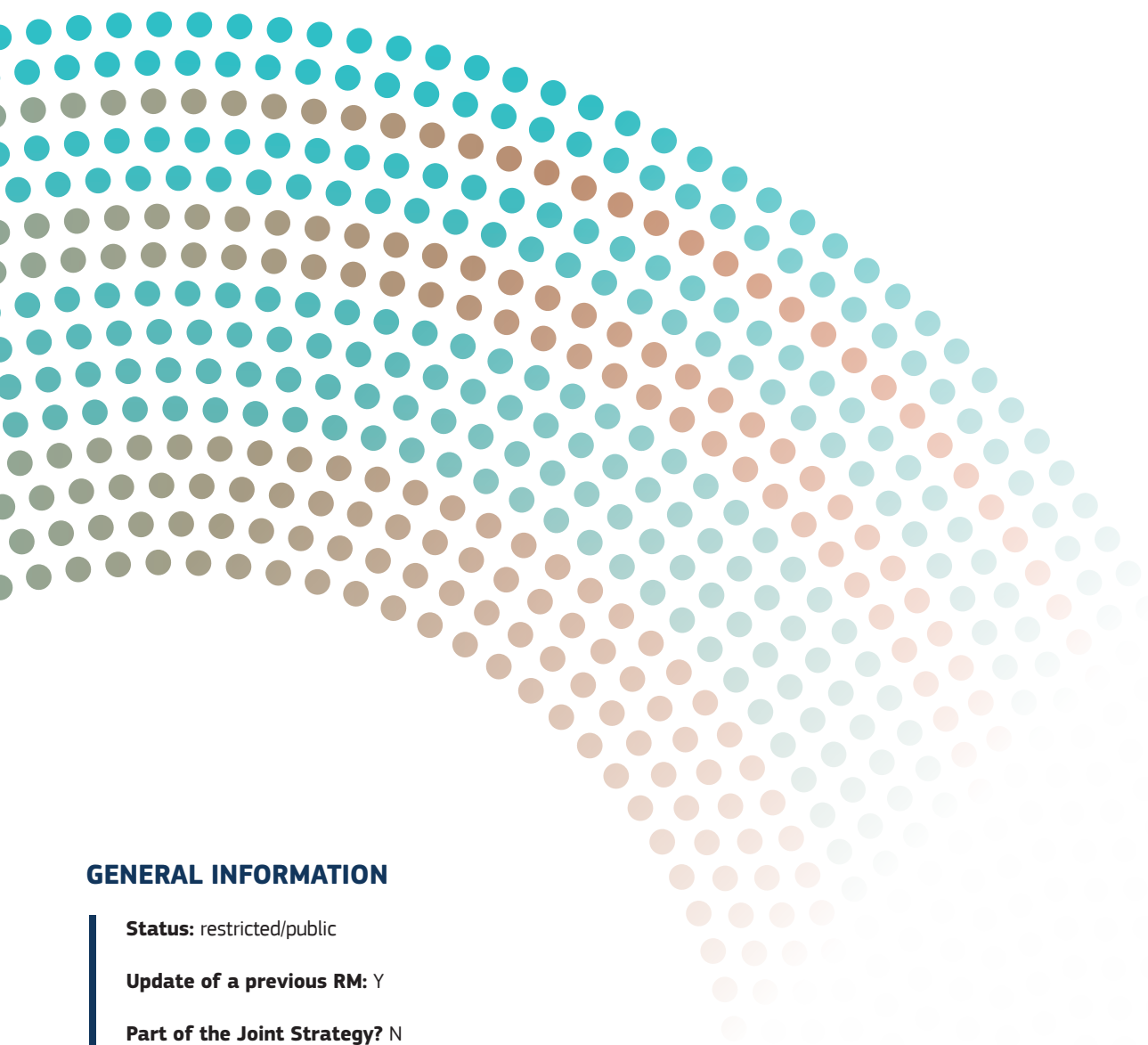




EU ROADMAP FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY

IN RWANDA FOR THE
PERIOD 2021 - 2024



GENERAL INFORMATION

Status: restricted/public

Update of a previous RM: Y

Part of the Joint Strategy? N



PART II – EU STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN TO ENGAGE WITH CSOs

