



A strengthened comprehensive EU Human Rights Defenders Mechanism



EU Support to Human Rights Defenders: *A shared responsibility*

Political Component

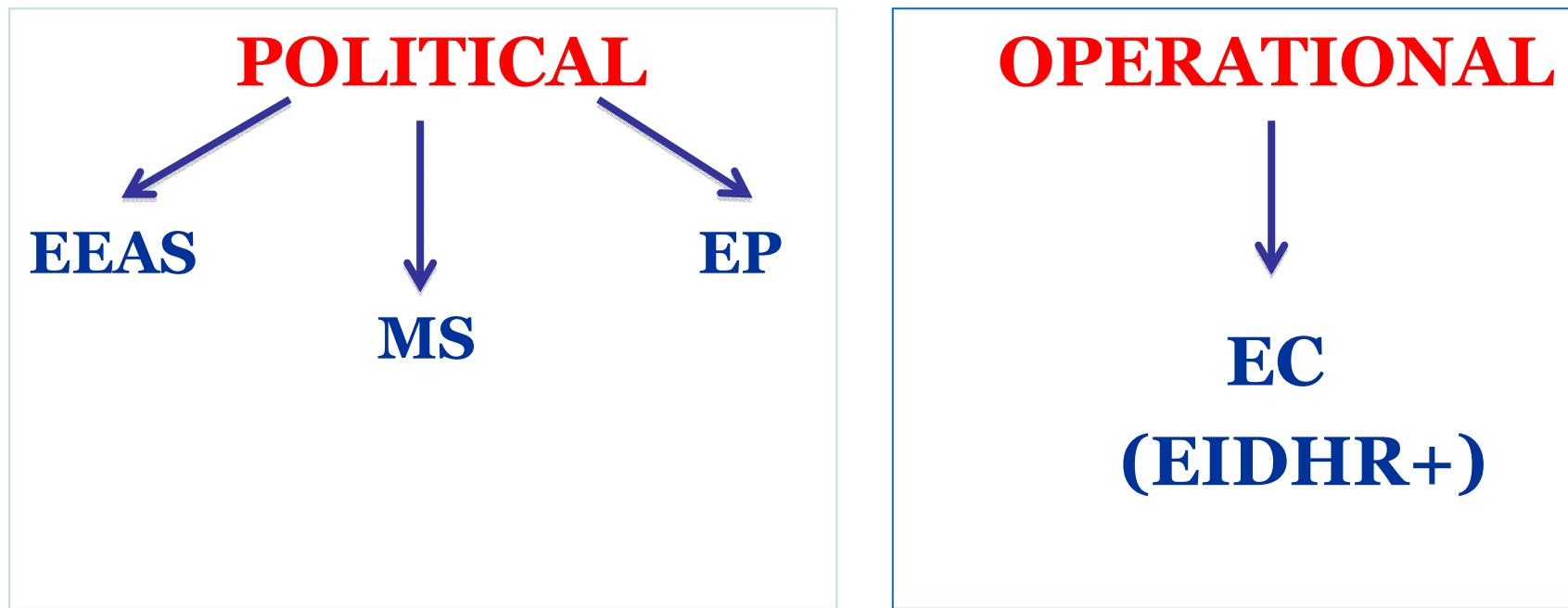
- ✓ **Statements**
- ✓ **Demarches**
- ✓ **Follow-up of cases**
- ✓ **Dialogues**
- ✓ **International**

Operational Component

- ✓ **Urgent support**
- ✓ **Medium term**
- ✓ **Long term**
- ✓ **Operational coordination**



