EIDHR support to HRDs

2014-2020
How the EU supports

Human Rights Defenders

The EU has the world’s largest pro-human rights programme.

**Calls for proposals**
- International and local civil society organisations
- Worldwide coverage
- Launched globally and locally

**Small grants**
- for human rights defenders under immediate threat
- for emergencies
- up to 10,000 EUR

Allocated to human rights defenders since 2007

Up to 25% of EIDHR* budget for human rights defenders at risk

A new mechanism launched in December 2015

**protectdefenders.eu**

- From 2016 to 2018
- € 15 million
- Worldwide coverage
- Through a consortium of 12 independent international NGOs
- 24/7 helpline

Depending on their situation, human rights supporters at risk will receive:

- Short-term support
- Medium-term support
- Long-term support

*EIDHR = the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights

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Designed by EuropeAid - European Commission
Complementarity between the various EIHDR tools to support HRDs most at risk

**Emergency fund up to €10 000**

**HR crises facility**

**Global / local CfPs**

**First EU comprehensive HRDs mechanism**

**Targeted projects**

**Urgent support**

Physical protection

Legal assistance

Medical assistance

ETC.

**Most difficult HR situations**

Where CfPs NOT feasible

Where funding NGOs seriously hampered

**Priorities**

Thematic

Geographic

Networks

Monitoring

Advocacy

**Urgent support**

Capacity building

Temporary relocation

Early warning system

Coordination of actors

Permanent helpline (24h/7)

**International mechanisms**

Regional mechanisms

National Human Rights Institutions
Emergency fund for HRDs at risk

WHAT?

Low-value grants to HRDs in urgent protection needs

HOW MUCH?

Max 10 000 euros per individual grant

WHEN?

Permanent

- In 2015 over 87 emergency grants for over 100 HRDs were disbursed, amounting to a total amount of over €670,000
- In 2016 over 35 emergency grants for over 60 HRDs have already been disbursed, amounting to a total amount of €250,000
The First EU comprehensive HRDs mechanism: ProtectDefenders.EU

This is the first time that:

- the EU provided simultaneously short-term, medium-term and long term support to HRDs
- that 12 international organisations work together in this field
- the EU pays particular attention to temporary shelter of HRDs at risk (up to 60 000 euros)
- the EU dedicates the unprecedented amount of 15M€ over three years to the establishment and the implementation of this unique EU Mechanism