-ethics and prenatal diagnosis

Networking on an international level

Membership

IF has two categories of membership: organizational membership and support membership. Organizational members are officially registered associations of people with Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus and/or their relatives, that work within a defined territory. Support membership is open to individuals, sympathizers, professionals, companies, students and anyone with an interest in Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus. IF's membership consists of 40 regional and national umbrella organisations for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. Further, IF has an intensive contact with regional and national organizations in over 50 countries, spread over five continents.

Contact

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167. IGLYO - International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Youth and Student Organization

Objectives

IGLYO was created in 1984 as a reaction to the need for better co-operation among local, regional and national LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer) youth and student organizations. Run by young people, and for young people, IGLYO is an international membership-based umbrella organisation that aims to empower its Members in better representation of LGBTQ youth and student issues. This includes being the voice of our Members to international bodies, institutions, organisations and promoting co-operation and joint strategies.

IGLYO's core focuses are:

- Education
- Health
- Human Rights
- Inter-religious and intercultural dialogue

Activities

IGLYO seeks to reach its objectives by collaborating with different institutions at different levels. It carries out its work by collaborating with the Council of Europe and the European Commission in order to promote the participation of young LGBT people and their rights. IGLYO works to influence these institutions to support and include LGBT youth in their policies and lobbies, ensuring the voice of LGBT youth is represented in these institutions' working priorities.

However, a substantial amount of IGLYO's work is carried out by working with its member organizations. Every year IGLYO organizes an international conference or study session with a particular theme (such as Media, Health, Education, etc) reflecting the needs to be tackled by and for LGBT youth.

Intercultural learning, exchanging new skills and international networking are typical examples of what IGLYO provides to its members. By doing this we aim to strengthen the capacities of member organizations and stimulate cross-border cooperation and joint projects.

IGLYO is a major source of information relevant for local youth groups and organizations. IGLYO's work aims to build the capacity of its member organizations by providing spaces where information could be exchanged and shared. Through the IGLYO network, member organizations could also discuss best practices and liaise to develop joint projects, which target the organizations' developmental plans (whether on a local, national and/or regional/trans-national level).

IGLYO is involved in political work. It participates within youth structures on European and International levels. IGLYO is, amongst others, a full member of the European Youth Forum and ILGA-Europe (the European branch of the International Lesbian and Gay Association) and co-operates with the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe. Through its different events, IGLYO analyzes existing policies on LGBT issues and contributes to the establishment of more efficient strategies to fight the discrimination faced by LGBT youth.

Membership

Today the IGLYO network is an important meeting point for LGBTQ youth in the European region, having member organizations in almost every European country and beyond.

Contact

E-mail: info@iglyo.com

<http://www.iglyo.com/>

168. ILGA EUROPE - International Lesbian and Gay Association

Objectives

ILGA-Europe is the European Region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA). ILGA-Europe is a non-governmental umbrella organisation, which represents its members, principally organisations of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, at the European level. ILGA-Europe's **vision** is of a world freed from any form of discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression; a world where the human rights of all are respected and everyone can live in equality and freedom.

ILGA-Europe's **mission** is:

- to act as a European voice for the rights of those who face discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression;
- to promote the right to equality and freedom from discrimination by lobbying and advocacy, and by educating and informing the European and international institutions, media and civil society;
- to strengthen the capacity of European human rights organisations fighting against sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression discrimination to work for equality through their involvement in advocacy, campaigning and networking, the exchange of best practice, the dissemination of information and capacity-building programmes

Activities

- Developing the LGBT movement: Projects that work with developing LGBT organisations; trainings and study sessions on capacity building; Funding opportunities; Resources on capacity building
- Working with the European Institutions:
 1. EU Anti-Discrimination Directive - why?
 2. Be Bothered – European Parliament 2009-2014

3. EU enlargement - As part of the accession process to the EU, candidate countries are required to meet the Copenhagen Criteria, namely to preserve democratic governance and human rights, a functioning market economy, and to assume the obligations of EU membership. In addition, the countries are required to transpose the EU legislation into national laws and, more importantly, to implement and enforce them through the appropriate administrative and judicial structures.

4. The European Union's external relations

5. Reform Treaty

- Litigation in the European Courts
- ILGA EUROPE as a funder

Activities include conferences, reunions, meetings; publication (newsletter, non-periodic, reports); Lobbying.

Membership

Associations, organisations, individual members. Its membership comprises around 300 organisations from throughout Europe. ILGA-Europe was established as a separate region of the ILGA in 1996. ILGA itself was founded in 1978.

Contact

E-mail: info@ilga-europe.org
<http://www.ilga-europe.org>

169. IMPEL - European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law

Objectives

The European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL) is an international non-profit association of the environmental authorities of the European Union Member States, acceding and candidate countries of the EU and EEA countries. IMPEL contributes to protecting the environment by promoting the effective implementation and enforcement of EC environmental law.

Activities

- IMPEL's activities have boosted the development of the best practice on the ground. The fact that the participants in IMPEL projects are experts in the field of environmental law making, permitting, inspection, and enforcement with a thorough knowledge of the subject through their daily work, guarantees a high level of expertise.
- IMPEL provided the basis for the Recommendation 2001/331/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2001 providing for minimum criteria for environmental inspections (RMCEI). IMPEL has also strongly promoted the implementation of the RMCEI for example by developing guidance on qualifications and training of inspectors and performing peer reviews of inspectorates and inspection practices within the so called IMPEL Review Initiative (IRI) Scheme (link to IRI page).
- IMPEL has carried out many projects on the implementation of various aspects of the IPPC-Directive. It has given inputs to the BREF production on sectoral issues and on horizontal ones as for example monitoring. It also played an important role recently assisting the Commission in the review of the IPPC-Directive.
- Another important area of activity concerns the EU Emission Trading Scheme. Within this subject IMPEL provided support to its Members in the implementation of the EU ETS and identified problems in implementation of the relevant Directive.
- Within the framework of the Transfrontier Shipment of Waste (TFS) Cluster, IMPEL carries out series of projects identifying illegal shipments of waste and carrying out joint enforcement actions to improve the implementation of the Waste Shipment Regulation.
- The IMPEL network has successfully taken up its role to give advise – on request or on its own initiative – on the practicability and enforceability of EC Environmental legislation.

Membership

Any national, regional or local authority which is competent for the implementation or enforcement of EC environmental law, e.g. ministries, regulators, agencies and inspectorates, can join IMPEL, provided that the authority is based in a Member State of the European Union, in an acceding or candidate country of the European Union or in an EEA country.

