EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN RWANDA

GENERAL INFORMATION
Update of previous Roadmap 2016
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PART II – EU STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN TO ENGAGE WITH CSOs

PRIORITIES AND SUB-PRIORITIES	ACTIONS	MEANS
1. Environment: *Promote a conducive legal and institutional environment for CSOs in Rwanda*		
1.1. Promoting the building of trust and <u>collaborative joint advocacy</u> among Rwandan CSOs (and improved coordination within DPs & CS on supporting collaborative CSO advocacy)	▪ Hold small-scale lesson sharing workshops in Delegations/Embassies among CSOs and DPs to create safe spaces for CSO dialogue and exchange on key topics ▪ Support projects which aim to make civil society more cohesive and inclusive and promote collaborative efforts, particularly in policy dialogue and advocacy ▪ Support projects and research-related initiatives that improve the understanding of the media environment, risks and entry points	- EUD, EU MS and DPs policy/political dialogue and existing internal resources - CSO/LA & EIDHR calls for proposals - Germany through GIZ Rights Based Programme and Decentralization/Good Governance programme - NL program for Justice to improve collaboration between CSOs and the Justice sector as a whole - NL & UK monthly Human Rights Defenders' meeting - EU Media4Democracy Support Facility
1.2. Contribute to a better understanding, by CSOs and by the public at large, of the <u>guidelines /regulations of the NGO laws</u> and of how the law is being implemented	▪ Host discussions, among CSOs and DPs on the NGO law guidelines' implications, both in theory and in practice. ▪ Monitor the implementation of the NGO Law, recording incidents, mostly related to registration and administration, faced by CSOs managing EU/MS-funded projects	- **Existing internal resources within EUD/MS** - **Regular monitoring during HuGo meetings**
2. Participation: *Promote the meaningful, structured and sustained participation of CSOs in domestic policies and in EU and Member State programming cycle*		
2.1. Support CSOs to <u>engage in existing domestic policy-related spaces</u>: JADF, SWG, National Dialogue, UPR coalition etc.	● Hold lesson sharing workshops between CSOs, EU and DPs to learn lessons on how to engage effectively in government spaces (bringing also lessons from other countries, and identifying the best-suited entry points for engagement). ● Fund projects which seek to widen & deepen informal & formal government mechanisms - for consultation and participation	- EU EIDHR support measures - **Germany through GIZ Decentralization/ Good Governance programme** - **NL support for CSOs involved in advocacy and policy discussions within the JRLO sector.** - CSO/LA & EIDHR calls for proposals

2.2. Ensure regular, inclusive and well prepared <u>consultations between EU/MS/DPs and diverse CSOs</u>, widening the pool of CSOs that these international actors engage with	• Launch CS roadmap involving a wide range of Rwandan and International CSOs • Formalize DP HR/CSO working group and carry out meetings <4 times/year (HuGo) • Engage with relevant civil society on International Days of Importance • Conduct 1 annual dialogue on civil society road map ensuring 50% female representation and the representation of People Living with Disabilities	- **Regular HuGo meetings** - **EIDHR support measures** - **Existing resources within EUD/MS**
3. Capacity: *Increase local CSOs capacity to perform their roles as independent development actors more effectively*		
3.1. Support long-term capacity building using innovative approaches, encourage INGOs to build capacity of Rwandan CSOs as well as the peer learning among Rwandan CSOs	• Organise capacity building workshops and network opportunities for CSOs, focusing on enhancing understanding on project design, EU procedures, esp. human rights projects; peer learning among CSOs • Fund CSO research projects using innovative capacity building, focusing on local CSOs, esp. in the domain of human rights/advocacy • Support CSOs to conduct <u>research and evidence based advocacy</u> and monitor the use and impact of research, tracking the research using simple monitoring tool (database) in collaboration with civil society	- **EU support facilities** - **Existing resources within EUD/MS** - **CSO/LA & EIDHR calls for proposals**