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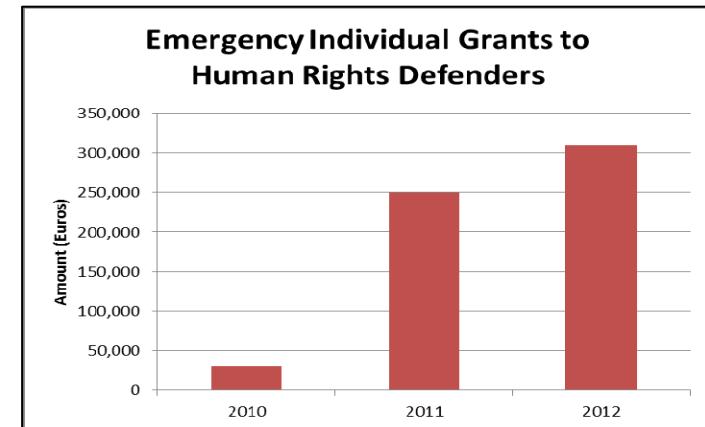
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..Comprehensive..
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EIDHR SUPPORT TO HRDs 2007-2013

- **130 projects**
- **8 global Calls for Proposals (HQ), (permanent)**
- **14 local Calls for Proposals (CBSS)**
- **Emergency fund for HRDs at risk**
→ over 300 HRDs assisted so far



- **Countries in crisis → pilot phase of Crisis Facility 2014-2020, funding for Belarus, Myanmar, Syria, Libya....**



What a HRDs « mechanism » will not do

- *It will not create a new structure*
- *It will not replace/duplicate what is already done by NGOs and other actors*
- *It will not create more bureaucracy*



Why an EIDHR HRDs mechanism?

1. To *increase the efficiency of assistance*, ensuring:
 - Geographical + thematic coverage
 - Urgent support to HRDs in the field 24/7
 - Medium and long-term support to HRDs
2. To ensure *synergies between long and short-term support, continuity in the provision of protection, and optimal coordination* → other stakeholders and activities
4. To embed a *temporary relocation facility* → City Shelter
5. To improve *operational management* → doing more for less
6. To enhance the *EU profile*



Elements of an EIDHR HRDs Mechanism

Urgent support

- Physical/digital Protection
- Legal support
- Medical support
- Trial and prison monitoring
- Urgent advocacy
- Urgent relocation
- Support to families
- Urgent monitoring and reporting
- ...

Medium-term support

- Monitoring of HRDs situation
- **Early warning**
- Reinforcement of capacities
- Trainings on risk prevention and security (incl. Digital)
- Intnl, regional and national Advocacy
- **Temporary relocation**
- **Legal support to lengthy judicial procedures**

Long-term support

- Support to national/regional networks
- Support to intl/regional HRs mechanisms to protect HRDs (+ coordination)
- **Support to independent NHRIs**

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- Temporary relocation (network cities/universities, direct support...)
- Early warning system for HR crises
- Coordination of actors, sharing of information and best practices
- Permanent helpline for HRDs (24h/7)

Targeted projects

- Support to Int/regional mechanisms

- Support to NHRIs that abide by Paris ppls

NGOs

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Consortium of specialized NGOs and other actors

IOs, NHRIs and NGOs



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2013

2013-2014

2012 - 2014

2013 - 2014

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Temporary relocation of HRDs at risk

- 1. p.m. study and consultations*
- 2. Integrated and not a cluster in itself*
- 3. Pilot ongoing (small grant & projects)*
- 4. Consolidation (i.e. interlinks, gaps (€ & lgterm), cities and universities) in 2013*



Temporary relocation of HRDs at risk – Pilot phase – 2013

Tender for services with two main components:

- 1. Comprehensive database** of all available existing programmes and identifying new actors and programmes, e.g. new cities, universities, etc
- 2. Digital platform** allowing the safe exchanges of information among the members of the initiative, to ensure "best-fit" matching of demands and resources



Temporary relocation of HRDs at risk – Pilot phase – 2013

3. Financial support to individual cases of relocations:

WHO?

-for actors adhering to the initiative

HOW?

-the emergency fund for HRDs (small grants)
- case by case decision for funding by European Commission



Relocations – four clichés

- 1. *We do it already***
- 2. *It is not an EU visa issue. Priority in the country, in the region***
- 3. *Most HRDs want to return***
- 4. *It does not cost a fortune***



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