

### **(Global) Thematic Programmes**

The Non-State Actors and Local Authorities in Development (NSA-LA) thematic programme aims at furthering the EU policy of encouraging and supporting long-standing partnerships between the EU, NSAs and LAs in partner countries. The global objective is to strengthen NSAs and LAs in Sri Lanka which would then provide a foundation for a more equitable, open and democratic society.

Its successor is called Enhancing Civil Society Organisations' (CSOs) and Local Authorities (LAs) Contributions to Governance and Development Processes (CSO/LA, 2014- 2017). The programme aims at supporting CSO-LAs as actors in governance and accountability, supporting partners in promoting social development and supporting stakeholders in promoting inclusive and sustainable growth.

The European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) recognises the importance given to development and consolidation of democracy and the rule of law, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms by providing financial support for promoting these goals.