

EaP CSF Working Group 4 (WG4)

Annual Report

This report presents the key activities, achievements, and thematic contributions of the EaP CSF Working Group 4 (WG4) under the 2025 Work Plan.

During the yearly reporting period, WG4 delegates participated in several internal and external meetings, contributed to consultations and the elaboration of one comprehensive policy paper.

A major milestone of the year was the completion and launch of the WG4 flagship policy paper “Resilient democracies in the EaP and the EU: Strengthening civil society’s capacities” focusing on the role of non-formal/informal education and empowerment of marginalised groups and how media literacy can be leveraged to combat mis/disinformation. The paper was drafted by WG4 consultant, Nino Jibuti.

The policy paper insists on the role that lifelong learning can play in reaching sustainable development and digital transformation goals. It also proposes to establish new ways of communicating between the European Union and Eastern Partnership to enhance regional cooperation and ensure the participation of civil society in decision-making and in countering anti-democratic and autocratic tendencies. A launch event was organized on 13 May. The main takeaways from the event and the paper presentation can be found [here](#).

Annual WG4 Meetings

In line with its Annual Plan, WG4 held two annual meetings, one online (8 May) and one in-person, on the margins on the EaP CSF Civil Society Summit (2 December).

The meeting on 8 May featured country updates from all 6 EaP countries.

WG4 delegates then contributed with inputs to key discussions on the Work Plan, on relevant subject matters and on official activities of the EaP Multi-annual Work Plan 2025-2027. They formulated actionable and achievable policy recommendations in view of the EaP Civil Society Summit and next EaP political Summit.

The meeting on 2 December was dedicated to gathering insights and recommendations on the funding needs of CSOs from the EaP region. The input was fed into the donor coordination session organised on the same day.

Participation in Regional Platforms and Dialogues

WG4 members and delegates attended two meetings throughout 2025, including:

- **7th Informal Working Group Meeting on Research and Innovation**, 26 to 28 November 2025 in Berlin-Germany. WG4 was represented by Ivan Kultchysky, President of the NGO Agency of European Innovations, Ukraine and Sintija Bernava, NGO Donum Animus, Latvia .
- **EU4Youth Days from**, 8 to 9 October 2025 in Brussels-Belgium. WG4 was represented by Gurgen Petrosyan, Human Development Research Institute, France.

Other matters

WG4 implemented its proposed activities for 2025.