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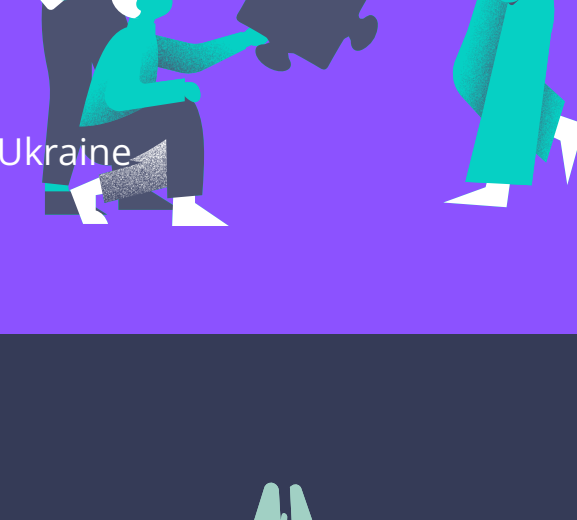
Sustainable, Target-group oriented, Resilient and Open NGOs with Good Governance

Duration of the project: 1 Jul 2020- 31 Jan 2024

Topic: Human rights, Civil society

Geographical focus: EaP Countries

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine



## Project highlights



### 30

Systemic gains to improve human rights situations in project countries

### 77%

CSOs supported report increase in outreach and engagement

### 9404

Representatives of marginalised and vulnerable groups reached

### 408

Instances of CSOs' positions and expertise used publicly by donors and external actors

### 29

Staff from Human Rights Houses and CSOs trained in international advocacy

### 100%

Human Rights Houses targeted satisfy minimum good governance standards

### 243

Joint human rights initiatives implemented with participation / facilitation of Human Rights Houses, involving at least 2 external partners

### 57

Subgrants awarded to civil society organisations and Human Rights Houses in the region

### 40

Staff from Human Rights Houses in the region trained on good governance and organisational issues

### 64

Advocacy initiatives conducted by HRHF and Human Rights Houses were followed by up policy makers and human rights mechanisms

## Project achievements



Strengthened capacities of CSOs in Eastern Partnership countries to reach out and engage with citizens and communities.

Ensured that Human Rights Houses in Eastern Partnership countries served as national networks for CSOs.



Provided a lifeline for CSOs operating in hostile or conflict environments with subgranting.



Fostered solidarity, provided relief to CSOs, and showed them they are not alone.



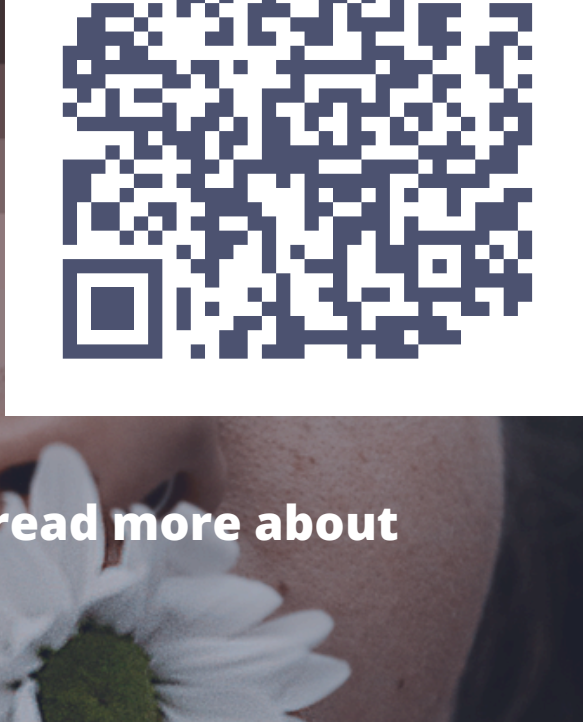
Played a critical role in prevention of backsliding of human rights and civil society spaces in the region.



CSOs advocated for the promotion of four fundamental rights-expression, association, assembly and the right to be a HRD.



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## About



Human Rights House Foundation (HRHF) establishes and supports Human Rights Houses – coalitions of local independent civil society organisations working to advance human rights at home and abroad. Today 80 CSOs are united in the Network of Human Rights Houses, active across Eastern and Western Europe, the Balkans and the Caucasus. Together, we advocate for freedoms that underpin a strong and independent civil society and protect and empower human rights defenders.

HRHF implemented the 3.5 year STRONG Civil Society (July 2020 – January 2024) working to strengthen the role that civil society plays in the democratisation processes in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine. STRONG Civil Society was co-funded by the European Union and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.