

Financial overview 2021

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 under the grant from the European Commission (EC) entitled “*Support to the activities of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum: Strengthening Policy Dialogue and Civic Actors ENI/2021/421-928*”. The implementation period is 34 months, from 1 March 2021 until December 2023.

The objectives of the project are:

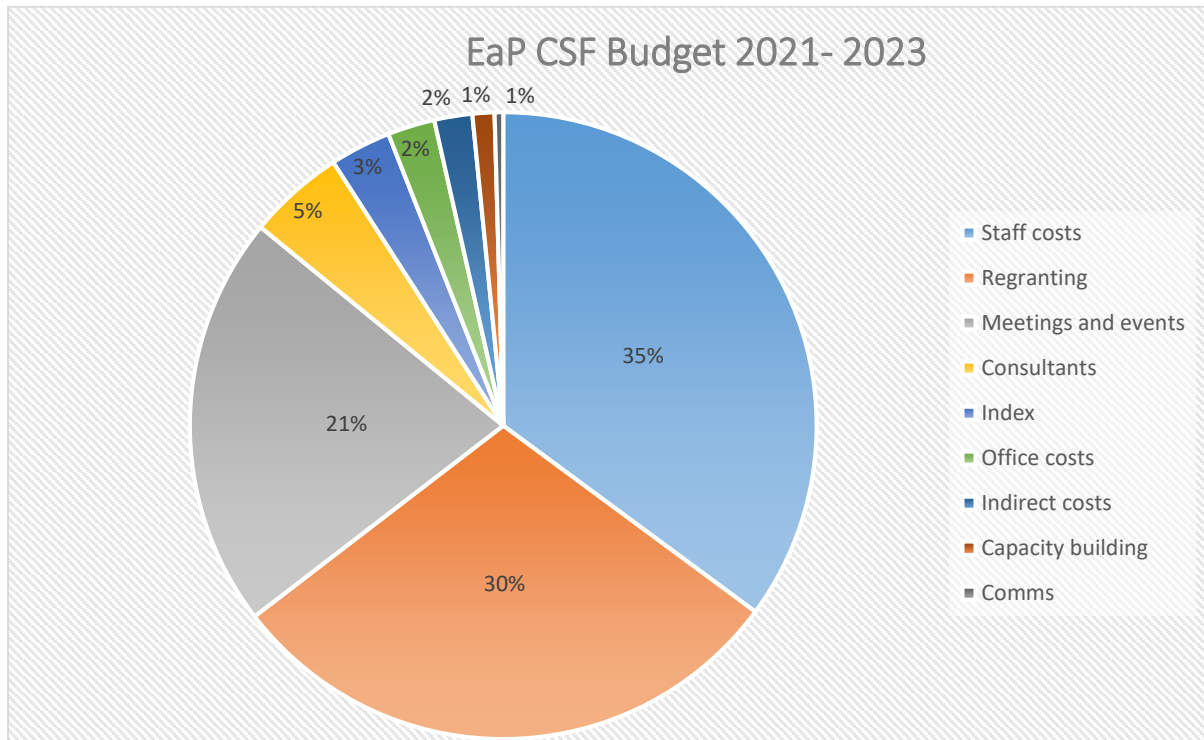
- To contribute to a more enriched and more people oriented EaP agenda
- To increase EaP CSF’s engagement in dialogue on sector governance issues covered by 20 deliverables for 2020
- To strengthen mechanisms of trilateral dialogue with participation of civil society on the national level dedicated to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

The total 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 2021-2023 period.

Table 1 – EaP CSF budget’s distribution for the period 2021-2023



The main allocated budget is for Secretariat staff costs (35%), seconded by the re-granting to Working Groups, National Platforms and other members of EaP CSF, which represents 30% of the total budget, 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 (21%). The Secretariat office costs, hiring external consultants, the EaP Index and communication & visibility costs absorb 14% of the total budget for the project.

During the previous grant, from January 2018 until February 2021, the EaP CSF Secretariat spent a total of **4.581.141** EUR.

