

# European Endowment for Democracy

An introduction

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# Challenging EU Neighbourhood



- Shrinking space for **civil society**
- Instability, conflicts and terror threaten **democratic transition**
- **European Neighbourhood Policy review:** democracy support and human rights agenda in EU foreign policy

# EED Governance

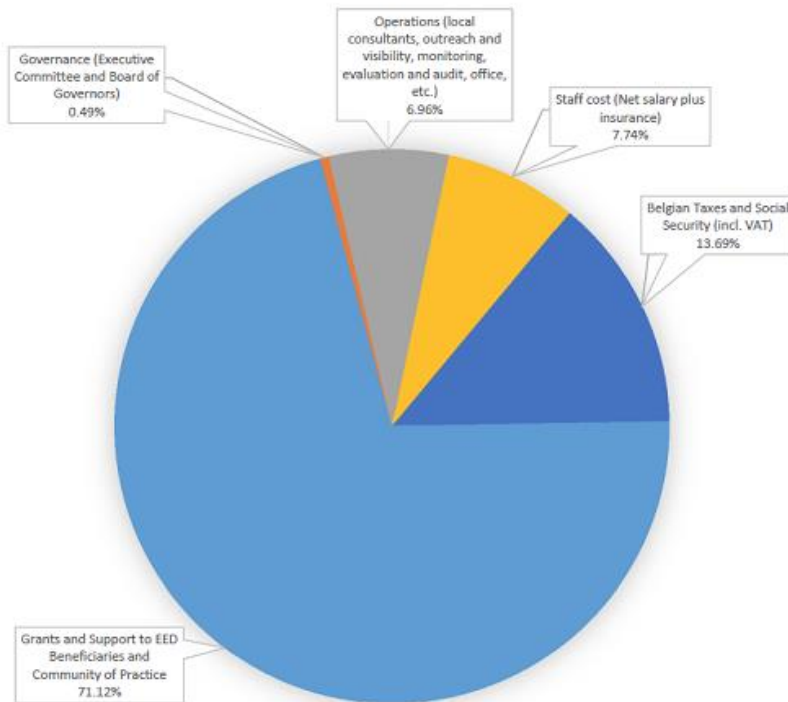
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 Croatia	 Greece	 Netherlands	 Switzerland
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 Denmark	 Italy	 Romania	
 Estonia	 Latvia	 Slovakia	

EED is a private non-profit foundation under the Belgian law, with Board of Governors representatives from:

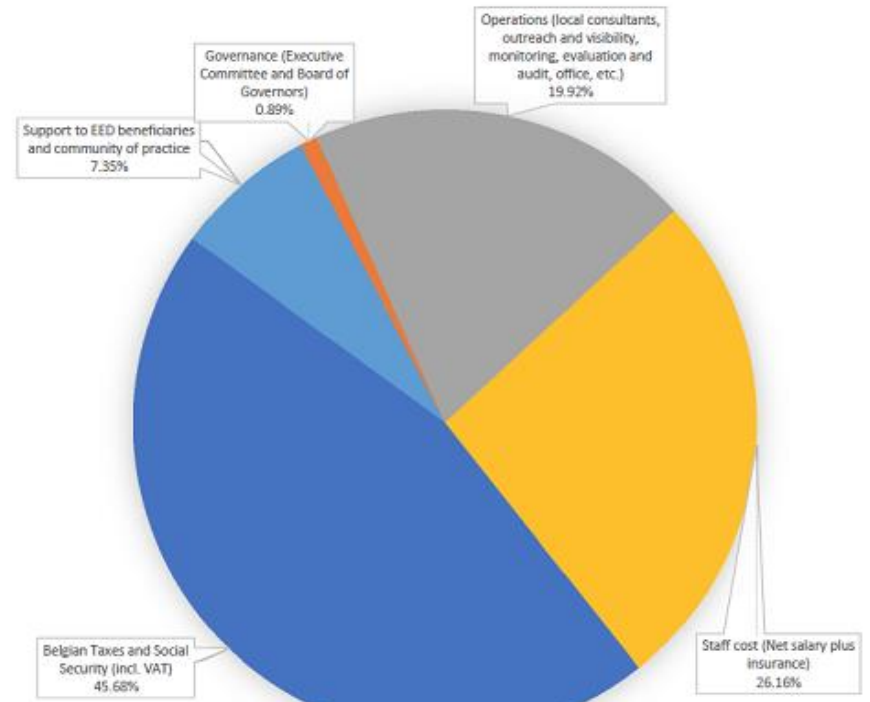
- EU Member States & Switzerland (29)
- Members of the **European Parliament** (9)
- **European Commission & European External Action Service** (2)
- **Civil Society Organisation** experts (3)