Contact

<http://impel.eu/contact-us>

170. INCLUSION EUROPE - European Association of Societies of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and their Families

Objectives

Inclusion Europe is a non-profit organisation that campaigns for the rights and interests of people with intellectual disabilities and their families throughout Europe. **Respect, Solidarity** and **Inclusion** are the fundamental values shared by all members of our movement of and for people with intellectual disabilities and their families.

Inclusion Europe as an organisation is pursuing three main objectives:

- Exchange of knowledge with and between our members
- Support for our members in different fields
- Influencing policy in favour of people with intellectual disabilities, their families and their organisations

Activities

Inclusion Europe co-ordinates activities in many European countries, including conferences, working groups and exchange meetings. It responds to European policy proposals and provides information about the needs of people with intellectual disabilities. Inclusion Europe advises the European Commission and members of the European Parliament on disability issues.

Membership

All members of the Association must have legal status. Members are primarily voluntary non-governmental organization of persons with intellectual disability and/or their parents and friends working exclusively in the interests of persons with intellectual disability. The Association comprises the following categories of members: a. Full members; b. Regional or local members; c. Organisations of Self-advocates; d. European organizations; e. Affiliate members; f. Subscribers. Detailed criteria for membership are given in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Contact

E-mail: secretariat@inclusion-europe.org

<http://www.inclusion-europe.org>

171. INFORSE – EUROPE - International Network for Sustainable Energy

Objectives

INFORSE-Europe is a network of 78 NGOs from 35 European countries that are working for sustainable energy solutions to protect environment and reduce poverty

Activities

- exchange of information and networking among NGOs;
- promote and coordinate public education and awareness creation, for instance by organizing international campaigns;
- provide a focal point for lobbying international bodies, multi-lateral development banks, donor agencies and multi-national corporations;
- implement a mechanism for soliciting and channelling support to grassroots, local, national, regional and international NGOs;

- liaise with multilateral agencies in order to achieve a more sustainable development;
- support the formulation and implementation of national and regional sustainable energy strategies, including proposals for education, research and development, dissemination, and legislation. Co-operate with other INFORSE regions of updating the worldwide sustainable energy strategy that INFORSE is formed on;
- study strategies and barriers for the implementation of sustainable energy solutions.

These means can include publishing activities and tendering for financial support to carry out the activities.

Membership

INFORSE - Europe is open to non-governmental federations and organizations working for a sustainable energy development, established in accordance with the relevant laws in one or more European states and supporting the policy platform for INFORSE - Europe in word and in practice. Associate membership is open to all federations and organizations established in Europe.

Contact

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<http://www.inforse.dk/europe>

172. IPPF EN - The International Planned Parenthood Federation

Objectives

The International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN) is one of 6 regions of the International Planned Parenthood Federation which was founded in 1952 and is the strongest global voice safeguarding sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for people everywhere.

To advance the basic human right of all people to make free and informed choices in their sexual and reproductive lives; to fight for the accessibility to high quality information, education and health services regarding sexuality and sexual identities, conception, contraception, safe abortion, and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS.

Activities

In order to make IPPF EN's vision, values and mission a lived reality, five interrelated strategies for intervention have been identified. These are:

- Protection - of rights and choice
- Promotion - of health, gender equity and safer sex
- Prevention - of unsafe abortion and STIs including HIV/AIDS
- Provision - of access to high quality sexual and reproductive health services
- Participation of beneficiaries in project design, implementation and evaluation

These strategic interventions are relevant to all of the following programme themes: Access, Adolescents, Abortion, HIV/AIDS, and Advocacy - based on an institutional foundation of quality and sustainability.

Membership

IPPF EN includes 41 membership-based associations throughout Europe and Central Asia, as well as the Regional Office in Brussels, Belgium. Member Associations (MAs) are active at the national level in providing high quality sexual and reproductive health services, information, education, training and counselling to a whole range of groups, in particular to vulnerable, marginalised and socially-excluded people such as immigrants, refugees, adolescents and victims of abuse. They also provide advice on sexual and reproductive health and rights issues.

Contact

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www.ippfen.org

173. *ISPCAN - International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect*

Objectives

- To increase awareness of the extent, the causes and possible solutions for all forms of child abuse
- To disseminate academic and clinical research to those in positions to enhance practice and improve policy
- To support international efforts to promote and protect the Rights of the Child
- To improve the quality of current efforts to detect, treat and prevent child abuse
- To facilitate the exchange of best practice standards being developed by ISPCAN members throughout the world
- To design and deliver comprehensive training programs to professionals and concerned volunteers engaged in efforts to treat and prevent child abuse

Activities

Projects in the domain of the prevention of different forms of abuse, exploitation of children; congresses and conferences, trainings

Membership

Membership is invited from any and all professional or lay persons or organizations concerned with the welfare of children who subscribe to the purposes of The Society. All persons shall be eligible to become a Member and upon payment of the appropriate dues shall be enrolled as a Member for the year to which their payment relates. No person shall be denied membership because of race, creed, colour, religion, gender, national origin, economic status or political views

Contact

E-mail: ispcan@ispcan.org or exec@ispcan.org
<http://www.ispcan.org/aboutISPCAN.htm>

174. *ISS - International Social Service*

Objectives

ISS is an international network of non-profit organizations, composed of professional staff and specialized volunteers, committed to preserving, establishing or re-establishing the links between family members in an international context. ISS is dedicated to finding solutions for the protection of unaccompanied minors, neglected and abandoned children, family searches, reunification and repatriation, legal assistance, individual counselling and ensuring that the needs and rights of its beneficiaries are respected.

Activities

ISS is well recognized for its expertise, know-how and professionalism relating to child and family protection. Its relentless and strong commitment to these matters throughout the years has given the organisation an international legitimacy to handle individual casework, provide professional counselling, conduct research, carry out analysis, implement projects, disseminate information, print publications and undertake advocacy and lobbying.

Membership

There are two categories of membership: voting (branch and affiliated membership) and non-voting (honorary and associated organizations).

Contact

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Website: www.iss-ssi.org

Objectives

The association is a non-profit making organisation. Its goal is to work for the creation of an All-European federation, the first step towards peace and world federation, and for a freer, more democratic and more just society.

Activities

To further its objectives, the Young European Federalists may have recourse to all appropriate means, notably:

- i) the cooperation of its members, of all nationalities in the work of the association;
- ii) the regular organisation of study-seminars and educational courses;
- iii) the publication of various periodicals and magazines;
- iv) the organisation of meetings and demonstrations aimed at spreading the ideals of the association;
- v) cooperation with local, regional, national, European and international institutions and associations.