PART III– FOLLOW-UP ON THE PROCESS AND STRATEGY

Process indicators		
INDICATOR	**TARGET**	**BASE LINE INFORMATION AND FURTHER COMMENTS**
Involvement of Member States in the RM.	**Member States present in the country are actively involved in the RM process.**	Member states and like-minded development partners closely involved in design of roadmap: 4 consultation meetings, inputs incorporated
Level of consultations held with CSOs regarding the RM.	**The RM entails consultations with a broad range of local CSOs. Ultimately it leads to more permanent and structured dialogue.**	Civil society consulted in roadmap design, with one formal consultation held among diverse range of civil society (EU grantees and other); informal consultations held on bilateral basis
Complementarity of RM vis-à-vis related EU and other Donor partners' processes.	**RMs are complementary to related processes including human rights and democracy country strategies, the rights-based approach to development, gender action plans, etc.**	Actions in civil society roadmap. High complementarity between HR strategy & CSO roadmap – strong emphasis on HR CSOs, and improving media environment which is prioritised in human rights strategy. RM has focus on gender equality to contribute to GAP.

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Outcome indicators			
PRIORITIES	**INDICATORS**	**TARGET**	**SOURCES OF INFORMATION & MEANS OF VERIFICATION**
Environment	- Number of CSOs involved, under EU-funded initiatives, in discussions targeting NGO Law and its implementation - Number of discussions held on NGO law - Number of incidents (i.e. violation of the NGO Law) reported by Civil Society actors	- At least 20 percent of EU-funded CSOs participate actively in discussions with DPs around the NGO Law guidelines. - at least 1 workshop per year is held for discussion on NGO law - 100% of incidents (i.e. NGO law violation) are recorded every year	- HuGo minutes of meetings - Progress reports of EU-funded initiatives (both EDF funds and CSO/LA and EIDHR) - Press, CIVICUS and ICNL reports
	- Number and quality of collaborative initiatives stemming from EU support, fostering dialogue and exchange - Number of workshops held for CSO exchange	- At least 5 collaborative initiatives take place per year in the framework of EU-funded initiatives. - At least 1 workshop per year is held for CSO exchange on key topics	- HuGo meeting minutes - Progress reports of projects funded under CSO/LA & EIDHR funds and GIZ Rights Based Programme &Decentralization/ good governance programme - Activity reports of EU Media4Democracy Support Facility
Participation	- Number of initiatives, funded by the EU, targeting the creation of new (and the optimization of already existing) mechanisms fostering participation of CS in the national public policy cycle	- At least 1 workshop per year is organised between CSOs, EU and DPs on how to engage effectively in government spaces - At least 20 percent of EU-funded projects include among their objectives the widening of government mechanisms for CSO consultation and participation	- Progress reports & project descriptions of initiatives funded under EU support - Progress reports of the GIZ Decentralization/ good governance programme
	- Level of participation of CSOs in consultations with EU, EU MS and DPs. - Level of knowledge, from EU, EU MS and DPs, about the Civil Society landscape, beyond just grantees	- The EU Roadmap for engagement with Civil Society is launched - Existence of a formalized DP HR/CSO working group, >4 meetings per year - Number of new civil society actors engaged on International Days of Importance - 1 dialogue on CSO RM organised annually, ensuring 50% female	- EU Roadmap for engagement with Civil Society - HuGo minutes of meetings - International Days of Importance communication materials - Minutes of meetings organised in the framework of the CSO Roadmap

		representation and the representation of People Living with Disabilities	
Capacity	- Percentage of EU-funded initiatives and projects which include capacity development components, focusing on, although not being limited to, human rights and evidence-based research, policy dialogue and advocacy skills for Rwandan CSOs	At least 30 percent of EU-funded initiatives include any of the following: - capacity building workshops and network opportunities for CSOs; - research initiatives using innovative capacity building; - CSOs research and evidence based advocacy and research, monitoring the impact of such research	- Progress reports of projects funded under CSO/LA & EIDHR - Reports of EU support facilities - Existing resources within EUD/MS