

# THE EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY

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Second EU-ARAB Civil Society Dialogue  
Rebuilding relations with European Southern Neighbourhood Countries  
17 NOVEMBER 2015 | European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Brussels



## REBUILDING RELATIONS WITH EUROPEAN SOUTHERN NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNTRIES

On 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2015, the European Commission issued a joint communication on the revision of the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) and launched a public consultation that ended the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. The final communication that will re-launch the new European Neighbourhood Policy is expected by end in November. CONCORD EPAN Working Group, together with other NGOs, SOLIDAR, together with members and partners from the region, the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND), and the Euromed Non-Governmental Platform have provided [input](#) into the consultation.

On the wake of the final communication on the ENP revision, **CONCORD, together with ANND and the Euromed Non-Governmental Platform** with the support of **SOLIDAR**, are organising the **Second EU-ARAB Civil Society Dialogue “Rebuilding Relations with European Southern Neighbourhood Countries”**, in order to further strengthen a multi-stakeholder dialogue between Civil Society, trade unions, academia and EU institutions. The event will take place on the **17<sup>th</sup> of November at the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)**.

The dialogue will focus on:

- 1. Fostering a comprehensive EU agenda to promote ESCRs:** The Revision of the ENP represents a new opportunity to establish an EU comprehensive strategic human rights agenda aimed at the realization of economic social cultural rights, through a fair wealth redistribution model, sustainable development-oriented trade and migration policies, universal and comprehensive social protection systems, and anchored on international human rights and ILO standards.
- 2. Tackling shrinking space for CSOs:** The revision of ENP should ensure the statutory role of CSOs in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of EU policies and promote ensure a long-term transparent dialogue partnership with EU institutions, engaging diverse groups including independent CSOs, trade unions, academia, and social movements.
- 3. A rights-based approach to migration:** The revised ENP should ensure that the new partnership framework adopts a rights-based approach to migration policy, aimed at targeting the root causes of migration flaws, ensuring the respect for fundamental rights of migrants and deconstructing the discourse of the securitisation of borders, reconsidering the Mobility Partnerships, and promoting equal access to health, education and housing services for all.

More information and registration can be found [here](#).

The activity report of the first EU-Arab Civil Society Dialogue:  
[Taking Stock for a Revised European Neighbourhood Policy \(South\) - Reflections from EU-Arab Civil Society Organisations](#)

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