

Promoting Human & Labour Rights through GSP+

The **general objective** of this EIDHR Lot 2 project is that civil society and social partners become effective advocates and drivers of change ensuring that European Union (EU) GSP+ beneficiary countries meet their commitments to effectively implement core international conventions.

The **specific objectives** are supporting and empowering civil society/social partners in monitoring the relevant conventions under the GSP+ process; and supporting the implementation and reforms necessary for GSP+ beneficiary countries to meet their commitments under the 15 conventions and GSP+.

The final **beneficiaries** are citizens in the beneficiary countries:

Armenia
Bolivia
Cabo Verde
Kyrgyz Rep.
Mongolia
Pakistan
Paraguay
Philippines
Sri Lanka



Main activities include:

Raising awareness: DRI is raising awareness on GSP+, among different stakeholders, particularly how the requirements and conditionality's can be used to promote the implementation of human and labour rights conventions.

Capacity building: The project is empowering CSOs through capacity-building and training activities which will improve their capacity to understand, analyse, monitor, and report, the relevant conventions.

Convening stakeholders: Town hall meetings, regional roundtables, and national forums will make it possible for interested stakeholders, such as civil society, media, business community and members of the regional or central governments, to discuss the advantages of the GSP+ scheme in improving human and labour rights, and formulate recommendations for implementation of the conventions.

Global analysis: Regional and global meetings and analysis will be undertaken to share best practices and produce comparative analyses.

The **intended results** are manifold:

R.1 Increased understanding and capacities among CSOs of the advantages of the GSP+ scheme and its conditionalities;

R.2 Increased demand, including in rural areas, for State compliance with human rights and labour conventions related to GSP+;

R.3 Enhanced monitoring through the creation or reinforcement of domestic platforms or networks of human and labour rights organisations;

R.4 Increased awareness for citizens of the link between compliance with core conventions and the benefits of GSP+.

Target groups are the **civil society**, including CSOs, think tanks and academia dealing with human rights, labour rights and trade, churches and trade unions; the **private sector**, including chambers of commerce, producers, and trade unions benefitting from GSP+ or interested in exporting under GSP+; **public sector**, including the lead ministry for GSP+ reporting and line ministries concerned by the conventions, national human rights institutions, and other relevant institutions at the local and national level; and the **media**.

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