

Financial overview 2020

EaP CSF funding sources

The general funding sources of the EaP CSF Secretariat are the European Commission and foundations or national institutions (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, development agencies, etc.). The strategy of the EaP CSF Secretariat is to secure funding for the functioning of the EaP CSF and to fundraise for extra projects.

The EaP CSF Secretariat is currently operating with the grant from the European Commission (EC) entitled “*Support to the activities of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum II ENI/2018/387-389*”. The implementation period was initially three years, from 1 January 2018 until December 2020, but now it has been extended to 28 February 2021 due to COVID pandemic.

The objectives of the project are:

- To contribute to a more enriched and more people oriented EaP agenda
- To increase EaP CSF’s engagement in dialogue on sector governance issues covered by 20 deliverables for 2020
- To strengthen mechanisms of trilateral dialogue with participation of civil society on the national level dedicated to the sector reforms in the frames of the EaP
- To make the Forum’s structures and internal processes more effective

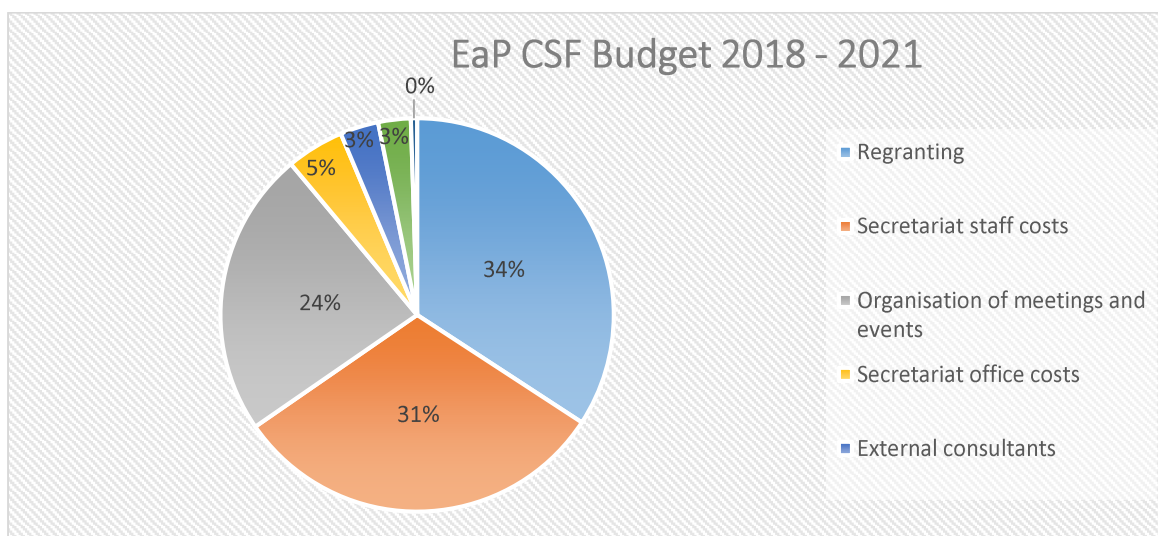
The project activities include:

- Organising Forum meetings (working groups: 5 meetings per year, Steering Committee – up to 4 meetings per year, plenary meetings: 1 meeting per year)
- Organising advocacy events in Brussels or the EaP countries
- Supporting joint projects and activities of the WGs and NPs through re-granting
- Organising capacity development activities for Working Groups in the frames of WG meetings or other events
- Conducting the reform of the Forum
- Financing the activities of the Secretariat as support structure for the Forum

Due to COVID pandemic, in 2020 the budget allocated for WG meetings, SC and advocacy meetings has been reprogrammed to cover newly introduced COVID-19 regranting that will fund 21 projects of its members from the EaP countries aimed at addressing the needs of the vulnerable population exacerbated by the pandemic, a series of policy papers related to COVID-19 impact in eight thematic areas, NP capacity-building, and a new position of the Membership and Grants Manager at the EaP CSF Secretariat starting October 2020.

The total budget of the grant is **4.764.979 EUR**. The EC undertakes to finance a maximum amount of 4.500.000 EUR and the grant is further limited to 94,44% of the eligible costs of the project. There is an obligatory co-funding part of 5,56% to find over the 2018-2021 period.

