

Social Platform Statement of Values and Objectives

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The Platform of European Social NGOs (the Social Platform) is the alliance of representative European federations and networks of non-governmental organisations active in the social sector. The Social Platform promotes social justice and participatory democracy by voicing the concerns of its member organisations.

OUR VALUES:

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

OUR OBJECTIVES:

We base our common actions upon the following **objectives**:

- The eradication of poverty and the elimination of social exclusion.
- The elimination of discrimination in all its forms and the promotion of equality for all
- Equality between women and men in all areas of life
- The promotion of participatory democracy
- The engagement of social NGOs in an enhanced structured civil dialogue at EU level
- The involvement of people experiencing or at risk of poverty, exclusion and discrimination in decision-making processes affecting them.

The Social Platform:

- seeks to advance the interests of our members through advocacy of common positions, and through providing opportunities for our members to advance their own work at EU level by engaging with European policy-makers.
- disseminates information and promotes understanding of EU policies of concern to social NGOs.
- builds solidarity, co-operation and expertise through the exchange of knowledge and experience amongst social NGOs.

The Social Platform, through its democratic structure, aims at the full participation of members in transparency and respect for their diversity. We are committed to promoting gender parity and diversity representation in the structures of the Social Platform.

The Social Platform seeks to bring added value to the work of its members.

Whilst the actions of the Social Platform are focused upon the European level, we support the development of these values at the global level.