Membership

Members of JEF are physical persons who join the association through a section and who have paid during that year. In an area where no JEF section is recognised, individuals may join by yearly sending their membership fee to the Treasurer of JEF. The members cease, by right, to be members of the association on the 31st of December in the year in which they will attain the age of 35.

Contact

E-mail: info@jef.eu

<http://www.jef.eu>

Objectives

JMI is the largest youth music NGO in the world, created in Brussels, Belgium in 1945 with the mission to "enable young people to develop through music across all boundaries".

Activities

JMI places empowerment, with its emphasis on social inclusion and cohesion, at its core. For over 60 years, JMI has been 'Making a Difference through Music', using the power of music to bridge across social, geographical, racial and economic divides and creating a platform for intercultural dialogue. In joining the world's largest youth-music network...

You Get:

- To connect & collaborate with the largest youth-music network in the world.
- To create, adopt & develop international projects & programs.
- Project inspiration from network best practices in youth empowerment.
- International Conferences, Relevant Training Sessions and Informative Network Meetings.
- Greater visibility online and stronger promotion via: jmi.net, Youtube, MySpace, Flickr.etc.
- JMI Head Office support (communications, advocacy, contacts...).
- Preferential rates on receiving the WYC/ WOJM/ MCI/ JMJAZZ Artists.
- Tour collaboration (artist sharing) with other members.
- Discounts on member showcase artists, on World Cultural Centre rates, for selected competitions/ auditions.
- Structural support to enable your local expansion.
- Intern, volunteer, and job exchange possibilities with recruitment support.
- International promotion, training and education opportunities for your local artists.

Membership

With member organizations currently in 45 countries and contact organizations in another 35, JMI is a global network providing opportunities for young people to engage with music. To join JMI, please contact mail@jmi.net

Contact

E-mail: mail@jmi.net
<http://www.jmi.net>

177. *Mental Health Europe*

Objectives

Mental Health Europe supports the emancipation of different groups in the mental health field in order to establish equal positions between the different parties and to ensure that mental health activities and mental health care really meet the needs of the population.

Mental Health Europe:

- plays an important role in raising awareness, in combating the taboos, stigma and prejudice associated with mental illness, and in fighting social exclusion;
- is entitled to fight against violations of the social rights of people with mental health problems through the lodging of collective complaints with the Council of Europe's European Committee of Social Rights,
- has participatory status with the Council of Europe , a liaison function for mental health promotion with the European Commission , and has legal status, being in official relations, with the World Health Organisation Regional Office for Europe ,
- coordinates a platform of European NGOs in the mental health field

Activities

Mental Health Europe:

- promotes and supports its member organisations with their developments and their efforts to achieve greater acknowledgement and funding through information, exchange and consultation;
- lobbies the European Institutions in order to raise the profile of mental health;
- develops recommendations for policies and strategies on mental health issues;
- initiates European projects in which member organisations can become involved;
- is a forum for exchange and information on health and social policies that are relevant to the field of mental health and well-being;
- offers a structure and support to find partner organisations for collaboration and for exchange of knowledge and expertise and to identify and disseminate good practices;
- increases awareness of mental health and well-being, and campaigns for important mental health issues;
- has set up Committees that work on mental health and women's issues, mental health and migration and ethnic minorities and mental health and human rights;
- organises meetings, seminars, workshops and conferences;
- publishes a monthly newsletter and produces briefings and reports;
- provides up to date information on mental health issues on its website.

Membership

MHE welcomes new members who share its vision and whose mission is to promote positive mental health and well-being in Europe. Membership is open to all organisations and individuals based in Europe, including non-governmental organisations involved in mental health promotion, prevention of mental disorders, advocacy for and the protection of human rights of people with mental health problems, associations of health professionals, health service providers, groups of users, ex-users of mental health services and volunteers, and those representing the families and carers of people with mental health problems. MHE's individual members are persons active or simply interested in mental health.

Contact

E-mail: info@mhe-sme.org
<http://www.mhe-sme.org>

178. PAN Parks Foundation

Objectives

PAN Parks, the European wilderness protection organization, works for the protection, greater understanding and appreciation of Europe's wilderness areas.

Activities

PAN Parks, the only European-wide organisation focusing on the protection of wilderness areas, applies a truly integrated approach combining wilderness protection and sustainable tourism development. With diverse activities and work in different fields of expertise, we maximise our efforts for the protection of wilderness.

Conservation

- Developing a network of wilderness protected areas in Europe
- Setting an important benchmark for high standards in protected area management

PAN Parks provides effective a third-party certification system under WCPA (World Commission on Protected Areas) Framework for Management Effectiveness.

Policy work

- Redefining and developing a concept of wilderness conservation in Europe
- Creating better policies and a research environment of wilderness areas
- Creating and operating a 'Wilderness Think-tank'

Communications

- Raising awareness and creating positive perception of wilderness
- Promoting the PAN Parks network as the best wilderness areas of Europe

Tourism

- Developing a certification system for selecting local PAN Parks partners
- Linking local business partners with international tour operators
- Offering incentive travels

Membership

There are three types of partners: Founding partners, Conservation partners and Communications and marketing partners. More info on partners could be found on <http://www.panparks.org/about-us/partners>

Contact

E-mail: info@panparks.org

<http://www.panparks.org>

179. Pax Christi International

Objectives

Pax Christi International is a non-profit, non-governmental Catholic peace movement working on a global scale on a wide variety of issues in the fields of human rights, human security, disarmament and demilitarisation, just world order and religion and violent conflict.

Activities

Actions of Pax Christi member organisations take place on a local, regional and global level. Activities include: open dialogue and discussion on peace and spirituality in our lives, participating in anti-war actions on the streets of the world's capitals; struggle against the illicit arms trade through active support of international actions for the control of small arms; awareness raising of human rights issues by letter writing campaigns, speeches or meetings with the communities and governments; raising the standards of living of people in their own community by social development projects and training programmes.

Membership

The Pax Christi Movement is a global Catholic peace movement and a Faith Based Network uniting over hundred non-governmental organisations around the world. As a Global Network, Pax Christi International works in five continents and in over 50 countries.

Contact

<http://www.paxchristi.net>

180. PICUM - Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants

Objectives

PICUM, the Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) that aims to promote respect for the human rights of undocumented migrants within Europe. PICUM also seeks dialogue with organisations and networks with similar concerns in other parts of the world. PICUM promotes respect for the basic social rights of undocumented migrants, such as the right to health care, the right to shelter, the right to education and training, the right to minimum subsistence, the right to family life, the right to moral and physical integrity, the right to legal aid, and the right to fair labour conditions.

