



EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY IN INDONESIA 2015 – 2017

Background and introduction

With the beginning of the democratisation era (*reformasi*) in 1998 Indonesia also witnessed an impressive growth of civil society activity. Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) have played a vital role in facilitating democratic transition and enhancing access for all Indonesians in the social, economic and political sphere. Continuous efforts to support an enabling environment for CSOs are crucial for deep-rooted and sustainable democracy in Indonesia. With a high population growth and increasing exploitation of natural resources, environmental NGOs for instance are instrumental in helping local community raise their voices in demanding respect for their rights as well as enhanced levels of participatory management of local resources. Other CSOs play a vital role in promoting democracy, good governance, human rights and the rule of law. While Indonesia boasts a diverse and highly active civil society, there remains room to further strengthen their role in Indonesia.

Roadmap – a strategic framework

Through an extensive consultative process, involving a wide range of local and international CSOs, as well as dialogue with authorities and development partners, the European Union developed a roadmap for the engagement with CSOs in Indonesia for the period 2015-2017 with the following strategic priorities:

Priorities	Key results
1. Promoting a conducive legal, regulatory, financial and institutional environment for CSOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contribute to guarantee the necessary pre-conditions for effective social dialogue and civil society development, including legal framework and respect for the fundamental principles of freedom of association and the role of the social partners
2. Promoting a constructive and effective participation of civil society across the key social, economic and environmental public policies in Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contribute to sustained commitment by the government towards CSO dialogue and their strengthened roles in policy dialogue and review ▪ Contribute to improved contributions from CSOs in policy and social dialogue (i.e. negotiation, consultation and exchange of information) for promoting sound governance, inclusive growth and sustainable development
3. Supporting the capacity of CSOs to contribute to poverty reduction and inclusive and equitable economic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contribute to improved capacity of CSOs to engage in participatory policy-making processes and public private partnerships related to trade and investment through research-based advocacy, social dialogue and lobbying ▪ Contribute to an improved local business environment for MSME development, reinforcing entrepreneurship and job creation

The EU Roadmap for Engagement with Civil Society in Indonesia was adopted by the EU Heads of Missions in December 2014. Progress in implementing the Roadmap will be monitored and reported on an annual basis. This is part of a global effort: Around the world, the European Union is developing country-specific Country Roadmaps on the engagement with Civil Society. It is a joint initiative between the European Union and its Member States to strengthen partnership with civil society and providing support to their endeavors. The Roadmaps are envisaged in the 2012 Communication from the European Commission on "*The roots of democracy and sustainable development: Europe's engagement with Civil Society in external relations*".