A. THE STRATEGY FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH CSOS AND HOW IT RELATES TO THE EU COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT AND AGENDA 2030/SDG

OBJECTIVES FOR THE EU ENGAGEMENT WITH CSOs	RELATED SECTOR & COMMISSION PRIORITY	RELATED SDG
1. Promoting a conducive legal and institutional environment for CSOs in Rwanda	<p><i>1. Governance, peace and security, human development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting CSOs activities for the promotion of human rights, democracy, fundamental values, rule of law and accountability. Supporting CSO activities promoting gender equality and women empowerment. 	<p>SDG 5. Achieve gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls</p> <p>SDG 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries</p> <p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels</p>
2. Promoting the meaningful, structured and sustained participation of CSOs in domestic policies and in EU and Member State programming cycle	<p><i>2. Governance, Peace and Human Development through Fostering Communication and Coordination amongst CSOs and all spheres of Government</i></p>	<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p>
3. Increasing local CSOs capacity to perform their roles as independent development actors more effectively and strengthening their collaboration with the private sector	<p><i>4. Eradicating poverty</i></p> <p>Alliances for sustainable growth and development through education, skills and Jobs for the Youth in the digital age, a Green Deal for inclusive development and Political and Economic Governance</p>	<p>SDG 1. End poverty all of its forms everywhere</p> <p>SDG 5. Achieve gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls,</p>

B. THE ACTION PLAN

OBJECTIVES FOR THE EU ENGAGEMENT WITH CSOs	ACTIONS (including analysis, policy and political dialogue, operational support)	MEANS (EU programmes / instruments to implement the actions)
Objective 1. Promoting a conducive legal and institutional environment for CSOs in Rwanda		
1.1. Promoting the building of trust and collaborative joint advocacy among Rwandan CSOs (and improved coordination within DPs & CS on supporting collaborative CSO advocacy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure EU CSO structured dialogues in a planned, regular, timely, predictable and transparent manner to invest in a more systematic cooperation with CSOs to improve understanding and conversation, access to information, consultation/feedback/follow up on strategies/plans/programmes, and stimulate peer-to-peer learning and significant debates. • Support projects which aim to make civil society more cohesive and inclusive and promote collaborative efforts, particularly in policy dialogue and advocacy, and to ensure the inclusion of young, emerging and progressive civil society actors • Support projects and research-related initiatives that improve the understanding of the media environment, risks and entry points • Update the 2015 CSO mapping by 2023. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUD, EU MS and DPs policy/political dialogue and existing internal resources • CSO & European support for democracy and Human right calls for proposals • Germany through GIZ Rights Based Programme and Decentralization/Good Governance programme • NL program for Justice to improve collaboration between CSOs and the Justice sector as a whole • SE support to PPIMA, Kvinna till Kvinna, upcoming SRHR (pipeline), the Rwanda Media Programme + other CSO funding (pipeline) • EU CSO support measures
1.2. Contribute to a better understanding, by CSOs and by the public at large, of the guidelines / regulations of the NGO laws and of how the law is being updated and being implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host discussions, among CSOs and DPs on the NGO law guidelines' implications, both in theory and in practice. • Monitor the implementation of the NGO Law, recording incidents, mostly related to registration and administration, faced by CSOs managing EU/MS-funded projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing internal resources within EUD/MS • Regular monitoring during HuGo meetings • EU CSO support measures

