DG NEAR FRAMEWORK
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

for Capacity Development of Civil Society Organisations in the Eastern Partnership

In December 2019, European Commission's Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) signed Framework Partnership Agreements (FPAs) with seven selected civil society organisations with recognised knowledge, local political awareness and experience in supporting civil society in the Eastern Partnership (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine) and Russia.

These FPAs will help strengthen the role of civil society organisations as governance actors, contributing to increased outreach and financial support to new civic actors and to grass-root communities. They are an important element of DG NEAR's new strategic approach to supporting civil society in the Eastern Partnership in close cooperation with key partner organisations.

Framework Partners

Human Rights House Foundation (HRHF)	IREX Europe	Netherlands Helsinki Committee	People in Need	Prague Civil Society Centre	Secretariat of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum	Transatlantic Foundation, The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)

01 FPA Focus

- **Capacity building** to strengthen CSOs
- **Financial support** to third parties to support CSOs
- **Development** of professional not-for-profit management
- **Policy dialogue** between civil society and relevant stakeholders
- **Improving CSOs'** financial sustainability

02 Geographical Area Covered

Azerbaijan · Ukraine · Armenia · Belarus · Georgia · Moldova · Russia

03 Type of Activities

- Facilitation of experience and knowledge sharing among CSOs
- Identifying constituency interests, needs and concerns; engagement in constructive dialogue with stakeholders
- Capacity assessments and capacity building activities
- Promotion of networks and development of skills and systems to facilitate institutional processes
- Policy research, analysis and engagement in policy formulation, implementation & monitoring
- Monitoring and reporting on policy and decision-making processes

04 Thematic Areas

- Rule of Law/ Human Rights
- Good governance and public administration reform
- Media
- Education, Culture and Youth
- Social work and work with vulnerable groups
- Environment and climate change
- Agriculture and rural development
- Support to SMEs
- Energy
- Trade
- Transport
- Migration, mobility and integrated border management

05 FPA Target Audience

- Human rights defenders or human rights NGOs
- Women's organisations
- Media
- Other CSOs
- Organisations protecting the victims of domestic violence
- Organisations working on the rights of marginalized groups or minorities
- Youth organisations
- Organisations working with rural communities
- Organisations protecting the rights of the elderly
- Children's rights organisations
- Organisations protecting the rights of migrants
- Organisations working on the rights of disabled persons