

Where do we stand with the European civil society strategy?

Conference for a thriving civic space

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Background points to the discussion Regional cooperation and civil society in the EEA Grants – past and future

Reclaim Our Civil Space!



Based on paper

Recommendations for the New Financial Perspective of the EEA Grants for Civil Society

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- recognize **CSOs as an indispensable element of vibrant and viable democracy**
- focus on **strengthening democracy, human rights and the rule of law**
- allow for a **more country-specific approach**; addressing current socio-political context
- ensure **continuation of the CSOs regional initiatives**