Table 1 – EaP CSF budget’s distribution for the period 2018-2021



The main expenditures are the regranting to Working Groups, National Platforms and other members of EaP CSF, which represents 34% of the total budget, seconded by the Secretariat staff costs (31%), then the organisation of EaP CSF meetings and events, such as annual meetings of five Working Groups, four Steering Committee meetings, five Working Groups capacity-building events, the Annual Assembly and advocacy meetings (24%). The Secretariat office costs, hiring external consultants, the EaP Index and communication & visibility costs absorb 11% of the total budget for the project.

In 2018 and 2019, the EaP CSF Secretariat spent a total of **2.589.200 EUR**

By the end of December 2020, the EaP CSF Secretariat will have spent **1.990.167 EUR** (estimated).

Table 2 – EaP CSF Secretariat estimated expenditures for the period January-December 2020

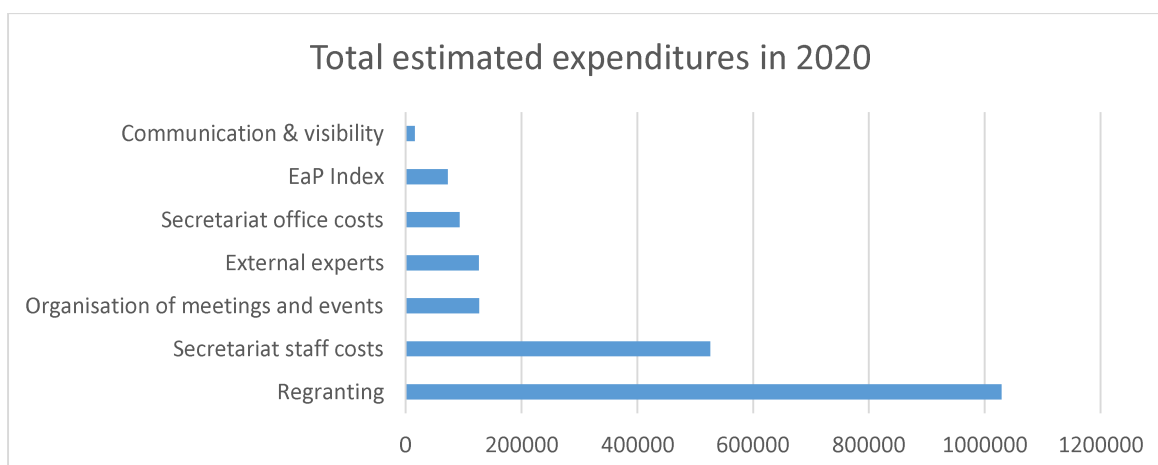


Table 3 – EaP CSF donors in 2020

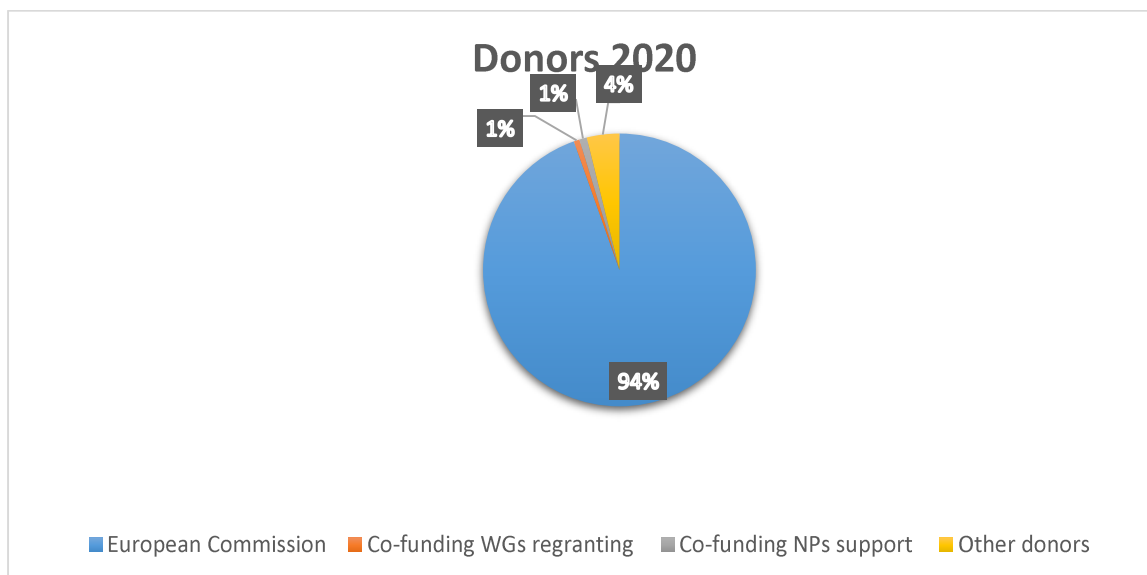
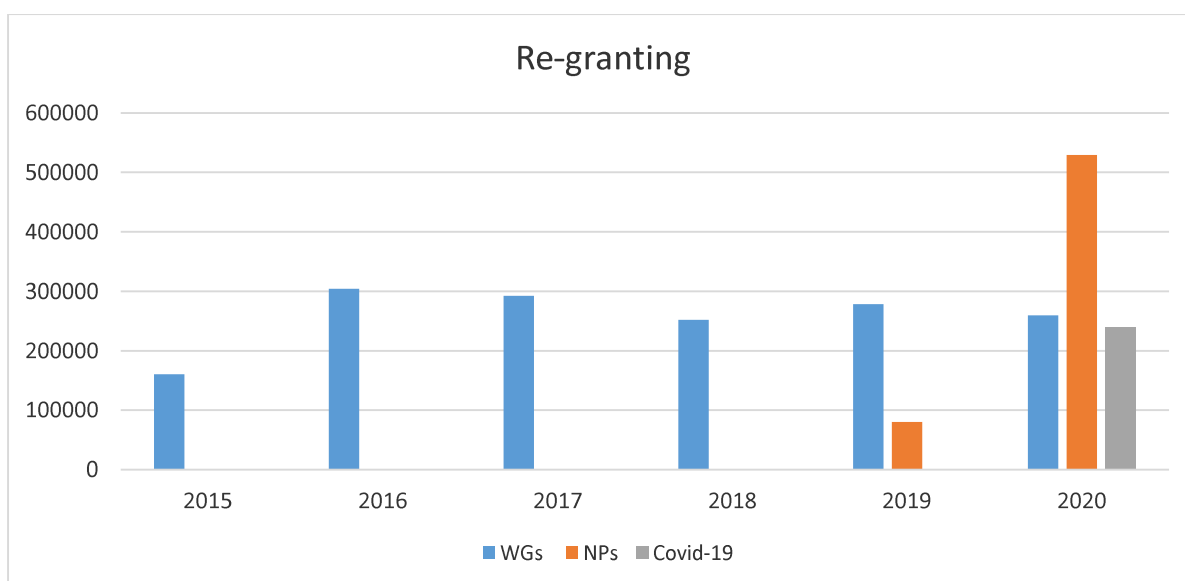


Table 4 – Regranting expenditures over the 2015-2020 period.



An average of 13 WGs regranting projects have been awarded yearly.

Starting the second half of 2019, the National Platforms are funded via the re-granting scheme that contributes to strengthened mechanisms of trilateral dialogue with participation of civil society dedicated to the sector reforms. Each National Platform is receiving 40.000 euros for operational support and 60.000 euros for project support for 2019-2020 period.

Four National Platforms (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia and Moldova) are benefiting from regranting to NPs starting May 2019, Azerbaijan National Platform - since January 2020 and Ukraine National Platform - since June 2020.

EaP CSF Secretariat Annual accounts 2019

The EaP CSF Secretariat is registered as a non-profit organisation under the Belgian law, and its accounts are expressed in Euro and maintained in compliance with international accounting standards and the legislation on international non-profit making association (AISBL) applicable in Belgium.

According to the Belgian legislation, the annual accounts of the EaP CSF Secretariat are audited on a yearly basis. On July 28th, 2020, the Secretariat received the audit report from external auditors (DGST & Partners) on the General Accounts of the EaP CSF Secretariat for the reporting period January-December 2019. No inconsistencies have been found (“*Opinion sans reserve*”).