# Budget structure of EED

## Overall budget, 2014



## EC contribution, 2014



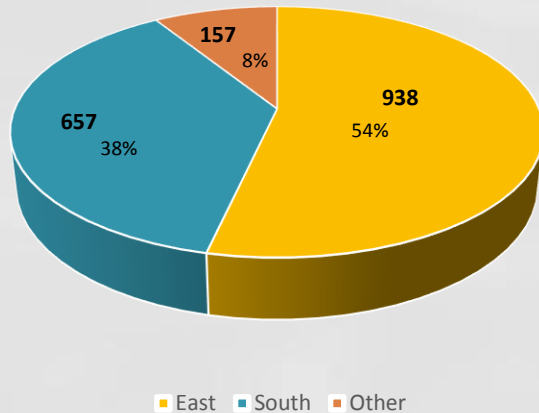
**Belgian taxes and social security: 13.69% of overall budget and 45.68% of EC contribution**

# Activities Overview

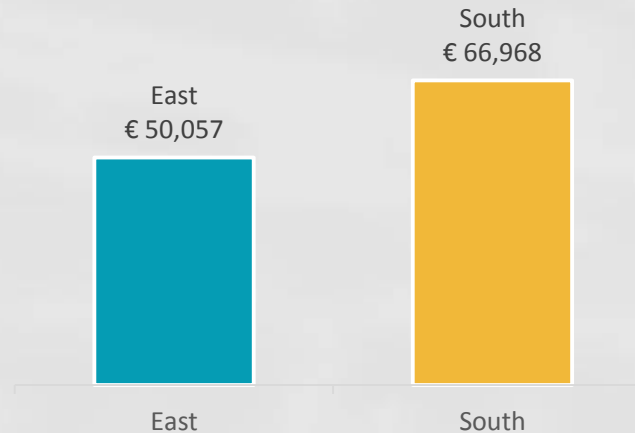


# Grant-making and coaching

Requests for support by region, 2013-15



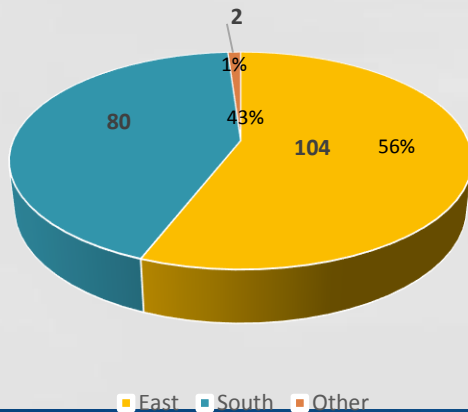
Average size of grant per region



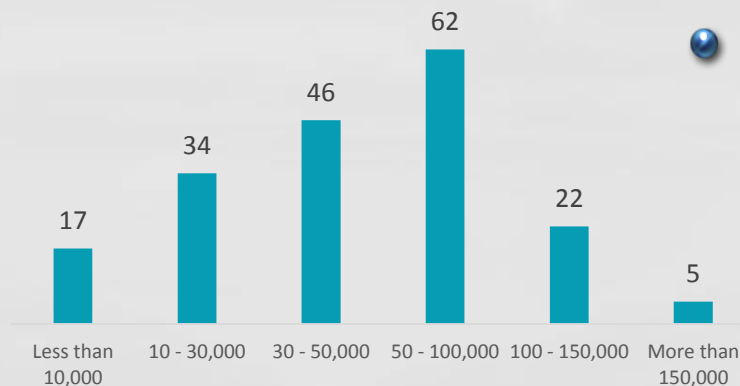
- **186** initiatives funded = **€10.9m**

- Over **1800** requests for support in 22 months

Supported initiatives by region, 2013-15



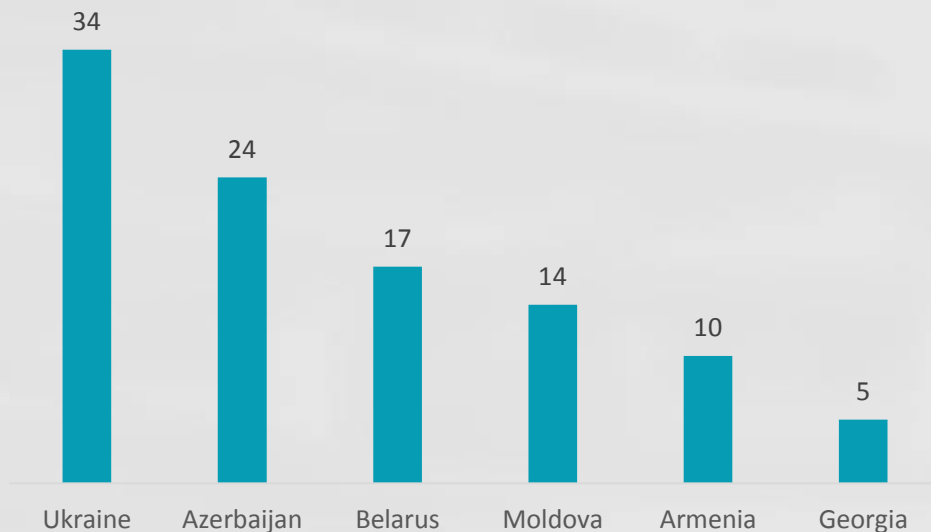
Supported initiatives by budget size



- Since 2015, EED is going global, starting with “Neighbours of Neighbours”