Activities

PICUM's activities are focused in five main areas:

1. **Monitoring and reporting:** improving the understanding of issues related to the protection of the human rights of undocumented migrants through improved knowledge of problems, policies, and practice.
2. **Capacity building:** developing the capacities of NGOs and all other actors involved in effectively preventing and addressing discrimination against undocumented migrants.
3. **Advocacy:** influencing policy makers to include undocumented migrants in social and integration policies on the national and European levels.
4. **Awareness raising:** promoting and disseminating the values and practices underlying the protection of the human rights of undocumented migrants among relevant partners and the wider public.
5. **Global actors on international migration:** developing and contributing to the international dialogue on international migration within the different UN agencies, international organisations, and civil society organisation.

Membership

PICUM has over 100 affiliated members and 101 ordinary members in 25 countries, primarily in Europe but also in other regions of the world. **Ordinary Members** - may be individuals who are involved in humanitarian activities concerning undocumented migrants or who participate in NGOs whose activities fully or partly relate to the situation of undocumented migrants. **Affiliated members** - non-governmental organizations or international organizations whose activities fully or partly relate to the situation of undocumented migrants.

Contact

E-mail: info@picum.org

<http://www.picum.org/>

181. PLATFORM NETWORK - For European Youth Activities

Objectives

Platform Network is a European youth exchange network of 23 cooperating regional organizations. The overall aim of the Platform is to increase mobility for young people, to support intercultural learning, and to develop mutual understanding and democratic citizenship by organizing open youth mobility activities for groups of young people and individual young people. Platform network was established in 1986.

Activities

In order to put the aims of the platform into practice the members organise bi & multilateral Youth Exchanges, international Youth Initiatives, Youth Democracy Projects, European Voluntary Service (EVS), Leaders Training & Exchanges, international youth activities, and keep up a common web-portal

- Platform Camp is a multilateral youth mobility action organised by a Platform member and open for young people from all Platform members- and observer regions
- A Youth Mobility Action is an action organised by Platform member or observer, and directed to all, or parts of the members, observers and organisers, and other co-operation partners. Youth Mobility Actions can be; camps, group exchanges, EVS, youth projects, work camps etc.
- Exchange of good practices is an action, organised by a member or observer, directed to youth workers, leaders or decision makers in the youth field. Actions could be for example; exchange of experts, leader training, common seminars, training courses, job shadowing, language courses etc.

Membership

Informal network that consists right now of 23 member regions. The members can represent a country, a region or a local community.

Contact

<http://www.platform-network.com/>

182. PLS – European Thinkthank Pour la Solidarité

Objectives

Pour la Solidarité (PLS) is a service provider for socio-economic and political stakeholders wishing to operate in a professional manner in the European solidarity sector. Pour la Solidarité, which is in permanent contact with the European Institutions, caters for the needs of solidarity stakeholders in Europe.

We aim to play an active role in the following areas: formulation of sustainable public policies, the increasing interest being shown by companies in corporate social responsibility, promoting the social economy and encouraging citizens to take part in decision-making processes in order to address the many emerging challenges and contribute to the construction of a Europe that espouses solidarity and fosters social cohesion. Our projects help to build bridges between the different families of stakeholders in the economic and social sectors: public authorities, companies, trade unions, research centres and associations.

Activities

PLS is currently undertaking a number of activities: it has launched and is overseeing a series of European projects; is developing competence networks; is prompting the commissioning and dissemination of socio-economic studies; the setting up of observatories ; the organisation of thematic conferences, seminars and meetings ; the drafting of recommendations for public authorities and consultancy work for economic decision-makers. This document sets out our objectives, our approach and the actions and services that we provide to all stakeholders who, like us, wish to build a Europe of the future that fosters sustainable, solidarity-based development.

Membership

N/A

Contact

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<http://www.pourolsolidarite.eu/contactez-nous-en?lang=en>

Objectives

Polis is a network of European cities and regions from across Europe, which promotes, supports and advocates innovation in local transport. We strive to improve transport at local level, especially in relation to the **environment & health, mobility & traffic efficiency**, the **economic & social** aspects of transport and **safety & security**.

Activities

Polis provides a number of services to its members. These can be grouped together under three main headings:

SHARING EXPERIENCES AND KNOWLEDGE

Polis facilitates networking in order to foster the exchange of experience and transfer of know-how and ideas between European cities and regions.

SUPPORTS INVOLVEMENT IN EU PROJECTS

Polis supports its members in building up and taking part in projects proposals. Polis is also partner itself in a number of European Projects.

DIALOGUE WITH THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS

Polis lobbies the European Institutions to ensure that relevant European policies and programmes meet the need of cities and regions and to create support around individual project proposals. This activity is mainly in the hands of the Political Group.

The secretariat monitors all the policy developments at the EU level in the field of local and regional transport and seeks to influence their direction through the submission of Polis position statements endorsed by the Polis Political Group.

Membership

European local and regional authorities and transport-related organisations

Contact

E-mail: polis@polis-online.org

Web Site: <http://www.polis-online.org/>

Objectives

General aim of the association is to promote active democratic citizenship in countries of Europe and, more specifically, political and social participation of citizens and their organizations.

- Creation of a structure that will set civic participation and education higher on the European and national agenda.
- Strengthening the capacities of the partner organisations by exchanging methods and practices.
- Being more present and visible in the European NGO-scene by focusing on the promotion of European citizenship through participation.
- Creating a pool of potential partners for European projects as well as being able to profit from European funds.

Activities

POLITEIA is active in the field of active (European) citizenship and democracy *through* participation in the following ways:

The digital Politeia Newsletter

The newsletter brings relevant developments in the Politeia network, European politics, in the field of civic and political education, background information, the signalling of recent books, magazines

and other (electronic) publications, conferences, profiles of European non-governmental organisations, interesting websites, etcetera. The newsletter is published four times a year. You can subscribe by clicking on the subscribe button on the right top of this page.

The Website

This website is the communication channel of POLITEIA. It enables the partners and other interested organisations to share their knowledge and experience to other network participants.

Projects

In 2006 four partners have been active in a project to exchange best practices in the field of participation and citizenship of underrepresented groups.

Membership

Persons and NGOs/institutions that are active in the field of citizenship and political education.

Contact

E-mail: info@politeia.net

<http://www.politeia.net>

185. PostEurop

Objectives

Committed to supporting and developing a sustainable and competitive European postal communication market accessible to all customers and ensuring a modern and affordable universal service, PostEurop promotes cooperation and innovation bringing added value to the European postal industry.

