

THE EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY

Our key principles
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NEW ENP: GOING BACK TO BASICS...

YES, BUT FOR UNIVERSAL VALUES

On 30th of June, the public consultation on the revision of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) was closed, and today the Foreign Affairs Committee in the European Parliament **adopted** in a plenary session the parliamentary report on the revision of the ENP. Yet, the process is just about to start and the final joint communication will be issued around 28th of October 2015, and a brand-new policy is expected to be shaped in the coming months.

Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) from the EU and neighbouring countries have largely contributed to the consultation, and will organise for a more coordinated action and response to the upcoming communication. On the occasion of today's vote in the plenary, **SOLIDAR** launched a twitter action, to strengthen our call for a new and better European Neighbourhood Partnership, [#newENP](#).

Our new ENP should:

- Be rooted on **universal values**, and anchored on international human rights treaties and core ILO **conventions**, in order to strengthen the human rights dimension of the new partnership, upholding fundamental freedoms, to ensure the realization of **economic, social and cultural rights for all**.
- Further develop and uphold the **statutory role of Civil Society Organisations** during all the cycle of preparation and implementation of the partnership policy agreements and programmes and promote mechanisms for transparent and meaningful long-term dialogue partnership.
- Promote **policy coherence for sustainable development**, and therefore focus on tackling the **root causes of on-going socio-economic inequalities and conflicts**, by promoting a sustainable development-oriented socio-

economic model targeting directly partner countries' citizens by investing in sustainable education, child protection,

- decent employment systems and engaging independent civil society organisations in the design, monitoring and implementation of national and regional policies.

“Going Back to Basics”

MEPs today called for the revised policy to “go back to basics”, by returning **to the original aim of creating an area of prosperity, stability, security and good neighbourliness**. This should entail that the basis for building the new partnership should be the mutual implementation and compliance with international human rights and ILO conventions. This revision will fall shortly behind its pursued ambition, if the “basics” in question will continue to be liberalization-oriented trade and investment policies, securitized approach to migration and non-consultative policy shaping.

Join or follow the discussion on the revision process through the hashtag [#newENP](#).

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