



THE ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY: DEFINING THE PRIORITIES IN JORDAN FOR 2014-2017

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Introduction

The EU Roadmap for its Engagement with Civil Society is a common strategic framework document for the European Union and its Member States. It sets out a number of priorities – targets that the EU will pursue and provide support to over the medium-term future. In order to set priorities, the EU identified the most important challenges, weaknesses, but also opportunities for change and potential for engagement that characterise the situation of civil society in Jordan (by analysing e.g. legal rights, sustainability, participation in public activities, transparency and accountability). The Roadmap in Jordan was adopted by the EU Heads of Missions in Amman in July 2014.

Priorities

On the basis of the analyses conducted, the EU has established the following priorities in Jordan:

- An enabling environment for civil society organisations through a more conducive legislative framework with clear and justifiable regulatory requirements
- Meaningful participation of civil society in public life and public policy formulation
- The mandate and role of CSOs as a driver for positive change is further strengthened
- Work towards a more predictable and coordinated EU approach for its engagement with civil society

The priorities are the result of extensive consultations with a diversified range of local and international civil society organisations working in Jordan in various fields. The EU will work to promote these priorities through a range of supportive actions. For instance, in addition to the direct cooperation with civil society, new projects that have been agreed with the Jordanian authorities will start up and are foreseen to support the realisation of these priorities.

Progress made will be evaluated on an annual basis. Jordanian civil society organisations, being at the forefront of developments, will play an important role in evaluating progress.

A global exercise being implemented locally

Around the World, the European Union is currently developing local Country Roadmaps on Civil Society. It is a joint initiative between the EU and its Member States to strengthen the partnership with civil society and providing support to their endeavours.

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