Activities

The association focuses on customer requirements and satisfaction by improving operational and network quality and efficiency, by developing human resources and by shaping the European and international postal regulatory environment. It also brings added value to the European postal industry by promoting cooperation and innovation, with an emphasis on common needs. As a trade association representing the interests of European postal operators, PostEurop has the responsibility to influence and follow-up on regulatory, social, operational and market developments, which have or may have an impact on the European postal sector. Through the active work of its 5 Committees and 32 Working Groups, PostEurop ensures that the most important issues are being dealt with and that appropriate action is taken to promote the postal industry whenever possible and to the best of its Members' interests. To do so, PostEurop issues positions papers, lobbies European and international policy makers, organises seminars and workshops, develops improvement programmes in the field of quality of service and postal operations, and implements bi-lateral and multilateral training projects.

Membership

PostEurop is the association, which represents the interest of 48 European public postal operators.

Contact

E-mail: info@posteurop.org

<http://www.posteurop.org>

186. R.E.D. - Rurality-Environment-Development

Objectives

International association set up in 1980, Rurality-Environment-Development (R.E.D.) develops, through its network of members and partners in Europe, continuous exchanges on the rural policies and their implementation, with the double finality of a better ground efficiency and of a reinforced dialogue with the European Institutions.

Activities

- An associative function
 - R.E.D. animates a European rural development network and promotes a participatory approach of development integrating, in a specified area, the economic, social, cultural and environmental concepts into a territorial project.
 - R.E.D. coordinates European platforms like the European Countryside Movement and gives support to members activities at international level.
 - R.E.D. animates the website www.ruraleurope.org, and publishes the newsletter Eurobrèves and thematic dossiers.
- An operational function, with the support of the Interregional Workshops (ATEAR) - As European network, R.E.D. organizes regular international conferences or exhibitions and cooperates in researches on the different sides of rural development. : country planning, landscape, territorial development in its economic, social, cultural and environmental components, European rural policy,
- Vice-Presidency of the Advisory Group « Rural development » of the European Union
- Member of the Liaison Group between the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the European Civil Society
- Participative status with the Council of Europe

Membership

Two types of members exist: Associate and effective member. Any individual person or legal entity which wants to become associate member of R.E.D. has to send the filled membership form (downloadable on R.E.D. website) to R.E.D.'s offices. On explicit demand and after approval of the Board of Directors, the status of "effective member" may be given to associate members or organizations, then having right to vote and to be elected to the Board of Directors.

Contact

E-mail: infored@ruraleurope.org

<http://www.ruraleurope.org>

187. REVES - European Network for Cities and Regions for the Social Economy

Objectives

REVES represents, defends and promotes the common values of its members vis-à-vis European and International institutions.

Activities

The representatives of cities and regions and social economy organisations, members of REVES, commit themselves to:

- establish a stable partnership, long term collaboration and a common co-ordination and planning of local development policies between local authorities and the social economy;
- create and develop a new culture of social entrepreneurship, question the prevailing economic models and propose alternative socio-economic approaches;
- develop TSR as a process of social global responsibility based on sustainable development and participative popular democracy;
- apply gender equality, promote diversity through inclusion, fight against every kind of discrimination, racism and precarious conditions;
- develop innovative models so as to strengthen partnership and good governance between local authorities and social economy;
- identify common objectives and values for partnership and synergies with other networks;
- work actively with the European Commission, the European Parliament, the EESC, the Committee of the Regions and the Member States in order to promote REVES values and activities and to create favourable legal and fiscal frameworks for the development of social economy in Europe;
- seek a balanced development and dissemination of social economy values throughout Europe and its neighbours, targeted at all territories and all groups;

- promote the exchange of good experiences between members and the commitment to excellence;
- actively participate and contribute to the life/the activities of the network.

Activities also include: Organizing different events, providing information, printing publications and implementing projects in the *field of social inclusion, economy and local sustainable development*

Membership

Local authorities and Socio economic actors.

Contact

<http://www.revesnetwork.eu/>

188. Save the Children Europe Group

Objectives

Save the Children's **vision** is a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation. Save the Children's **mission** is to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Goals for 2015: To reach a total of 60 million children every year through our worldwide education programmes by 2015; To ensure that 2 million more children in poor and unstable countries have access to education; To demonstrate measurably improved outcomes for 500,000 of these children – better numeracy, literacy, rights awareness and life skills – through robust evaluation; To increase the availability of early childhood care and development and expand our programmes for non-formal education for adolescents.

Activities

Campaigns; Child Protection; Child Rights; Disaster Risk Reduction; Education; Emergencies; Global Food Crises; Health; Reduction Poverty

Membership

Save the Children works with partners who share our values and its commitment to children, as well as ambition to work on a global scale.

Contact

E-Mail: info@savethechildren.be
www.savethechildren.net/brussels

189. Seven – Senior European Volunteers Exchange Network

Objectives

SEVEN is an international network of 29 organisations promoting senior volunteer exchanges. We want to create a "European Wide Space" where all the organisations involved, local governments, NGOs, universities, institutions working with volunteers will be facilitated in the implementation of their mobility and exchange projects. Aside, but not less important is the setting up of a voice that can advise and give an informed point of view to national and international institutions dealing with active ageing, educational tools, active citizenship and social cohesion. Our meetings and all the forecast tools will be as open as possible both to policy makers and to organisations in order to create an observatory on the implementation of those policies.

Activities

1. Website
2. Discussion platform for learning partnership and other exchange projects
3. Support for volunteers and organisations (Internet and printed version)
4. Research actions
5. Annual meetings

6. Dissemination and public relations actions
7. Annual progress and assessment report

Membership

SEVEN's member organisations include NGOs, local governments, universities and research centres with at least 5 years' experience in the co-ordination and management of senior volunteer programs.

Contact

info@seven-network.eu

<http://www.seven-network.eu>

190. SOCIAL PLATFORM - Platform of European Social NGOs

Objectives

The **Platform of European Social NGOs (Social Platform)** is the alliance of representative European federations and networks of non-governmental organisations active in the social sector. The Social Platform and its members are committed to the advancement of the principles of equality, solidarity, non-discrimination and the promotion and respect of fundamental rights for all within Europe and in particular the European Union. The Social Platform promotes social justice and participatory democracy by voicing the concerns of its member organisations.

Activities

Through its policy and campaigning work, the Social Platform enables its member organisations to pool ideas and expertise, building their common experience into a positive force for social change in the EU. The Platform acts a vehicle for its member organisations to express their shared values and shape these into a strong voice for the social NGO sector.

