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Social Platform is the largest civil society alliance fighting for social justice and participatory democracy in Europe. Consisting of 42 pan-European networks of NGOs, Social Platform campaigns to ensure that EU policies are developed in partnership with the people they affect, respecting fundamental rights, promoting solidarity and improving lives.

www.socialplatform.org

OUR VALUES

Social Platform and its members are committed to advancing the principles of equality, solidarity and non-discrimination, as well as the promotion of respect for fundamental rights, within Europe and in particular the European Union.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- **1. Strengthen the NGO sector:** Social Platform strives to develop a strong and vibrant social NGO sector
- 2. Reinforce participatory democracy: Social Platform seeks to reinforce participatory democracy by supporting a process of dialogue between NGOs and a more transparent EU
- **3. Shape Social Europe:** Social Platform campaigns to promote a strong Social Europe

SOCIAL PLATFORM MEMBERS

Full Members

AGE - the European Older People's Platform

ATD Quart Monde - ATD Fourth World International Movement

Autism Europe

Caritas Europa

CEBSD - Combined European Bureau for Social Development

CECODHAS – European Liaison Committee for Social Housing
CECOP – European Confederation of Workers' Co-operatives, Social Cooperatives and Participative Enterprises

CEDAG - European Council for Non-Profit Organisations

CEV - The European Volunteer Centre

COFACE - Confederation of Family Organisations in the EU

EAEA - European Association for the Education of Adults

EAPN - European Anti-Poverty Network

EASPD - European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities

EBU - European Blind Union

ECDN - European Consumer Debt Network

EDF - European Disability Forum

ENAR - European Network Against Racism

EPHA - European Public Health Alliance

EPR - European Platform for Rehabilitation

ESAN - European Social Action Network

EURAG - European Federation of Older Persons

Eurochild

Eurodiaconia - European Federation for Diaconia

EWL - European Women's Lobby

FAI - The International Federation of the Christian Associations of Italian Workers

FEANTSA - European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless

FEFAF - European Federation of Unpaid Parents and Carers at Home

ICSW - International Council on Social Welfare

IESW - International Federation of Social Workers

ILGA-Europe - The European Region of the International Lesbian and Gay Association

Inclusion Europe – The European Association of Societies of Persons with Intellectual Disability and their Families

MHE - Mental Health Europe

Solidar

WAGGGS - World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Europe Region

Workability Europe

YFJ - European Youth Forum

AFEM - Association des Femmes de l'Europe Méridionale

Associate Members

ERIO – European Roma Information Office

IPPF-EN - International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network

Red Cross EU Office

Y.E.S. Forum - Youth and European Social Work Forum

How do we work?

European Institutions



SOCIAL PLATFORM

42 European networks of nongovernmental organisations (NGOs), prompted by their own national and regional associations, come together in Social Platform to rally for a strong Social Europe.

United, they fight for the advancement of the principles of equality, solidarity, non-discrimination, and the promotion of respect for fundamental rights, within Europe and in particular the European Union. >>

>> The Platform's main body is the

General Assembly which, convened
yearly, takes constitutional decisions and
elects the Management Committee.
Political decisions are formed in Working
Groups, submitted for consultation across
the membership and then approved by the
Steering Group, in which every member is

The smooth running of the organisation is managed by the **Secretariat** under the supervision of the Management Committee.





Direct members of the Social Platform

The EU impacts people's daily lives. New policies at national level are often steered by decisions made at EU level. Therefore, European networks of national NGOs gather to shape the EU agenda and spark a transnational debate about common social challenges in the 27 Member States.

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NATIONAL



Indirect members of the Social Platform

Representative organisations of local and regional associations gather to share their experiences and beliefs to influence national politicians and stakeholders. Together they assert their views for a better and more equitable society.













REGIONAL/LOCAL



Grassroots activists

People from all walks of life get together to promote fundamental rights and social progress in their local communities.



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