Table 2 – EaP CSF Secretariat expenditures for the period January 2018 – February 2021

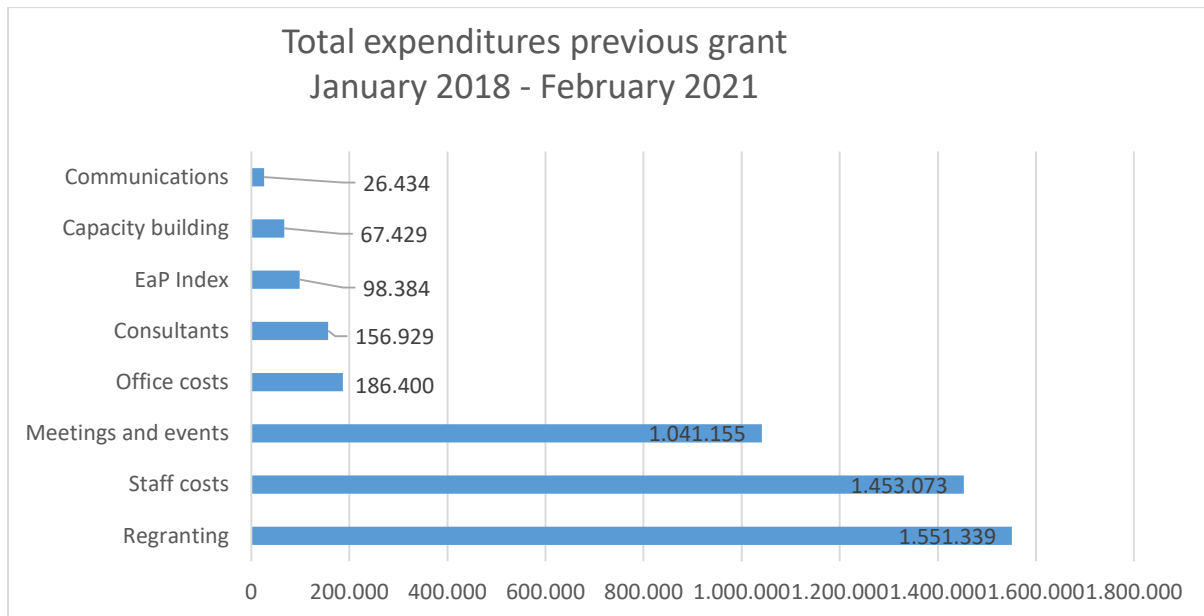


Table 3 – EaP CSF donors in 2021

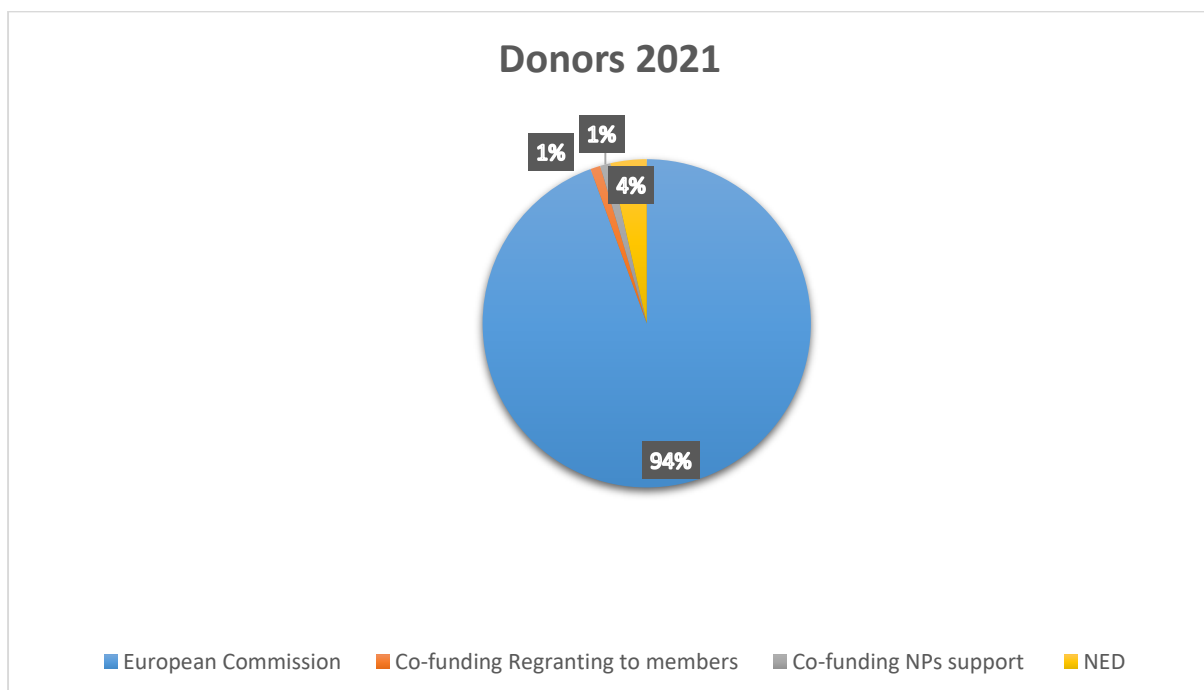
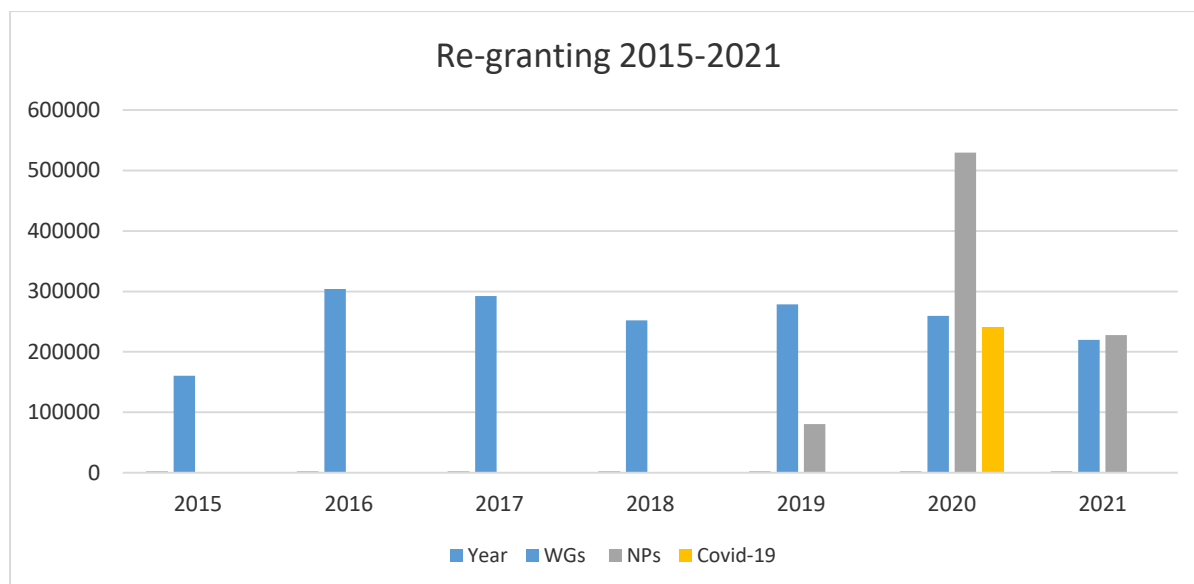


Table 4 – Re-granting expenditures over the 2015-2021 period.



An average of 15 re-granting to members' 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 **114k** as project and operational support for 2021-2023 period, respectively **38k** euros per year.

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

EaP CSF Secretariat Annual accounts 2020

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 September 24th, 2021, 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 2020. No inconsistencies have been found ("*Opinion sans reserve*").