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- ▶ The Brussels Office represents the HSF in the **European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP)**. ENoP participates in consultations with EU institutions, organises public conferences as well as internal trainings and publishes strategy papers. As a founding member, a member of the steering committee and co-chair in two working groups, HSF is strongly committed to ENoP.
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- ▶ The Hanns Seidel Foundation is a member of **Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies (WMCES)**, the think tank of the European People's Party (EPP). In cooperation with WMCES and other member foundations of WMCES, transnational European challenges are debated during joint events.
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- ▶ The Hanns Seidel Foundation Brussels organizes conferences on its own as well as in cooperation with other foundations or think tanks.



The Hanns Seidel Foundation, founded in 1967, is a German political foundation, close to the Christian Social Union (CSU), providing political education “in the Service of Democracy, Peace and Development” in Germany and abroad. It has been named after the former Minister President of Bavaria and Party Chairman of the CSU, Hanns Seidel. Its specialist departments operate in the fields of **political consulting and education, scholarship programmes, international cooperation** with a special focus on development cooperation, as well as **European and transatlantic dialogue**. Please find more information about our work on our website: www.hss.de/en/

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LIAISON OFFICE BRUSSELS





THE LIAISON OFFICE BRUSSELS OF THE HANNS SEIDEL FOUNDATION PRESENTS ITSELF

THE HANNS SEIDEL FOUNDATION AND EUROPE

The EU is under pressure – internally and externally. European integration was once started with the aim to foster economic cooperation and to prevent new wars. Today, integration is driven by increasing globalization pressure, scarce national resources and common challenges. Key areas of politics such as finance, economy, energy and migration are taken to a higher European level. The EU is more than a monetary union with a common internal market; it embodies the member states’ will to share their fate and their commitment to common values. Solidarity is not a one-way street to retrieve EU funds from Brussels. Despite all and partly also justified criticism of lifeless institutions and bureaucratic over-regulation: the EU is a success story, which secures the sovereignty of the nation-states in Europe.

With the opening of the Liaison Office in Brussels in 1982, the Hanns Seidel Foundation shows the importance it attributes to the EU and NATO. The Brussels office is in close contact with the EU institutions, representations of the member states, media, associations, and think tanks. Its conferences address current issues of European and international politics and connect decision makers from different levels and countries. Thus, the Brussels office actively contributes to the development of a vibrant European public.

The Brussels Office is working in two major thematic areas: **European Policy Dialogue** and **Development Policy Dialogue**.

EUROPEAN POLICY DIALOGUE

Tasks

- ▶ Policy analysis and reporting on current European issues
- ▶ Political dialogue and information for socio-political decision-makers and multipliers from Germany, Europe and the world
- ▶ Contact point of the Hanns Seidel Foundation to Brussels-based institutions, associations, NGOs etc.
- ▶ Platform for wide-ranging European debate forums and dialogue events

Selected Topics

- ▶ European integration, consolidation coherence of the EU and Europe as a community based on common values and the rule of law
- ▶ Security policy and global challenges
- ▶ Financial stability, growth and jobs, the internal market, social cohesion

DEVELOPMENT POLICY DIALOGUE

Tasks

- ▶ Analysis of European development policy
- ▶ Organization and implementation of delegation programmes and conferences together with international project partners of the HSF
- ▶ Networking with actors of European international cooperation and representatives of think tanks
- ▶ Coordination of EU projects of the HSF in the field of development cooperation
- ▶ Support in the application and implementation process of EU projects for the HSF offices abroad

Selected Topics

- ▶ Promotion of democracy and the rule of law
- ▶ Sustainable development
- ▶ Human Rights and the role of civil society
- ▶ Joint Africa-EU Strategy
- ▶ European Neighbourhood Policy

