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- ▶ The Brussels Office represents HSF in the **European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP)**. ENoP consists of over 50 members from 22 European countries. The network participates in the debate on development cooperation and democracy support at EU level and represents the interests of political foundations in these areas vis-à-vis the EU institutions. ENoP also facilitates the active exchange among its members. As a founding member, member of the steering committee and co-chair of one of the four working groups, the HSF is strongly committed to ENoP. www.enop.eu
- ▶ The Hanns Seidel Foundation is a member of the **Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies (WMCES)**, the think tank of the European People's Party (EPP). Joint events in cooperation with WMCES and other WMCES member foundations focus on transnational European challenges. www.martenscentre.eu
- ▶ The Brussels Office organises own events as well as events 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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THE HANNS SEIDEL FOUNDATION AND EUROPE

European Integration once started with the aim of fostering economic cooperation and preserving peace. Today, internal and external forces are putting the European unification process under increasing pressure. Global developments such as climate change, migration or digitisation as well as the changing geostrategic environment require united, rapid and coherent action. At the same time, the EU is internally confronted with growing national interests and dwindling confidence in political integration. However, the EU is more than a monetary union with a common internal market; it embodies the member states' will to share their destiny and their commitment to common values. Solidarity is no one-way street to retrieve EU funds from Brussels. The EU is a successful project that also secures the sovereignty of the nation-states in Europe.

With the opening of the Brussels Office in 1982, the Hanns Seidel Foundation has been taking into account the importance of Brussels as the headquarter of EU and NATO. The Brussels Office works on two major thematic areas: the **European Dialogue** and the **Development Policy Dialogue**. With its conferences, it takes up current topics of European and international politics, brings together decision-makers from various levels and countries and actively contributes to the development of a lively, critical and knowledgeable public.

EUROPEAN DIALOGUE

Tasks

- ▶ Facilitating the reflection by relevant actors from politics, administration, science, diplomacy and society on the future of Europe.
- ▶ Promoting critical debate on European topics and improving understanding of different positions.
- ▶ Enhancing knowledge on current European topics as well as policy processes and backgrounds.
- ▶ Analysing and promoting the public debate on important EU policy issues
- ▶ Observing and analysing political developments in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Thematic priorities

- ▶ National interests and democratic deficit
- ▶ EU models for the future and current European policy challenges
- ▶ Europe's role in the world

DEVELOPMENT POLICY DIALOGUE

Tasks

- ▶ Promoting dialogue between political, administrative and civil society representatives from HSF project countries on the one hand, and EU decision-makers and European international cooperation actors on the other hand
- ▶ Enhancing knowledge on current topics in the field of European development policy
- ▶ Networking with stakeholders and decision-makers in the field of European international cooperation
- ▶ Coordination of EU projects of HSF in the field of development cooperation

Thematic priorities

- ▶ Sustainable development
- ▶ Political and social participation of women and youth
- ▶ Rule of law and good governance
- ▶ Environment and climate change
- ▶ Joint Africa-EU Strategy
- ▶ European Neighbourhood Policy
- ▶ Migration