The Social Platform's policy work is led primarily by its thematic Working Groups, where members meet to exchange views and ideas, and agree common strategies and positions for the Social Platform. We currently have three main Working Groups, one on Social Policy, one on Fundamental Rights & Non-Discrimination and the other on Social Services of General Interest. One more informal Working Party also meeting regularly: on Employment. Policy and campaigning work on civil dialogue and governance issues is led by the Steering Group, and the Management Committee has an overview of all the Groups. The Social Platform Secretariat coordinates the Groups.

Membership

More than forty European non-governmental organizations, federations and networks which are working to build an inclusive society. The members of the Social Platform represent thousands of organizations, associations and other voluntary groups at local, regional, national and European level representing the interests of a wide range of civil society.

Contact

E-mail: platform@socialplatform.org

<http://www.socialplatform.org/>

191. SOLIDAR

Objectives

SOLIDAR is a European network of NGOs working to advance social justice in Europe and worldwide. SOLIDAR voices the concerns of its member organisations to the EU and international institutions by carrying out active lobbying, project management and coordination, policy monitoring and awareness-raising across its different policy areas.

- To work towards influencing EU and international policies in our fields of works.
- To link members together to network and carry out humanitarian and development projects.
- To promote the participation of civil society, from the developed and developing world, in decision-making processes.

- To strengthen alliances with organisations committed to our common principles both at European and global level.

Activities

- Social Affairs - The call for a more social Europe is at the core of SOLIDAR's activities. SOLIDAR's members contribute to a social Europe through their daily work as civil society organisations and social service providers – in Europe and worldwide. Today's challenge is how to reconcile the move towards economically competitive societies in a globalised world with the adequate social protection needed by citizens.
- International Cooperation - A rights-based approach to development, poverty eradication and social and economic justice
- Education - Access to education for all

Other activities include (Electronic) Networking , Information Campaigns/Exhibitions

Membership

With 52 member organisations based in 25 countries (20 of which are EU countries), member organisations are national NGOs in Europe, as well as as some non-EU and EU-wide organisations, working in one or more of our fields of activity.

Contact

<http://www.solidar.org>

192. T&E - European Federation for Transport and Environment

Objectives

T&E is an independent pan-European association with scientific and educational aims, with no party political affiliation and devoid of any profit making motive. T&E mission is to promote a policy of transport and accessibility, based on the principles of sustainable development, which minimises negative impacts on the environment and health, use of energy and land and all economic and social costs, maximises safety, and guarantees sufficient access for all; Established in 1990, T&E has grown to become the principal environmental organisation campaigning on sustainable transport at the EU level in Brussels. Primary focus is on European transport and environmental policy but our work in Brussels is supported by around 50 member organisations working to promote an environmentally sound approach to transport across Europe. Our main work areas at the moment are Clean vehicles, low carbon fuels, transport noise, road charging for lorries, aviation and shipping.

Activities

- promote, undertake and co-ordinate research and studies;
- disseminate information to its members, other organisations, media, political institutions and the general public;
- perform scientifically-based initiatives on European level i.a through the preparation of recommendations aimed at pursuing the objectives of T&E and bring them to the attention of the relevant authorities, in particular within the context of the European Union;
- coordinate the relevant activities of member organisations, collaborate with them and,
- use any other appropriate means.

Membership

The association is composed of full members, associate members, and supporting members. Full members: Not-for-profit organisations, national or covering a significant area of a country, with aims which correspond to those listed above, for example transport users' groups, organisations concerned with environmental effects of transport and environmental protection groups with an interest in transport policy. Associate members: international, not-for-profit organisations for example cyclist, pedestrian, consumer and environmental organisations; regional or national not-for-profit organisations; Supporting members: Individuals and organisations companies interested in the aims or activities of T&E.

Contact

E-mail: info@transportenvironment.org
<http://www.transportenvironment.org>

193. Telecentre-Europe

Objectives

Telecentre-Europe is an inclusive and vibrant network that increases the impact and effectiveness of telecentres throughout Europe by fostering knowledge sharing and learning amongst its members.

Activities

The Telecentre-Europe network:

- Addresses the themes of eInclusion, aging population, accessibility and integration
- Demonstrates measurable social impact across the European region
- Stimulates knowledge sharing, capacity for impact, and sustainability among telecentres across Europe
- Contributes explicitly to European Commission and global development agencies' social policy areas, e.g. Lisbon agenda, i2010, Riga declaration, Millennium Development Goals

Membership

Members must be organizations representing telecentres or networks of telecentres of any size. Members can only be located from within the European zone of the member states of the Council of Europe.

Contact

E-mail: info@telecentre-europe.org
<http://www.telecentre-europe.org>

194. TEPSA - Trans European Policy Studies Association

Objectives

TEPSA, established in 1974 as an International Association under Belgian Law and the first transeuropean research network, comprises leading research institutes in the field of European affairs throughout Europe, with an office in Brussels. TEPSA's aim is to provide high quality research on European integration in order to stimulate discussion on policies and political options for Europe. This is achieved by interaction between the European and national institutions as well as the academic and research community.

Activities

- Active European citizenship: participation and democracy in Europe, especially with regard to the EP elections and to institutional developments.
- The future of the European Union and its basic values
- Impact of EU policies in societies
- People's well-being in Europe: employment, social cohesion and sustainable development
- TEPSA's involvement in other projects and Networks of Excellence

Membership

Members institutes and associate members

Contact

E-mail: tepsa@tepsa.be
<http://www.tepsa.be>

195. Terre des Hommes

Objectives

The mission of the Terre des Hommes organisations is to provide active support to children, without racial, religious, political, cultural or gender-based discrimination. To this end the organisations develop and implement projects designed to improve the living conditions of disadvantaged children in their own environment (including families and communities). The Convention on the Rights of the Child constitutes the conceptual framework guiding the activities of the Terre des Hommes organisations.

Activities

Terre des Hommes supports 933 development and humanitarian aid projects in 67 countries and campaigns for the rights of children, to generate public mobilisation, political will and effective improvement at field level.

Membership

The TDHIF is a network of eleven national organisations with headquarters in Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland (comprising two organisations: the Terre des Hommes Lausanne Foundation and Terre des Hommes Switzerland).

Contact

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<http://www.terredeshommes.org>

196. TRIALOGUE Development NGOs in the Enlarged EU

Objectives

TRIALOG is a project to strengthen civil society and raise awareness of development issues in the enlarged EU. TRIALOG's overall objective is to contribute to the mobilisation of more public support in New EU Member States (NMS), Accession and Candidate Countries (AC/CC) for actions against poverty and for equal relations between developing and developed countries through Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) as multipliers. The specific objective is a stronger European System of international development cooperation by the integration and active participation of CSOs from NMS and AC/CC on European and global level through coordination, networking, advocacy and capacity building.

