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SUPPORTING PEOPLE SPEAKING UP FOR DEMOCRACY

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MEET THE EED

OUR GRANTEES

EED cooperates with hundreds of dedicated democracy activists, many of whom take great personal risks to push democratic values, including:

- Pro-democracy movements and actors
- Civic and political activists
- Civic groups and organisations
- Independent media and journalists
- Bloggers, artists, youth groups

OUR ADDED VALUE

EED's flexibility, rapid response and willingness to take risks enables it to adapt to distinctive needs and challenging local contexts.

Its niche lies in its capacity to operate in difficult, sometimes dangerous, environments that are off limits to other donors. In this way, EED successfully addresses an important gap in EU democracy support.

WHO WE ARE

The European Endowment for Democracy (EED) is an independent, grant-making organisation, established in 2013 by the European Union (EU) and EU member states to support democracy in the European Neighbourhood and beyond. EED's work is overseen by its Board of Governors and Executive Committee.

OUR MISSION

EED provides flexible support to democracy activists, complementing EU and EU member state democracy support programmes. EED is demand-driven and responds to the needs of local democracy actors, who may not be able to obtain funding otherwise.

WHERE WE WORK

Activities focus primarily on the European Neighbourhood (Eastern Partnership, Middle East and North Africa), Turkey and the Western Balkans. In addition, some grants may be provided for applications from countries in the area adjacent to the neighbourhood depending on needs, funds and priorities.

WHO WE SUPPORT

EED supports civil society organisations, movements, and individual activists working towards a pluralistic democratic political system. We also support newly created or non-registered organisations, independent media, start-ups, informal platforms and youth groups. In particular, EED can assist those who cannot be supported by other donors or EU funding instruments, whether due to administrative, legal or political reasons.

HOW WE WORK

- EED accepts requests for support at any time. There is no deadline!
- EED accepts requests for support in Arabic, English, French, Russian, Turkish and languages of the Western Balkans.
- EED seeks to respond within 12 weeks and provides rapid response to urgent requests. EED is specialised in providing support in a discreet manner.
- EED takes a collaborative approach and can provide coaching assistance to applicants and to grantees during implementation.
- EED can support operational costs (e.g. salaries, office, communication costs).

HOW TO APPLY

Applying for support is simple. Click on 'Apply for Support' on our secure website where you can find the application form and guiding FAQs. Funding decisions are taken by the EED Executive Committee at its regular meetings.

OUR VISION

- We believe in taking an **unconventional** approach to supporting democracy
- We provide tailor-made, **flexible**, and timely support to democracy activists
- We invest in **transformational** ideas and the people behind them

OUR AREAS OF WORK

Initiatives cover a wide range of themes, including, but not limited to:

- Civic activism and participation
- Independent and social media platforms
- Anti-corruption and public accountability
- Women's civic and political participation
- Human rights activism
- Sexual orientation and gender identity