OBJECTIVES FOR THE EU ENGAGEMENT WITH CSOs	ACTIONS (including analysis, policy and political dialogue, operational support)	MEANS (EU programmes / instruments to implement the actions)
Objective 2. Promoting the meaningful, structured and sustained participation of CSOs in domestic policies and in EU and Member State programming cycle		
2.1. Support CSOs to engage in existing domestic policy-related spaces: JADF, SWGs, TWGs, National Dialogue, UPR coalition etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold lesson sharing workshops between CSOs, EU and DPs to learn lessons on how to engage effectively in government spaces • Fund projects which seek to widen & deepen informal & formal government mechanisms - for consultation and participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU CSO & European support for democracy and Human right support measures • Germany through GIZ Decentralization/ • Good Governance programme • Support to TWG Voice & Accountability • NL support for CSOs involved in advocacy and policy discussions within the JRLO sector. • CSO & European support for democracy and Human right calls for proposals
2.2. Ensure regular, inclusive and well prepared consultations between EU/MS/DPs and diverse CSOs, widening the pool of CSOs that these international actors engage with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch CS roadmap involving a wide range of Rwandan and International CSOs • Carry out HUGO meetings (3 times/year) • Carry out Human rights Defender's meeting(3times/ year) • Engage with relevant civil society on International Days of Importance • Conduct 1 annual dialogue on civil society road map ensuring 50% female representation and the representation of People Living with Disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular HuGo meetings • Human rights Defender's meetings • European support for democracy and Human right and CSO support measures • Existing resources within EUD/MS

OBJECTIVES FOR THE EU ENGAGEMENT WITH CSOs	ACTIONS (including analysis, policy and political dialogue, operational support)	MEANS (EU programmes / instruments to implement the actions)
Objective 3. Increasing local CSOs capacity to perform their roles as independent development actors more effectively and strengthening their collaboration with the private sector		
3.1 Support long-term capacity building using innovative approaches, including by flexible funding to CSOs, requiring partner INGOs to build sustainable capacity of their Rwandan CSO partners, as well as support the peer learning among Rwandan CSOs 3.2 Strengthen collaboration with private sector 3.3. Support civil society efforts to promote sustainable development, human rights, gender equality, and peace building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise capacity building workshops and network opportunities for CSOs, focusing on enhancing understanding on project design, EU procedures, esp. human rights projects; peer learning among CSOs • Fund CSO research projects using innovative capacity building, focusing on local CSOs, esp. in the domain of human rights/advocacy • Support CSOs to conduct research and evidence based advocacy and monitor the use and impact of research, tracking the research using simple monitoring tool (database) in collaboration with civil society • Increase as feasible the use of flexible funding modalities like core or programme- based funding to local CSOs • Technical support to establish mechanisms for collaboration on socio-economic issues between the private sector and CSOs in the country. • Integration of rights-based approach to EU funded projects in the private-sector dominated programs such as trade • EU and MS support to CSO to implement projects promoting sustainable development, human rights, gender equality, and peace building linked to the Commission related priorities (green deal, governance, peace and security). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU CSO support measures • Existing resources within EUD/MS • CSO/LA & European support for democracy and Human right calls for proposals

