



Global Gateway Civil Society and Local Authorities Advisory Platform Meeting

Brussels, 1 December 2025

Hybrid Format

Berlaymont, room Jean Rey/ online

Concept Note

Objectives

The objectives of the meeting will be to:

- Feedback and update on the Global Gateway roll-out
- Identify concrete examples of how CSOs and LAs are contributing to Global Gateway projects, including good practices and challenges
- Share information and update on the work and research of the Advisory Platform members on Global Gateway

Format

One-hour meeting with the Commissioner for International Partnerships and working sessions for CSOs, LAs and Foundations. The meeting will be hybrid. Interpretation in English, French and Spanish will be provided.

Participants

57 CSO and LA members attending in person or online. This will include 13 that are Brussels based and potentially another 23 that are Europe-based. Others are from further away (Africa, Asia, Latin America) and will participate online.

Programme

13:30 – 14:00	Networking coffee
14:00 – 14:05	Welcome by INTPA G2
14:05 – 15:00	Platform working session

15:00 – 15:05	Introduction by Erica Gerretsen, Director for Human Development, Migration, Governance and Peace, Directorate-General for International Partnerships
15:05 – 15:15	Opening by Jozef Síkela, Commissioner for International Partnerships
15:15 – 15:25	Intervention by a representative of the Steering Group on the CSO's and LA's role in the roll-out of the Global Gateway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sascha Gabizon, Executive Director, Women Engage for a Common Future
15:25 – 15:55	Interventions by representatives of CSOs and LAs on concrete examples (max. 3) of how CSOs and LAs are contributing to Global Gateway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fabrizio Rossi, Secretary-General of CEMR-PLATFORMA Carlos Rey-Moreno, Co-manager, Association for Progressive Communications Vránová Petra, Regional Director for Africa, People in Need
15:55 – 16:00	Feedback by the Commissioner for International Partnerships
16:05 – 16:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break Photo opportunity Commissioner leaves
16:15 – 17:00	Facilitated discussion about Global Gateway principles
17:00 – 17:45	Information exchange and updates on Advisory Platform members' work and research on Global Gateway and related sectors
17:45 – 18:00	Closing of the meeting and next steps
18:00 – 19:30	Networking Cocktail reception

Venue

A Conference Room has been pre-booked at BERL room Jean Rey on the 1st of December afternoon.