

# **EuroNGOs Strategic Framework 2016-2020**

## **Who we are**

EuroNGOs - *The European NGOs for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Population and Development* - is a network of European non-governmental not-for-profit organizations working in the area of sexual and reproductive health and rights in development cooperation and global policy processes.

Through a rights-based approach, we advocate for change at the European and global level to help make sexual and reproductive health and rights a reality for all. To this end we connect our members with information, experience, other networks, stakeholders and resources to ensure that:

- Europe supports a comprehensive and progressive sexual and reproductive health and rights agenda at the international level; and,
- There is a dedicated space for civil society in Europe to collectively discuss, strategise, advocate and share learning on sexual and reproductive health and rights issues.

EuroNGOs was established in 1996, two years after the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), by a small group of leaders from the sexual and reproductive health and rights movement. Over the years we have become a broad, diverse and inclusive platform with members ranging from large organizations with an international presence to smaller, specialist organizations. Some members represent specific groups such as youth or parliamentarians; some work in certain regions, or with particular marginalized and vulnerable groups, while others are wider-ranging. Some are both service providers and advocates while others focus exclusively on advocacy and policy work.

## **Our vision**

EuroNGOs envisions a sustainable world free from poverty and discrimination where all individuals enjoy the highest possible standard of sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing, as well as their sexual and reproductive rights.

## **Our mission**

To promote sexual and reproductive health and rights at the global policy level and in international cooperation.

## Our 2016-2020 Strategy

### Context

European civil society focusing on sexual and reproductive health and rights in development cooperation and in global policy processes is operating in a radically changing landscape that is influencing our capacity to bring about change. Key trends include:

- Changing circumstances and broad shifts at the global economic, political, social and environmental levels are gradually transforming the world. The theory and practice of development is evolving, with universal goals replacing the North/South divide, stronger low-and middle income country ownership and a new development framework – The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – is now in place.
- Financing for development patterns are changing. Funding the Sustainable Development Goals will require unprecedented resource mobilisation, wherein Official Development Assistance (ODA) will only constitute a small proportion. Development cooperation and its institutions will play a reduced role in SRHR policy dialogue as their financial importance decreases.
- The transition of low-income countries to middle-income countries will likely result in a changing pattern of where and how ODA flows.
- Positions on sexual and reproductive health and rights issues are polarised and politicised at UN and EU negotiations. Opposition to SRHR has become more visible, changed in character and may grow in the coming years.
- Europe's response to current armed conflicts as well as humanitarian crises worldwide and subsequent refugees fleeing to Europe is likely to have consequences on the way ODA is counted and spent.

These shifts are occurring at a time when there is less and less donor support for European SRHR advocacy. Whereas SRHR advocacy and campaigning in Europe were financed in past decades, now donors' priorities in terms of policy and partnerships have changed.

As a consequence, our 2016-2020 priorities have been set to support our sector in transition.

## Strategic Objective 2016-2020

To support and strengthen the efforts of the broad European SRHR community to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights in a global perspective.

### How will we get there?

- ***We will convene and connect*** European NGOs working on sexual and reproductive health and rights amongst themselves and with other networks, stakeholders and resources, by:
  - creating and administering virtual and physical spaces for collective discussion, idea- and information-sharing, learning, brainstorming, and strategising; and
  - sharing information, intelligence, experiences and learning.
  
- ***We will foster synergies and complementarity*** amongst individual EuroNGOs members and ***encourage alliance building*** between EuroNGOs and other European and international groups working on sustainable development issues, by:
  - promoting internal network-building within EuroNGOs and expanding and diversifying our membership;
  - maintaining strong alliances with the ASTRA Network, Countdown 2015 Europe, European SRHR youth organizations and IPPF EN;
  - maintaining strong alliances with other networks and groups, within and outside the SRHR community, in Europe and beyond.
  
- ***We will stimulate action to ensure a strong and sustainable European network for SRHR in a global perspective by:***
  - promoting inclusive discussions and exploring sustainable options to ensure the future of European SRHR advocacy;
  - mobilising resources.