Activities

- Policy Dialogue
- East-West-South TRIALOGUE
- Resource and Knowledge Centre
- Information Platform
- Coordination and Networking

Membership

Development NGOs

Contact

E-mail: office@trialog.or.at

<http://www.trialog.or.at>

197. UEAPME - European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

Objectives

UEAPME is the employer's organisation representing the interests of European crafts, trades and SMEs at EU level. UEAPME is a recognised European Social Partner and acts on behalf of crafts and SMEs in the European Social Dialogue and in discussions with the EU institutions. It is a non-profit seeking and non-partisan organisation. Across the whole of Europe, UEAPME represents over 12 million enterprises with nearly 55 million employees.

Activities

As the voice of crafts, trades and SMEs in Europe include, UEAPME is:

- Monitoring the EU policy and legislative process and keeping its members informed on all matters of European Union policy of relevance to crafts, trades and SMEs
- Representing and promoting the interests, needs and opinions of its member organisations to the EU institutions and other international organisations
- Supporting its members academically, technically and legally on all areas of EU policy
- Supporting the idea of European integration and contributing to European co-operation.
- Membership

Membership

As the European SME umbrella organisation, UEAPME incorporates 85 member organisations consisting of national cross-sectorial SME federations, European branch federations and other associate members, which support the SME family.

Contact

E-mail: info@ueapme.com

<http://www.ueapme.com>

198. UEMS – EUROPEAN UNION OF MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

Objectives

The UEMS, shall continuously maintain and develop the entire spectrum of professional interests of European medical specialists, with special emphasis on assuring the highest level of professional autonomy allowing medical specialists to ensure the highest possible quality of healthcare services for the benefit of all European citizens

Activities

1. The delivery of optimum, high quality and safe healthcare to all citizens within the European Union;
2. The maintenance and further development of the professional autonomy of European medical specialists;
3. The study, promotion, harmonization and access to high quality ongoing education and training for medical specialists and their medical practice;
4. The promotion of free movement of specialist doctors within the EU;
5. The active participation in, and representation within the framework of the organised medical specialist profession in Member States of the EU, to all relevant statutory EU agencies and any other authority and/or organisation dealing with issues relating to the medical profession.

Membership

Full, associate members and observers. National Associations of Medical Specialists are represented by their UEMS Delegations. Each Delegation formally has a Head of Delegation, the one to vote during any voting procedure. Each UEMS National Delegation had to be able to show that their National Association was independent and free to choose all that is required for the interest of the patient.

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199. VOICE - Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation in Emergencies

Objectives

VOICE is a network representing 86 European non-governmental organisations (NGOs) active in humanitarian aid worldwide. Unlike its members, VOICE is not operational. VOICE's overall vision is a collective European NGO response to humanitarian crises. To reach this goal, VOICE seeks to influence the policy and practice of the European Union regarding emergency aid, relief, rehabilitation and disaster preparedness. It enhances the collective influence of the network's members with the EU, including its Member States. It promotes respect for International Humanitarian Law and humanitarian principles, and endorses quality and effectiveness in humanitarian action.

Activities

In the humanitarian aid sector, VOICE is the main NGO interlocutor with the European Union promoting the comparative advantages and specificities of NGOs in aid delivery. It also engages in dialogue with other major providers of humanitarian aid, such as the Red Cross and relevant UN agencies.

Other activities include:

- To advocate for independent humanitarian action
- To facilitate members' collective influence
- To support quality and professionalism through information sharing, workshops, and linking with quality networks and initiatives, universities and research institutes.

Membership

VOICE membership is open to organisations only – not to individuals. For information on the process of becoming a member, please contact the Secretariat and request an affiliation package.

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200. WAVE – Women Against Violence Europe

Objectives

WAVE is a network of European women's non-governmental organisations working in the field of combating violence against women and children (women's refuges, counselling centres, SOS hotlines/help lines, organisations focusing on prevention and training, etc.).

Activities

The WAVE Network contributes to this objective by **strengthening the organisational and lobbying capacity** of women's organisations, **connecting** women's organisations in Eastern-, Western-, Northern- and Southern Europe with experts, policy-makers and other stakeholders including the governmental as well as the business sector; **fostering and seeking information and knowledge exchange** as well as the **sharing of experience** between different European countries and regions, with a particular focus on sharing East-West experiences. The WAVE Network manages a user-friendly, extensive **online database** on domestic violence against women, including an address section of some 4.000 women's support organisations and institutions.

Membership

The Network comprises approximately 4000 women's organisations combating violence against women and children in Europe. At the regional and national level 91 Focal Points form the basis of the Network. Membership application form available at WAVE website.

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201. WIDE Women in Development Europe

Objectives

Women in Development Europe (WIDE) strives for a world based on gender equality and social justice that ensures equal rights for all, as well as equal access to resources and opportunities in all spheres of political, social and economic life. The vision of WIDE is that the persistently increasing trend of the feminization of poverty in the South, East and North is halted and women's human rights are safeguarded globally.

Activities

WIDE's mission is to articulate the relevance of the principles of gender equality and equity to the development process through research, documentation, information dissemination, economic empowerment, capacity building and lobbying, advocacy and awareness raising; Networking, and the organisation of conferences.

Membership

Women In Development Europe (WIDE) is a European feminist network of women's organisations, development NGOs, gender specialists and women's rights activists. **Individuals, organisations and networks that are based in Europe can become members of WIDE. They need to join as associate first**, which is a transit category for two years before joining as member. Joining as associate will give you the possibility to become active in WIDE and be formally affiliated. After the period for being an associate ends, you and WIDE decide to continue with membership or not. You do not need to apply again.

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202. Workability Europe

Objectives

Workability Europe is the largest employer body representing providers of work and employment services to people with disabilities in Europe. Our vision is for a European society in which equal employment opportunities are a reality for people with disabilities. Our mission is to be recognised as the European leader in promoting and providing employment and work participation for people with disabilities.