# Support provided per country

Initiatives funded in the Eastern Neighbourhood



Initiatives funded in North Africa and Middle East



🌐 initiatives in **15 countries** in North Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Partnership countries

# Spotlight on EED grantees



- **Morocco:**  
**strengthening  
democratic  
participation**

- **Hit Radio** launched a campaign to encourage young citizens to register to vote. Over 3 million YouTube users have watched “**Mantsayadch**”, the initiative’s music video with famous Moroccan pop and rap singers.
- **SimSim** is a website for citizens to ask audio and video questions to their parliamentarians. The first **Google Hangout** between an **MP and citizens** recently took place.

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● **Moldova:  
Start-up  
exposes  
corruption at  
the heart of  
government**

- The investigative journalism start-up **Mold-Street.com** exposed **massive bank fraud** linked to pro-European party leaders.
- It was named “best newcomer” at the *Moldovan Centre for Independent Journalism’s* “Best Journalists of the Year” award ceremony.

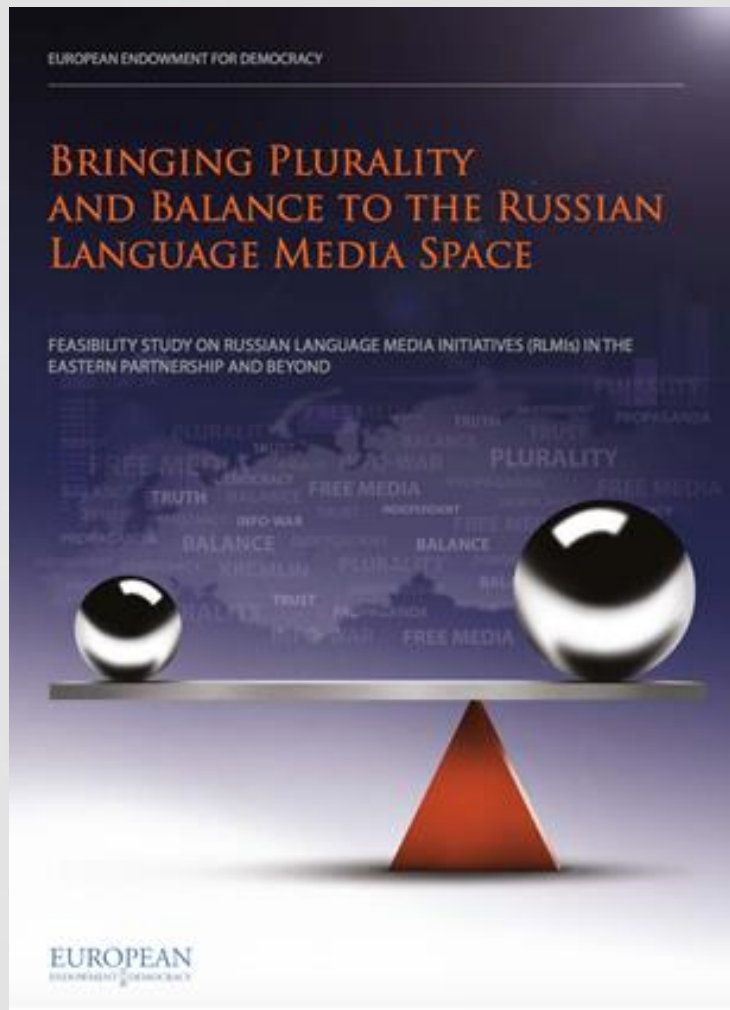
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- **Syria: emergency support to local media and human rights initiative in Kafranbel**

- Days after extremist militia seized six media workers and confiscated or destroyed *Kafranbel Media Centre's* equipment, EED helped to **keep it functioning and upgrade its security.**

# EED Recommendations for Russian language media



- EED led a feasibility study on Russian Language Media Initiatives in the Eastern Partnership and beyond
- Results of the study were presented to the EU member states and other interested donors in June 2015
- Findings underline the importance of support to quality Russian-language journalism
- Supported by a special grant from the Netherlands, the study goes beyond EED core activities

A map of Europe and North Africa is shown. The landmasses are colored in shades of blue and brown. A radar chart is overlaid on the bottom left of the map, with several concentric black arcs. The text "Independent evaluation" is centered over the map.

Independent evaluation

# Key findings

- EED has become a relevant democracy-support actor that **fills gaps, complements the work of other EU donors**, and is responsive to the needs of grantees.
- EED has provided **flexible, demand-driven**, support to pro-democracy actors who would otherwise have been **un(der)supported**.
- EED's **governance structure and operational procedures** work fairly well and efficient.

# Thank you!

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