PART III – FOLLOW-UP OF THE RM

OBJECTIVES FOR EU ENGAGEMENT WITH CSOs	OUTCOME INDICATORS	TARGET	BASELINE INFORMATION (if available)	SOURCES OF INFORMATION & MEANS OF VERIFICATION
1. Environment: Promote a conducive legal and institutional environment for CSOs in Rwanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of CSOs involved, under EU funded initiatives, in discussions targeting NGO Law and its implementation Number of incidents (i.e. violation of the NGO Law) reported by Civil Society actors Number of workshops held for CSO exchange 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 10 percent of EU funded CSOs participate actively in discussions with DPs around the NGO Law guidelines. 50 % of incidents (i.e. NGO law violation) are recorded every year At least 1 workshop per year is held for CSO exchange on key topics 	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HuGo minutes of meetings Progress reports of EU-funded initiatives (both EDF funds and CSO and European support for democracy and Human right) Press, CIVICUS and ICNL reports HuGo meeting minutes Progress reports of projects funded under CSO & European support for democracy and Human right funds and GIZ Rights Based Programme & Decentralization/ good governance programme
2. Participation: Promote the meaningful, structured and sustained participation of CSOs in domestic policies and in EU and Member State programming cycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of initiatives, funded by the EU, MS and DPs, targeting the creation of new (and the optimization of already existing) mechanisms fostering participation of CS in the national public policy cycle Level of participation of CSOs in consultations with EU, EU MS and DPs. Level of knowledge, from EU, EU MS and DPs, about the Civil Society landscape, beyond just grantees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 1 workshop per year is organised between CSOs, EU and DPs on how to engage effectively in government spaces At least 5 percent of EU funded projects include among their objectives the widening of government mechanisms for CSO consultation and participation The EU Roadmap for engagement with Civil Society is launched 3 HuGo meetings per year (HR/CSO working group), Number of new civil society actors engaged on International Days of Importance 1 dialogue on CSO RM organised annually, ensuring 50% female representation and the representation of People Living with Disabilities 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress reports & project descriptions of initiatives funded under EU support Progress reports of the GIZ Decentralization/ good governance programme EU Roadmap for engagement with Civil Society HuGo minutes of meetings International Days of Importance communication materials Minutes of meetings organised in the framework of the CSO Roadmap
3. Capacity: Increase local CSOs capacity to perform their roles as independent development actors more effectively and strengthening their collaboration with the private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of EU-funded initiatives and projects which include capacity development components, focusing on, although not being limited to, human rights and evidence-based research, policy dialogue and advocacy skills for Rwandan CSOs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 20 percent of EU-funded initiatives include any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> capacity building workshops and network opportunities for CSOs; research initiatives using innovative capacity building; CSOs research and evidence based advocacy, monitoring the impact of such research. Support to the implementation of the Rwanda Country Level implementation Plan of the Gender Action Plan III 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress reports of projects funded under CSO & European support for democracy and Human right Reports of EU support facilities Existing resources within EUD/MS Projects reports

PART IV - ANNEXES & REFERENCES

ANNEX 1: THE PROCESS

How were MS/EU+ present in the country involved in the drafting of the RM?	Member States were consulted on the draft document and requested to include their respective actions, or proposals, to engage with civil society.
What mechanisms are set up to ensure the involvement of MS/EU+ in the implementation and follow up of the RM?	Member States are always informed about the EUD work with civil society, among others: CSO EU funded projects, new calls for proposals/info sessions and events. At least 2 meetings per year are done with MS to update on the EUD work with civil society and try to coordinate efforts.
What consultations with CSOs were organised? What type of actors were involved? What mechanisms, if any, were used to ensure the inclusiveness of the process?	A survey was sent out to a wide cross section of CSOs that were engaged on a regular basis with the Delegation and member states. The Delegation consulted local, international, youth and women organisations through meetings to discuss on the roadmap, the MIP and the CLIP. The 67 responses were analysed and included in the document.
What mechanisms, are set up to continue the dialogue with CSOs? What mechanisms, if any, will be used to ensure the inclusiveness of the dialogue?	TWGs(technical working groups) , SWGs(Sector working groups) and regular consultation will continue based on specific areas as well as cross cutting areas.
How is the RM integrated /coordinated with the JP process?	Not Applicable
How does the RM relate to other country processes including human rights and democracy country strategies, the gender action plan, etc.?	This roadmap is aligned and relevant to the Rwanda Gender Action Plan and will complement the implementation of the Human Rights and Democracy Country Strategy for Rwanda.

ANNEX 2: RELEVANT REFERENCES AND SOURCES TO DEEPEN THE UNDERSTANDING ON THE STATE OF CS AND EU

- ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY Annex I: Previous roadmap Annex II: Survey
- Annex III: findings of the survey CSO Survey: Update of EU Roadmap Engagement with Civil Society beyond 2020 September 2021
- Annex IV Rwanda: Human Rights and Democracy Country Strategy 2021-2024 Annex V: Country Level Implementation Plan (CLIP)