Activities

- Workability Europe cooperates with the European Institutions and strives to contribute to EU's Disability and Social Agenda. Workability Europe also works closely with EU and other international organisations, employers, trade unions and relevant NGOs.
- Organizes various Conferences, Seminars and Workshops
- Publications - Informing and Campaigning - In its own right, or by joining forces with other European networks, Workability Europe lobbies to ensure that the interests of service providers and employers are taken into account in the formulation of EU social and disability policies. Workability Europe's position papers are developed in full consultation with its membership
- Fostering innovation through European Projects

Membership

Workability Europe's membership includes both national umbrellas and single organisations. It is estimated that today our growing membership covers over 4,000 locations across Europe providing work and employment programmes to more than 1,300,000 people with disabilities

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203. The World Wildlife Fund - WWF

Objectives

The WWF's Mission Statement is **to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature**, by:

- conserving the world's biological diversity;
- ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable;
- promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

The Foundation is independent, impartial and objective in its dealings with governments, political parties, other organizations and individuals and has as its purposes:

To conserve the natural environment and ecology worldwide.

This is taken to include fauna and flora, the landscape, water, soils, air and other natural resources, with particular emphasis on the maintenance of essential ecological processes and life support systems, and on the preservation of genetic, species and ecosystem diversity, and on ensuring that the utilization of wild species and natural ecosystems is sustainable;

Activities

To achieve its purpose, WWF in particular aims:

(a) To collect, manage and disburse funds for the conservation of nature, to review the long-term requirements of conservation throughout the world and to study and develop means of meeting these requirements.

(b) To promote awareness of the need for the conservation of nature and to assist in designing, producing and making available suitable material for educational purposes, campaigns, exhibitions and the media to assist the growth and development of the conservation movement worldwide;

(c) To finance conservation activities and projects including research and the exchange of scientists, specialists in the conservation of nature, students and others, especially from developing countries, and to promote and participate in conferences, seminars, lectures, meetings and discussions in furtherance of the conservation of nature worldwide;

(d) To protect, acquire, administer, commercially exploit and dispose of land and other property and resources, including intellectual property;

(e) To develop worldwide moral and financial support for the conservation of nature and to appoint representatives and establish affiliated, associated or subsidiary organizations in any part of the world and to co-operate with, and support, other organizations in the field of conservation, and engage in and encourage any lawful, financial, commercial and other activities conducive to the Purposes;

(f) To achieve its Mission as established from time to time by the International Board in accordance with the above Purposes.

Membership

The various WWF offices around the world come under two categories:

- 1) those that can raise funds and carry out work autonomously, and
- 2) those that must work under the direction of one of the independent WWF offices.

In all cases, WWF's offices carry out conservation work such as practical field projects, scientific research, advising local and national governments on environmental policy, promoting environmental education, and raising awareness of environmental issues.

Each office that can work independently (type 1) also contributes funding to WWF's global conservation programme, while all offices help contribute to an enormous pool of environmental expertise and knowledge.

A specialist WWF office in Brussels works to influence the policies and activities of the European Union, while a second WWF Office in Washington DC works to influence global institutions involved in international economic issues, such as the World Bank.

WWF's 4 Associate Organizations are non-governmental organizations that work closely with WWF in countries where WWF has no independent office (type 1). The Associates promote shared conservation objectives, but do not contribute financially to the WWF Network.

In all, WWF has primary offices and associates in over 40 countries around the world, working as a team towards an overall goal: to halt and reverse the destruction of our natural environment.

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204. YES - European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs

Objectives

YES – European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs is the major association of young entrepreneurs throughout Europe representing 40.000 members and aiming to support and improve the economic and social performance of young entrepreneurship in Europe. As such, it is the largest dynamic network of entrepreneurs, which constantly expands its activities. It aims at improving the economic and social performance of young entrepreneurship in Europe. YES actively contributes to the promotion of the entrepreneurial spirit in Europe and outside. It stimulates exchanges and network activity between young entrepreneurs, fosters cooperation and sharing of best practices among their national associations, particularly in the fields of education and training.

Activities

YES maintains an ongoing dialogue with the Institutions of the European Union in order to:

- Ensure that European Union initiatives reflect the entrepreneurial spirit in Europe;
- Promote policy measures that will facilitate business activities for young entrepreneurs;
- Collaboration with public authorities on the simplification of the business environment;
- Ensure that the conditions for establishing enterprises in the European Union remain homogeneous and favourable;
- Compare and assess the impact of the Internal Market measures on enterprises in the Member States;
- Foster easier access to information on European policy for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) across Europe;
- Encourage policies that will favour co-operation between different generations of entrepreneurs;
- Take a more active part in political debates and economic projects that aim at promoting European Entrepreneurship worldwide.
- YES fosters business co-operation and networking activities between young entrepreneurs by:
- Promoting exchanges of professional experiences;
- Developing a network of business regional co-ordinators in Europe that will enliven co-operation and support trans-national projects;
- Establishing synergies within other networks in Europe that encourage business cooperation between entrepreneurs;
- Organising meetings between young entrepreneurs, such as the YES Annual Summit.
- YES has established links with entrepreneurial organisations in Europe and elsewhere in order to:
 - Support the creation of young entrepreneurs organisations in developing countries;
 - Foster exchanges and relationships between young entrepreneurs all over the world.

Membership

At present YES comprises sixteen major national associations of young entrepreneurs throughout Europe and outside. They represent 40.000 young entrepreneurs in the fields of industry, trade and services. YES is open to all organizations of young entrepreneurs who satisfy established criteria.

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205. YFJ - European Youth Forum

Objectives

Vision of the European Youth Forum is to be the voice of young people in Europe, where young people are equal citizens and are encouraged and supported to achieve their fullest potential as global citizens. YFJ is an independent, democratic, youth-led platform, representing national youth councils and international youth organisations from across Europe. The Youth Forum works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives, by representing and advocating their needs and interests and those of their organisations.

Activities

- Increase the participation of young people and youth organisations in society, as well as in decision-making processes;
 - Positively influence policy issues affecting young people and youth organisations, by being a recognised partner for international institutions, namely the European Union, the Council of Europe and the United Nations;
 - Promote the concept of youth policy as an integrated and cross-sectoral element of overall policy development, namely through youth mainstreaming;
 - Facilitate the participation of young people through the development of sustainable and independent youth organisations at the national and international level, particularly in respect to ensuring dependable, adequate funding for them;
 - Promote the exchange of ideas and experience, mutual understanding, as well as the equal rights and opportunities among young people in Europe;
 - Uphold intercultural understanding, democracy, respect, diversity, human rights, active citizenship and solidarity;
- Contribute to the development of youth work in other regions of the world.

Membership

Independently established by youth organisations, the European Youth Forum is made up of more than 90 National Youth Councils and International Non-Governmental Youth Organisations, which are federations of youth organisations in themselves. It brings together tens of millions of young people from all over Europe, organised in order to represent their common interests.

There are three categories of membership (observer, candidate and full) within the European Youth Forum and the criteria for these depend on the nature of the organisation.

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