

Team Europe Democracy (TED) Network Grants

Dialogue in Action: Strengthening Dialogue with the Private Sector to Enhance Environmental Governance

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Countries of implementation: The Netherlands, Colombia

The Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD) promotes peaceful, just and inclusive democracies by fostering dialogue and trust among politicians, parties, civil society and citizens. Guided by the principle of inclusiveness, NIMD equips people - from those in marginalised groups to established leaders - with the skills and networks to participate meaningfully in politics. Its work focuses on five key areas: Dialogue, Democracy Education, Women in Politics, Youth in Politics and Strengthening Democratic Infrastructure.

Objective

The project aims to improve environmental governance through dialogue between key stakeholders and the private sector. By identifying and addressing barriers to effective exchange, it seeks to strengthen democratic practices and ensure diverse voices help shape sustainable solutions.

Target Groups / Beneficiaries

The project directly benefits civil society organisations, private sector actors, and public institutions engaged in environmental governance and dialogue processes in Colombia.

Key Activities

- Research on factors shaping private sector engagement in environmental governance.
- Dialogues bringing stakeholders together to co-create inclusive, transparent solutions.
- Capacity building for leaders and institutions to strengthen participatory governance.
- Knowledge products such as reports, briefs and a dialogue toolkit.
- Events sharing results nationally and internationally, linking Colombia to wider democratic and climate governance efforts.

Expected Outcomes

- Increased private sector participation in environmental dialogue.
- Stronger collaboration among civil society, government, and business.
- Improved capacity of local actors to sustain dialogue.
- Policy recommendations advancing accountability and sustainability.
- Practical tools, including a dialogue toolkit and policy briefs, for wider use.