
7 October 2019

TO: Members of the European Parliament

SUBJECT: Call for support of the Rights and Values programme

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

Ahead of hearings of candidates for EU Commissioners, we, the representatives of civil society organisations (CSOs) from the EU, are calling on you to use your prerogatives as MEP to support the efforts to set up effective ways of promoting and protecting democracy, the rule of law, human rights, and other common European values within the EU.

In particular, we suggest that at the hearings of the candidates for Commissioners you seek assurances as to their support for strengthening the Rights and Values programme in line with the decisions reached by the European Parliament and the EU Council in March 2019. Namely, that a much greater emphasis will be put on cooperation with civil society organisations which foster European values on local, national and trans-national levels.

We also ask you to use your powers, during the negotiations and approval procedure of EU budget, to support the increase of the funds allocated for the Rights and Values Programme to 1.83 billion EUR, in line with the European Parliament resolution of 14 November 2018 on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027.

List of signatory CSOs

BELGIUM

Volonteuroppe

Human Rights League (LDH)

European Civic Forum

Reclaim

BULGARIA

Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law

Bulgarian Donors' Forum

Access to Information Programme Foundation

Worldwide Foundation for Vulnerable Children

Bulgarian Helsinki Committee

DIP Dobrich

CROATIA

Gong

CROSOL - Croatian Platform for International Citizen Solidarity

Centar za mirovne studije / Centre for Peace Studies

Gong

DrONe - Association for Social Development and Non-Formal Education

Rehabilitation centre for stress and traum

Institut Pula

Udruga za pomoc mladima "HELP" - Split

Iskorak

Forum for Freedom in Education

CZECH REPUBLIC

Liga lidských práv (League of Human Rights)

OSF Prague

AMO - Association for International Affairs

DENMARK

Nyt Europa

ESTONIA

Estonian Human Rights Centre

The Estonian Chamber of Disabled People

NGO Mondo

Estonian LGBT Association

Network of Estonian Non-profit Organizations

Oma Tuba

Open Estonia Foundation

FINLAND

European Movement Finland

Fingo, Finnish development organisations

GERMANY

DRA Berlin

DRA - For a European Civil Society

Liberties.eu

RUSMPI UG Institute on Migration Policy

Board of the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum

HUNGARY

K-Monitor Association

Ökotárs - Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation

Védegylet Egyesület

Hungarian Helsinki Committee

Civil College Foundation

With the Power of Humanity Foundation

Carpathian Foundation-Hungary

Háttér Society

Women for the Lake Balaton

Union of European Federalists Hungary

Szegényeket Támogató Alap Egri Alapítványa

IRELAND

Irish Council for Civil Liberties

ITALY

Culture Action Europe

Arci - Associazione Ricreativa Culturale Italiana

LATVIA

Society Ascendum

Civic Alliance-Latvia

Latvijas Jaunatnes padome/The National Youth Council of Latvia

Foundation for an Open Society DOTS

LITHUANIA

Sutrikusio intelekto žmonių globos bendrija Vilniaus Viltis

Moterų teisių asociacija

Lietuvos asociacija "Gyvastis"

Asociacija Tarandes bendruomene

VšĮ LKMS vaikų ir jaunimo paramos centras

Human Rights Voice Lithuania

Lithuania national consumer federation

Center for Equality Advancement

Non-Governmental Organisations Information and Support Centre

Socialinių inovacijų fondas

Lithuanian women's lobby

House of Europe

Women's Issues Information centre

KKNLD Kauno Gyvastis

Lithuanian university women association LUWA

Institute of Consumer Rights

Consumer Disputes Arbitration

NGO Law Institute

Public Institution Roma Community Centre

VšĮ "Resursai tvariai plėtrai" (Resources for Sustainable Development)

Senjorų dienos centras Keturlapis Dobilas

National association of financial services consumers

Global Citizens' Academy

Union of Local Community Organizations of Lithuania

Maisto bankas

Manaslu

VšĮ Ekodraugai

GAA "Baltijos vilkas" / Baltijos vilkas association

Vilnius Institute for Policy Analysis

Women's Innovation Center

NVO vaikams konfederacija

Lithuanian disability forum

Institute of Social Communication and Innovation

The Barys Zvozkau Belarusian Human Rights House

Siauliai's society for patients with kidney diseases "Atgaja"

Gyvastis

Association of Kaunas Communities Centres

LPF MAISTO BANKAS

Domeikavos kaimo bendruomenės centras

VšĮ "Kartu stipresni"

Motinos ir vaiko paramos-labdaros fondas "Aušta"

Siaures Lietuvos kolegija

Žiedinė ekonomika

Vilkaviskio vydkupijos Caritas

THE NETHERLANDS

Netherlands Helsinki Committee

Arisa

Free Press Unlimited

POLAND

Stefan Batory Foundation

European Movement Forum

Polska Fundacja im. Roberta Schumana

Fundacja Wspomagania Wsi/Rural Development Foundation

Komitet Obrony Demokracji

Fundacja ePaństwo

Stowarzyszenie Wierzbna.DR

Institute of Public Affairs

Federacja Mazowia

Fundacja na rzecz Nauki Polskiej/Foundation for Polish Science

Polish Donors Forum

ROMANIA

Europuls - Centre of European Expertize

Civil Society Development Foundation - FDSC

SLOVAKIA

OSF Bratislava

People in Need Slovakia

Association for Culture, Education and Communication (ACEC)

Post Bellum SK

Ekopolis Foundation

Open Society Foundation Bratislava

Peace Institute

SPAIN

Rights International Spain