



Since its establishment on April 11, 1967, the Hanns Seidel Foundation has been practising political education with the aim of supporting democratic and civic values. Hence, the political and educational work of the Hanns Seidel Foundation is based on a human ideal that includes the development of a free personality and believes in personal autonomy as well as in social responsibility and solidarity.

The general objectives of the foundation are:

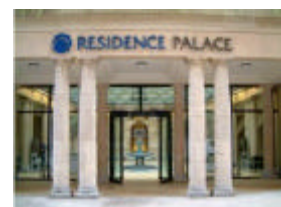
- to support international and cultural understanding and to promote integration and the idea of a unified Europe;
- to use development aid in order to strengthen social and political structures with the final aim of improving human capacities (help to self-help);
- to promote education and vocational training, including scholarships for students, in particular by opening up access to academic training;
- to foster the academic world, especially by means of conducting academic research;
- to sponsor cultural values and to promote the preservation and maintenance of cultural sites.

The association realises these aims by maintaining several entities: an Academy for Politics and Current Affairs, an Institute for International Contact and Co-operation, an Institute for Adult Civic Education and in particular three liaison offices in Washington, Brussels and Moscow, which offer platforms for bilateral and international conferences, symposia and expert meetings attaching particular importance to questions of foreign, security and defence policy, development policy and the European Union. In addition to contacts with numerous internationally renowned experts and academics, the liaison offices cultivate in particular world-wide relations with parties, political groups, institutions and organisations whose work and objectives are based on Christian social values.

**The work of the Brussels Office of the Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung gives in particular priority to:**

- the reform of the European Union (in particular with regard to its future constitution) and EU enlargement;
- the further development of a Common European Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP);
- the promotion of the North-South dialogue and of democratic social and political values and the strengthening of their capacities in developing countries, in particular ACP-countries and Asia;
- the consolidation of democracy, of the rule of law and of social market economy in Eastern Europe.

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