

THE EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY Our key principles up close

Countdown till the third regional dialogue around EU-Arab Partnership
30-31 October 2015
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IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR A NEW EU-ARAB PARTNERSHIP!

SOLIDAR together with the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) and the Euromed NGO Platform is organising the Third EU Regional conference on the EU-ARAB Partnership, from 30-31 October 2015.

On 30 October 2015, 80 participants from CSOs from the Arab region and Europe, will discuss the **revision of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)**, with the participation of **Pier Antonio Panzeri, Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the delegation for the relations with the Maghreb.**

During its ten years of implementation, the ENP hasn't fully achieved its set objectives: establishing a common area for sustainable social development, peace and prosperity. The policy has been driven by Brussels- ignoring the periphery and **lacking national ownership** and **genuine partnership**. It could not assess nor reflect **partner countries' real development needs and necessities.**

As a matter of fact, the ENP revision comes at a time where alarming threats are spreading region-wide, such as **lack of/discrimination in the full enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights (ESCRs); Lack of universality in the implementation of Social protection (SP) systems; Serious restrictions to and violations of the right of freedom of association and peaceful assembly and collective bargaining rights.**

In light of the upcoming conference, we call the new EU-Arab Partnership to:

- 1. Fostering a comprehensive agenda to promote the progressive realisation of economic social and cultural rights (ESCRs), and realize the human right to social protection;**
- 2. Defending civil society space by promoting freedom of association and collective bargaining rights.**

SOLIDAR is also organising the **European Neighbourhood Policy Days on 16-17 November 2015 in Brussels** to further strengthen CSOs recommendations in the wake of the ENP revision.

You can find more information and the online registration of the ENP Days here.

Link to SOLIDAR ENP consultation briefing [here](#).

SOLIDAR and its members and partners are organising the European Neighbourhood Days that will take place from 16th & 17th November 2015 in Brussels. You can register now for our two public events;

- Seminar organised by CONCORD, Euromed Non-Governmental Platform and the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) **'Defending Civil Society Space. EU-Arab Dialogue: Rebuilding relations with European Southern Neighbourhood Countries'** to take place at the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).

16 November 2015 , 09:30 – 16:30 at the EESC

[Programme](#)

[Online Registration](#)

- Roundtable debate organised by SOLIDAR, Euromed Non-Governmental Platform and the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) hosted by Pier Antonio Panzeri , MEP 'The EU as a peace promoter in the Middle East and North Africa: between human rights and security'

17 November 2015, 18:00 – 20:00 at the European Parliament

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